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Shalom 2020

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Vision

BY **RABBI DAN LEVIN**
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According to the American Optometric Association, 20/20 vision is a term used to express normal visual acuity. If you have 20/20 vision, you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance. But Dr. Tim Johnson of the University of Iowa says that only 35 percent of Americans actually have 20/20 vision.

I first got eyeglasses when I was ten years old, and my vision has gotten progressively worse over time. When I take off my glasses for a haircut, it becomes a faith-based experience.

But Judaism has taught for centuries that vision has very little to do with our eyesight. The things that matter most in life are seldom the things we perceive with our eyes.

When we look around, we see the world as it is. But even with our eyes wide open, our gaze does not always capture all there truly is to see. We

For centuries, Judaism offered a vision where we partner with God to spread holiness and righteousness throughout the world. Moses lifted his eyes to see a bush aflame but unconsumed, and led our people from slavery through the wilderness to a promised land. Our prophets shared a vision which demanded they call our people to righteousness and justice. Our rabbis and sages learned to see seventy facets of meaning in every word of Torah. Modern philosophers and theologians saw new ways of understanding God and how to renew our covenant with the Holy One in our own time. The leaders of Zionism gave us a vision of our people reborn and renewed in the land of Israel.

Our tradition teaches that we are not simply a people of vision but of action. It is not enough to have a vision of what the world is supposed to be – we have



partnerships that lift up the poor, that protect the vulnerable, and that create justice for the oppressed. We all must come together to bring relief and healing to those who are wanting.

We seek also to build a State of Israel that is strong and secure, a country that cultivates a garden of Jewish religious culture and life, and that supports a pluralistic vision that embraces the destiny of all those who live there. This is why I implore you to vote in the elections for the World Zionist Congress, so that we can work to make that vision a reality. (See p. 18 for details).

As we begin the year 2020, may we lift our eyes to see the vision God shared with our people at Sinai, a vision we carried with us through the centuries, a vision of a world that is blessed with healing, with love, with justice, and with peace. And may that vision inspire us to work to see it realized soon and in our days.

As we **begin** the year **2020**, may we **lift our eyes**
to see the **vision** God shared with our people at **Sinai...**
a world that is blessed with **healing**,
with **love**, with **justice**, and with **peace**.

may see a friend smile, but fail to see the anguish that smile seeks to hide. We may see someone in a prison uniform, but fail to see the remorse and atonement that transformed the person underneath.

Vision — *Chazon* – is the ability to see what there is yet to be seen. True vision is not simply the ability to see the world as it is, but also to visualize what the world is supposed to be.

to work to make it so.

This is true at our synagogue where we strive to build a center of vital worship, inspiring opportunities for learning and growth, a web of nurturing, supportive relationships, and a center of impact, purpose, and meaning. It is our collective obligation to fill our souls with wisdom and to pour our energy and spirit into our community.

We seek to build in our community

Beth El's High School Program is a "Must" for Teens



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I am grateful that my children are no longer teens (my youngest is now 22 years old) because raising them was very scary for me and my wife.

Our kids were "good kids" but still we were always in fear of what would happen next.

Our children kept on asking us "adult" questions that we were uncomfortable to answer.

Sex, drugs, underage drinking, driving (including accidents), relationships, morality, college, money, self-confidence, mean girls, mean boys, boyfriends, girlfriends, bad teachers, college applications, success, failure, materialism, internet trolls and things that they heard on the news, were all topics that at one point or another we dealt with.

My wife and I looked for help raising our kids. Unfortunately, because of age and infirmity, our parents weren't a good source of wisdom and guidance.

Academic school programs provided some guidance, but mostly the job of high school teachers is to teach academic subjects and prepare kids for college.

And, that's where Beth El's High School education helped; our daughter learned about life, morality, and the difference between right and wrong. Beth El's post Bar/Bat Mitzvah program

shifted its emphasis from getting her ready for Bat Mitzvah to teaching about life after high school.

Our clergy and instructors facilitated discussion and thought about how to make good choices, establish priorities, avoid getting into trouble, deal with social pressures, persevere through hardship, adversity and failure, and understand the world around us. There were even classes on financial literacy and paying for college.

When my daughter was in Beth El's High School program the only class she wanted to talk about was Beth El. My daughter's most animated conversations with me were when she told me about challenging Rabbi Levin on an issue of morality. While our daughter never spontaneously told us anything about math, science or English class, we always immediately heard what she thought about Rabbi Levin's latest lesson.

One parent recently told me that Beth El's High School Program is like "lightning in a bottle" and, that we need to get the word out about the incredible value of our High School Program. And, I am pretty certain that our teenagers agree.

That's our challenge for 2020...to make sure that everyone knows that Beth El's High School curriculum deals with the most important things in life and is a "must" for our teens.

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.

Marcia Adelman
Terry and Sheldon Adelman
Morton Davidson
Megan and Timothy Dempsey
and their child, Timothy Jr.
Lauren and Eric Duenas and their
children, Tyler, Devin and Jade
Jo Renee Fine and Eddie Trieber
Keith Goldbaum
Marjorie Goldbaum
Paola and Joshua Gold and their child, Ari
Leslie Greene and her child, Zachary
Rebecca Gross
Randi and Daniel Paul-Heskins

Renee and Matthew Jaffe and their
children, Sophie and Layla
Jo-Ellen and Edward Kandler
Rebecca and Eric Kay and their
children, Eli, Ethan and Asher
Jill and Josh Kroll and their
children, Alexandra and Ari
Carol and Herbert Levin
Thomas Matthews
Jana Milakofsky and her
children, Micah and Noah
Madelyn and Moshe Moalam
and their child, Elan
Lori and Craig Nathanson
and their child, Samuel
Jillian and Drew Popper

Carly and Jared Pruzan and
their child, Jaxson
Jodi and Jerome Rich and their
children, Jaclyn, Spencer and Miles
Meryl and Martin Robins
Eileen and Jonathan Roman
Mireya and Brett Rosenhaus and
their children, Lucas and Mia
Nikki Saed
Jill and Mark Sassower and their
children, Rachel, Lauren and David
Judith Simon
Jeffrey Small
Tracy Tebo
Jill Viner
Enid and Robert Winikoff

Introducing ShulCloud



BY **STEVE KAUFMAN**
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THIS NEW DATABASE AND ACCOUNTING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WILL MAKE MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT SO MUCH EASIER!

ShulCloud is Temple Beth El's new cloud-based, integrated software program which will ultimately incorporate our:

- member database
- calendar of events
- event registration
- accounting functions
- website platform
- temple-wide communications
- on-line member portal . . . and more.

We will launch the heart of ShulCloud, the member database and portal, in the first quarter 2020. The other functions will be rolled out over the next six months. We will update the congregation as we bring forward new elements of the software.

When we launch the on-line member portal, you will be able to log into your account to:

- view and update personal information
- view account balances and make payments online
- view and manage yahrzeits
- opt in or out of e-news subscriptions
- view events on the calendar and then register and pay within your account
- save a credit card on file to your secure account
- request paperless monthly statements by e-mail

ShulCloud also has an app available for free download on Apple I-Tunes or Android Google Play which will allow you to do many Temple transactions from your mobile phone or tablet once things are up and running.

We will roll out various elements of ShulCloud over the next several months. *During this time, we ask for your patience should there be any delays or errors on your account.* We are migrating an enormous volume of data from our current database to ShulCloud, and there is always the possibility that not all information will transfer correctly despite our extensive accuracy checks. We encourage you to check your statements from the Temple and please let us know if you find anything that appears incorrect. Stay tuned for future updates on ShulCloud!

New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, January 26, 2020
Rabbi Dan and Aimee's Clubhouse
Parkside on Military Trail
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Look for your invitation in the mail

All members new to Temple Beth El in the past year are invited to attend an open house at the clubhouse of Rabbi Dan and Aimee Levin.

Come get your welcome gift while enjoying afternoon snacks and beverages, getting to know clergy, staff and other new members in our Temple Beth El family. This event welcomes singles, couples and families with children of all ages, and is a true reflection of our richly diverse and welcoming Beth El community.

RSVP online at tbeboca.org/special-events or contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement & Programming at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833.

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



The Tendlers

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

BETH EL

*Celebrating the Magic
of Temple Beth El*

BASH

SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

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 V'Dor initiative will enable all our members to experience Judaism through music, art, creative worship, youth and religious activities, in addition to supporting our scholarship program.



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JAN & ALLEN
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SHONSON



COMMUNITY STARS
GINA & GREG
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For more information and to RSVP, visit tbeboca.org/beth-el-bash2020

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONTACT SHAYNA MARTINOFF,
DEVELOPMENT SENIOR ASSOCIATE, AT SMARTINOFF@TBEBOCA.ORG OR CALL 561-314-2815.



Beth El Bash

MAGICAL SPONSORSHIP AND TRIBUTE OPPORTUNITIES

\$50,000 **Harry Houdini**

Table of 12, special recognition at The Bash and 2 full-page ads in the Diamond Section of the Tribute Journal

\$25,000 **Fay Presto**

Table of 12, special recognition at The Bash and 2 full-page ads in the Ruby Section of the Tribute Journal

\$15,000 **Siegfried and Roy**

Table of 10, special recognition at The Bash and 2 full-page ads in the Sapphire Section of the Tribute Journal

\$10,000 **David Copperfield**

Table of 10, special recognition at The Bash and 1 full-page ad in the Platinum Section of the Tribute Journal

\$5,000 **Dorothy Dietrich**

6 dinner tickets, special recognition at The Bash and 1 full-page ad in the Gold Section of the Tribute Journal

\$2,500 **Uri Geller**

4 dinner tickets, special recognition at The Bash and 1 full-page ad in the Silver Section of the Tribute Journal

\$1,800 **Criss Angel**

2 dinner tickets, special recognition at The Bash and 1 full-page ad in the Bronze Section of the Tribute Journal

TRIBUTE JOURNAL ONLY

- \$5,000 Back Cover
- \$2,500 Inside Front Cover
- \$2,500 Inside Back Cover
- \$1,000 Full-page ad
- \$750 Half-page ad
- \$500 Quarter page ad
- \$250 Two line greeting
- \$100 One line greeting

Tu B'Shevat Mindfulness Walk

Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:00-6:00pm

Nature path by the Spanish River Library

1501 NW. Spanish River Blvd.

Meet at the bridge next to the three trees.

Join Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah and Dr. Sophia Stone for a Tu B'Shevat mindfulness walk followed by havdalah. We will walk outside among the trees as we celebrate

Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees! Together we will join in conversation, silence, and introspection, giving thanks for how nature nourishes both our body and soul.

No Fee. Register at tbeoca.org/worship



Be in **nature**
Be **calm**
Be **grateful**
Be **mindful**

CELEBRATE Shabbat

JANUARY 3

Shabbat Service: Why Shabbat?

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

As we begin the secular new year, we will look at Shabbat through a 2020 lens. Why celebrate Shabbat? How do we blend our traditions with our lives in 2020? Join us this evening and discover how to create a Shabbat that's meaningful to you.

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JANUARY 10

Shabbat Service Honoring Peace of Mind Soldiers

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for this inspiring service filled with the melodies of our Jewish homeland, as we welcome the Israeli soldiers from Peace of Mind.

(Learn more on page 10.)

JANUARY 17

Gospel Shabbat 2!

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

The gospel group JSHARP returns to Beth El to raise the roof in music and prayer. On this weekend when we celebrate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorate 400 years since the start of African American slavery, we join in unity, recalling the collective struggles and triumphs which have led us to freedom. This lively musical evening is made possible by the Temple Beth El Music and Arts Circle.

(Learn more on page 10.)

JANUARY 24

Shabbat Service Led By Our 5th Graders

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Celebrate Shabbat in our sanctuary and experience the joy of watching our delightful 5th graders lead us in worship.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Finding Hope in Exodus

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Slavery, hope, and freedom are central to the book of Exodus. This alternative Shabbat service will address the horrors of human trafficking and talk about solutions in recognition of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

JANUARY 31

Super Bowl Shabbat 6:00pm (note special time)

Schaefer Family Campus

Wear jeans and your favorite jersey, and choose from two Shabbat services at the Schaefer Family Campus:

Regular service: A lively Super Bowl Shabbat service in the Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary

Family Participation service: Join our family friendly participatory service in the Beck Family Chapel at the Schaefer Family Campus.

Following services, we will join together as one community for a tailgate-style Shabbat dinner.

(Learn more on page 10.)

RSVP for dinner at

tbebo.ca.org/special-events

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FEBRUARY 7

Shabbat Shira Featuring Nava Tehila

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Internationally acclaimed, cutting edge Jewish renewal musical group, Nava Tehilah joins us directly from Israel on this Sabbath of song. This authentic, innovative, and accessible group of talented Israelis will fill your soul with their uplifting melodies—many which we sing on Friday nights. Pizza oneg follows where you will have an opportunity to meet the members of Nava Tehila!

(Learn more on page 11.)

Shabbat Club Shira!

6:00 – 8:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

While the adults enjoy the service, the children will celebrate their own Shabbat Shira with Miss Amy and songs, creative movement, puppets, and stories. Appropriate for children ages 2-8, must be toilet-trained. Snacks and pizza oneg included.

FREE but please RSVP at

tbebo.ca.org/early-learning-center-young-families.

FEBRUARY 14

Shabbat Service:

Love and Commandments

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

This week we read parshat Yitro, which includes the Ten Commandments. God gave us many commandments; together we will discover the deep love that is their foundation and what they mean in our lives today.

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FEBRUARY 21

Interfaith Shabbat: Stewardship of the Earth Through the Lense of our Religious Traditions

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

We will host our neighbors from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for the 34th Annual Doris and Merwyn Grosberg z"l Interfaith Weekend.

FEBRUARY 28

Night of 50 Shabbat Dinners

Want to host a Shabbat dinner for Temple Beth El congregants? Or, would you like to be a guest at another's home and celebrate Shabbat with new or old friends?

(Learn more on page 11.)

Register at

tbeboca.org/special-events

There will be an abbreviated Shabbat evening service at 5:15pm for those saying kaddish or commemorating a yahrzeit at the Schaefer Family Campus, Beck Family Chapel.



Peace of Mind **Shabbat** at Temple Beth El

PEACE OF MIND BRINGS ISRAELI VETERAN SOLDIERS TO TEMPLE BETH EL

Friday, January 10, 2020

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Imagine a Reform Synagogue and an Orthodox Synagogue together celebrating their love of Israel. Imagine it happening again. It is!

For the second year, Temple Beth El and Boca Raton Synagogue will host Israeli veteran soldiers from Peace of Mind, a program for units of Israeli soldiers who served together in particularly violent combat. Run by Israel's Herzog Hospital, the program brings these units, years after their service, out of Israel for a week of therapy, respite, home hospitality, and growth. We are privileged to host these veterans right here in Boca Raton, where they'll stay with host families, join us for Shabbat and special events as they enjoy south Florida warmth and hospitality.



Gospel **Shabbat**

PART 2! JSHARP

Friday, January 17, 2020

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus



Martin Luther King said, "I have a dream..." and on this Shabbat of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, we invite the professional gospel group JSharp back to our bima to pray with us for that dream of freedom and equality. 2020 also marks the 400th anniversary of African American slavery in America. Our cantorial team and JSharp will meld the power of gospel with Jewish music to raise the roof and celebrate our journeys to freedom.



Super Bowl **Shabbat**

Friday, January 31, 2020

6:00pm Jerseys and Jeans Shabbat Service

7:15pm Tailgate Dinner

Schaefer Family Campus

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Give me a **T**. Give me an **E**. Give me an **A**. Give me a **M**.
What does that spell? **TEAM!**

Join your Temple Beth El team for this special Shabbat. Wear jeans and your favorite team jersey. And, if you're lucky enough to see your favorite team advance to the Super Bowl, you can say a special prayer for them.

Regular service: A lively Super Bowl Shabbat service in the Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary

Family Participation Service: Join our family friendly participatory service in the Beck Family Chapel at the Schaefer Family Campus.

Stay after services for a tailgate-style dinner, snacks, and lots of team spirit to go around.

\$18/adult, \$9/child (4-10) until Thursday, January 23

\$26/adult, \$15/child (4-10) after Thursday, January 23

RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events, or contact Julie Guzy for more information at jguzy@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.



Shabbat Shira – Nava Tehilah

Friday, February 7, 2020 • 6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

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Straight from Jerusalem, this innovative musical group—whose melody for Oseh Shalom is a Beth El favorite—creates engaging and accessible worship through music and word. Their goal is to engage everyone's spirit in worship that inspires and touches the soul. This evening culminates in a pizza oneg, when you will have the chance to meet Nava Tehilah.



SHABBAT CLUB SHIRA!

Friday, February 7, 2020
6:00-8:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

While the adults enjoy the service and oneg, the children (ages 2-8) will celebrate their own Shabbat Shira with Miss Amy, who has had a 20-year career directing music enrichment for young children. This special Shabbat Club will include songs, creative movement, puppets, and stories. Snacks and pizza included. Free, but please RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center-young-families

NIGHT OF 50 Shabbat DINNERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020
6:00PM



Gather with your Temple Beth El family and friends for Shabbat dinner! Let's have 50 celebrations all over town.

Sign up now! Here's how:

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

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

SHABBAT BLESSINGS: Hosts will decide if their household will enjoy Shabbat blessings led by our clergy on a live conference call at 6:15 pm, or by watching our specially recorded video at any time they choose. Then everyone will spend the rest of the evening enjoying Shabbat among old friends and new, brought together as part of our Temple Beth El family.

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

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

Register to be a host or guest at tbeboca.org/special-events or contact Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900

Deadline: Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

There will be a brief Shabbat evening service at 5:15pm at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus for those who wish to attend or are observing Yahrzeit and saying Mourner's Kaddish.

THE 12TH ANNUAL
CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV Z"L
MEMORIAL CONCERT

So Is Life



ELLEN DRESKIN
JOSH NELSON
DAN NICHOLS
ROSALIE WILL

and guest performer
ELANA ARIAN



**Five dynamic
Jewish superstars
and friends
perform Jewish
and pop hits.**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

3:00pm

**Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, Schaefer Family Campus,
Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary**

SO IS LIFE brings together five of the top composer/performers from today's Jewish music scene into one dynamic group. Their rich harmonies and exquisite instrumentation are the perfect showcase for musical selections from sacred to secular, from traditional to contemporary pop.

Benefactor Reserved Seating \$100

Preferred Seating \$36

General Seating \$18

Students \$10

RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events

 **Temple
Beth El**


congregation
B'nai Israel



Music and Arts Circle

Be part of the new Music and Arts Circle at Temple Beth El! This group of arts enthusiasts is creating a synagogue music, arts, and culture program unparalleled in South Florida. With a gracious commitment of \$1,000 - \$5,000, you will inspire great arts and culture and receive many benefits based on giving level.

For more information, please contact
Cantor Lori Brock at lbrock@tbeboca.org
or 561-391-8900.

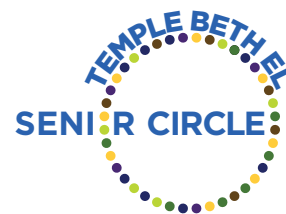
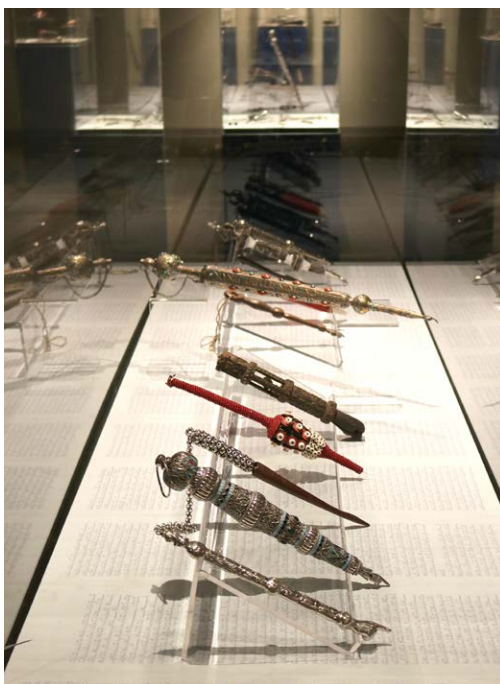


The Barr Foundation Collection from Virginia

YAD EXHIBIT

Thanks to the generosity of Marilyn and Jay Weinberg, Temple Beth El will host the national tour of the Clay Barr Yad Exhibit through February 2020. The Torah pointers in this exhibit are part of the Barr family's magnificent private collection. Many thanks to the Boca Raton Museum of Art for use of its display cases.

See other articles in *The Chronicle* for related events.



On-going social, educational and experiential programs for the senior population of Temple Beth El

JANUARY

Hamilton: Man, Myth, & Musical with Dr. Robert Watson

Sunday, January 12, 2020 • 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

No fee/RSVP at tbeoca.org/senior-circle

Don't miss Dr. Robert Watson's presentation of Alexander Hamilton's influence on the founding era and today's pop culture. His talk will be based on his ongoing research and will include excerpts from the musical "Hamilton."

Robert Watson is Distinguished Professor of American History at Lynn University and author of more than 40 books and 200 scholarly articles and essays. A frequent media commentator and expert on the American presidency, Watson regularly lectures at universities and museums, aboard luxury cruise lines, at One Day University programs around the country, and on history tours.



FEBRUARY

Champagne Brunch: The Clay Barr Yad Exhibit and Dr. Walter Herzberg

Sunday, February 16, 2020 • 11:00am

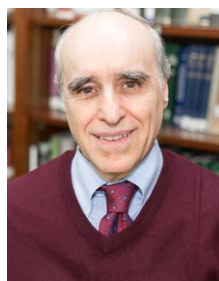
Schaefer Family Campus

No fee/RSVP at tbeoca.org/senior-circle



Learn with Dr. Walter Herzberg, one of today's preeminent Torah scholars, sip champagne during brunch, and tour the Clay Barr Yad Exhibit. We will delve into the Joseph story with Dr. Herzberg, and discover what this one-of-a-kind collection of Torah pointers reveals about Torah.

Jay and Marilyn Weinberg have generously underwritten the Clay Barr Yad Exhibit and the February Senior Circle.



Dr. Walter Herzberg, assistant professor of Bible and Professional and Pastoral Skills at The Jewish Theological Seminary, guides students in the reading of the Bible integrating modern literary close reading techniques with traditional Jewish commentary. Dr. Herzberg helps students become fluent readers of the Hebrew Bible and independent, analytical close readers of Jewish text.

New Offerings from Temple Beth El's **Jewish Spirituality Initiative**



Torah Yoga

WITH AMY APPEL

Fridays, January 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2020

9:00-10:00am

Schaefer Family Campus

The practice of yoga will be informed and inspired by the Torah as we seek the light in our body, mind, heart, soul, and ultimately the world. Amy Appel has been practicing yoga for almost 20 years, and is known for her compassionate teaching and attention to detail. She is an E-RYT 500 yoga teacher who trained through Yoga Journey in Boca Raton and teaches at several clubs and studios around town. Bring yoga mat or towel.

Parenting and Grandparenting on a Prayer

WITH RABBI AMY GROSSBLATT PESSAH

Thursdays January 30 and February 6, 2020

10:00-11:00am

Schaefer Family Campus

Parenting is filled with successes and challenges, twists and turns. How can ancient Jewish wisdom inform the modern Jewish parent? How can our tradition teach us to guide our children? Join Rabbi Amy Pessah to answer these questions. You'll delve into ancient Jewish texts to discover what wisdom they hold for today's challenges.



Kriyat HaKodesh: A Holy Torah Reading Experience

WITH RABBI AMY GROSSBLATT PESSAH

Thursday, February 13, 2020 • 7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join Rabbi Amy Pessah for this deep dive into the majesty of Torah. Often, we read the commentary of the Torah through the eyes of rabbis. In this quiet, contemplative process, we will read the Torah and become our own commentators, discovering, and uncovering new meanings along the way. No prior knowledge required.

Pathways Through the Prayerbook

WITH RABBI DAN LEVIN

Thursdays, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2020

10:00-11:00am

Schaefer Family Campus

This course will elevate our experience of the Friday night service by exploring the spiritual resonances of its liturgy, and what it really means to pray. Bring your curiosity, and find the pathways to be touched and moved by prayer.



Spirituality Initiative events are free. Please RSVP at tbeboca.org/adult-programming.

Bereavement Support Group

Mondays, starting January 6, 2020

10:00-11:00am

Schaefer Family Campus

Losing a loved one is never an easy experience. Finding comfort and consolation with those who have experienced similar loss has proven for many to be helpful and healing. In partnership with Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, the Temple will begin hosting a weekly Bereavement Support Group, held at the Temple's



Schaefer Family Campus and open to the entire community.

We are grateful to Jaclyn Tureff, LCSW, and our Temple's JFS Community

Outreach Coordinator, for facilitating.

For questions or concerns, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbebo.org



Ruth & Norman Rales
Jewish Family Services
Help. Hope. Humanity.

Transitions: Spiritual Reflections on Death and the Afterlife

SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH REB SIMCHA RAPHAEL

Saturday, January 18, 2020

9:30-11:30am

Schaefer Family Campus

SESSION 1: 9:30am

**"Do Not Go Gentle into the Night":
Moses' Death in Torah and Midrash**

Exploring Moses' response to his own death, we see that he did not "go gentle into the night" but did "rage, rage against the dying of the light." In seeing the ways Moses argued and bargained with God—going through the stages of dying described by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross—we'll learn guidelines for compassionately helping others go through the end-of-life journey.

SESSION 2: 10:30am

**Exploring Jewish View of the Afterlife:
Contemporary Implications**

Does Judaism believe in the afterlife? Yes! But in contemporary Jewish life, we have lost touch with Jewish wisdom on the afterlife. This session will explore Judaism's teachings on life after death, particularly in Kabbalah, and discover the connection between Jewish teachings on the afterlife and traditional Jewish death rituals.

Reb Simcha Raphael, Ph.D. is Founding Director of the DAAT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training (www.daatinstitute.net). Adjunct Faculty in Religion and Theology at LaSalle University, he works as a psychotherapist and spiritual director in Philadelphia. He has written extensively on death and afterlife and is author of "Jewish Views of the Afterlife."



Do You Need a Helping Hand?

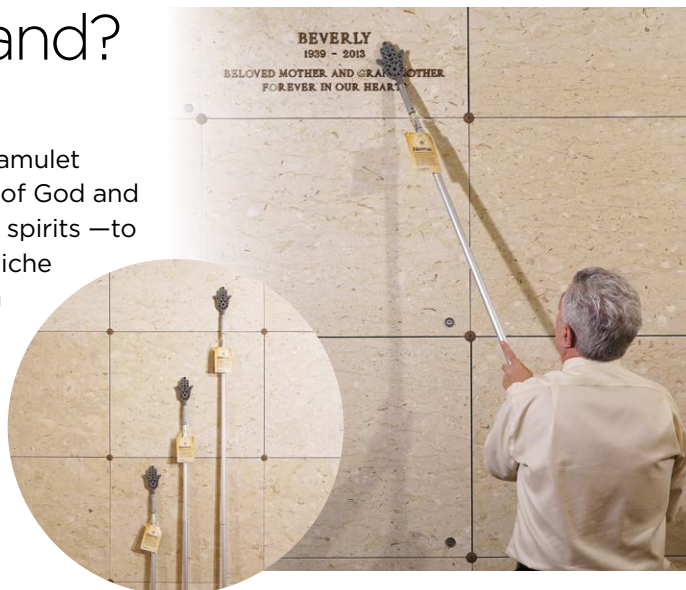
BY ILYNE MENDELSON, VP MAUSOLEUM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

When entering the Beth El Mausoleum you may have noticed our new "Helping Hand Hamsa" and wondered what it was. We designed the Helping Hand for those whose loved ones are entombed in crypts or niches that are out of reach.

The Helping Hand is a lightweight aluminum pole that easily extends from 4 to 8 feet. At the top is

a Hamsa—an ancient amulet symbolizing the Hand of God and protecting against evil spirits—to help bring any crypt/niche to the individual touch level.

We invite you to try out our Helping Hand the next time you are visiting Beth El Mausoleum.



PURIM

SPIEL AND CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

THE GREATEST SPIEL!

Purim Celebration & Spiel
Sunday, March 8, 2020
10:00am – 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 • Face Painting

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.

*Online registration closes at midnight, Thursday, March 5, 2020.

WEST SIDE SHUSHAN

ADULT PURIM SPIEL & CELEBRATION



MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
7:00PM

SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS
FOLLOWED BY A SAVORY ONEG
WITH SPECIALTY COCKTAILS

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
deisenberg@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.



Vote in the World Zionist Congress Elections

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ISRAEL

Your vote counts towards important issues:

- Reform marriage equivalency
- Gender equality
- LGBTQ rights
- Immigrant support



Voting begins January 21, 2020

Visit tbeoca.org/vote (Must be 18 or older)

Vote Reform

World Zionist Congress Elections | January 21-March 11, 2020 | ARZA.org



THE TORAH OF SERIES

The Torah of Rock and Roll **WITH RABBI JEFF SALKIN**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Rock music and Judaism share much in common—desire for transcendence, mission, and drive. Explore the inner lives and music of several iconic Jewish singer-songwriters, including Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, and Paul Simon with Rabbi Salkin of Temple Solel (Hollywood, FL).

Free, RSVP at tbeoca.org/adult-programming

The Torah of the Vote in the Land of Israel **WITH DR. MIRIAM SANUA DALIN AND JIM SCHILLER**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Dr. Dalin will untangle the Israeli election process and system of government for us, and Jim Schiller will explain why American Jews should vote in the World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections. The WZC is the governing body of the World Zionist Organization (WZO), an international group that serves as a kind of parliament for the Jewish people, world-wide. Participating in elections to select the 145 U.S. delegates is our chance to support Zionism and demonstrate our values on a range of issues affecting both Israeli and diaspora Jewry. Voting is open between January 21 and March 11, 2020.

Free, RSVP at tbeoca.org/adult-programming

The Torah of Torah **WITH SOFER ON SITE**

Thursday, January 30, 2020

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Sofer On Site, who worked with us on our Torah project several years ago, will be back to talk about the process of creating a Torah, the evolution of reading Torah and the history of that process. There also be an opportunity to learn more about the yad exhibit that will be at Temple Beth El generously sponsored by Marilyn and Jay Weinberg.

Free, RSVP at tbeoca.org/adult-programming



This Financial Report Card is intended to provide our members with a brief overview of the Temple's financial results for the 2018-2019 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2019. Financial transparency is very important to our Board of Trustees. We hope this Report Card will give our members the information necessary to be confident that we are on solid financial ground.

A BALANCED BUDGET

We finished the 2018-2019 fiscal year with a balanced budget for the seventh year in a row. Revenues from operations exceeded operating expenses by approximately \$65,000. The excess funds will be transferred to capital reserves which are in need of replenishment. \$1.6 million of existing capital reserves were used last year for deferred maintenance items such as exterior painting, roof replacements and HVAC replacements undertaken concurrently

with the major renovation projects at the Schaefer Family Campus and Beck Family Campus. As a result, our capital reserves are below normal levels and we are committed to replenishing them over the next several years so that our new facilities will remain in good working order for the foreseeable future without having to impose special assessments on the membership.

2018-19 REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Membership Commitments	2,644,539	25%
Religious School Fees	779,695	8%
Early Learning Center	3,196,518	31%
Fundraising	1,204,423	12%
Facilities Rentals	497,780	5%
Program Fees & Other Income	547,257	5%
Mausoleum Sales	995,259	10%
Transfers from Other Funds	530,396	4%
Total Income	10,395,867	100%

EXPENSES

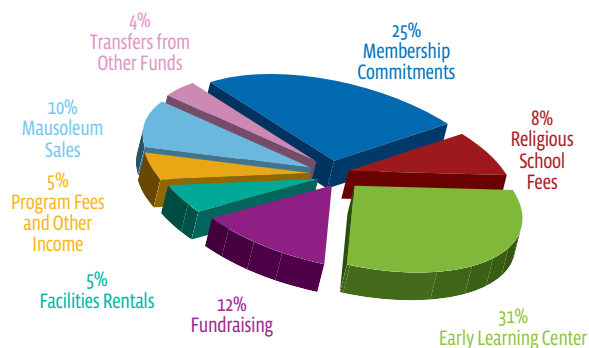
Program: Religious Activities	3,041,401	29%
Program: Education	4,110,672	40%
Program: Mausoleum	544,966	5%
Administration and General	1,515,202	15%
Fundraising and Project Expenses	549,808	5%
Transfers to Other Funds	633,818	6%
Total Expense	10,395,867	100%

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

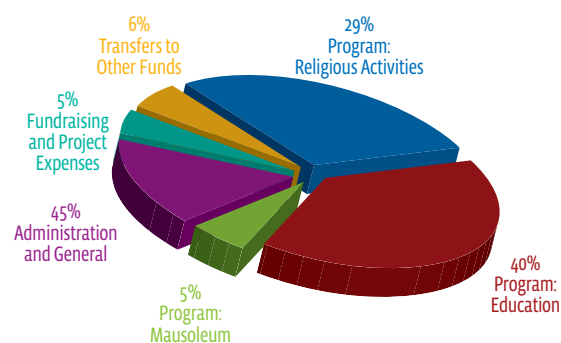
The Temple's major revenue and expense categories as a percentage of total budget are in line with similarly sized congregations according to a benchmarking survey by the Union for Reform Judaism ("URJ"). One area where Temple Beth El is different, in a good way, than other large Reform congregations is the percentage of overall operating revenues that come from Congregational Commitment (formerly known as "Membership Dues"). Our Congregational Commitment revenues make up [25%] of total revenues, which is roughly half of the national average. The reason is that Beth El has

multiple, significant and diversified revenue streams including Mausoleum Sales, Charter School facility rental revenue, Early Learning Center ("ELC") tuition, Religious School tuition, catering services revenue, and substantial fundraising, all of which make our Temple far less reliant on Congregational Commitments than our peers. This is a positive attribute because it allows us to keep Congregational Commitment rates from getting too high and it enables us to better withstand economic downturns.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



OUR PEOPLE

MEMBERSHIP

The Temple’s overall membership in terms of number of households, has remained relatively flat for the past three years. We finished the fiscal year on June 30, 2019 with 1,502 member households, compared to 1,504 in 2018 and 1528 in 2017.

TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS AS OF JUNE 30	
2017	1,528
2018	1,504
2019	1,502

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Religious School enrollment at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 academic year stood at 492 students, nearly identical to the same time the prior year when we finished the year with 493 students. This is the first time in recent history that we have not seen a year-over-year material drop in total student enrollment. We believe

this favorable trend is due to a combination of (i) a growing Early Learning Center that is providing a pipeline of young children into the Religious School, and (ii) new and creative Religious School initiatives aimed at satisfying the needs of modern Jewish families.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT

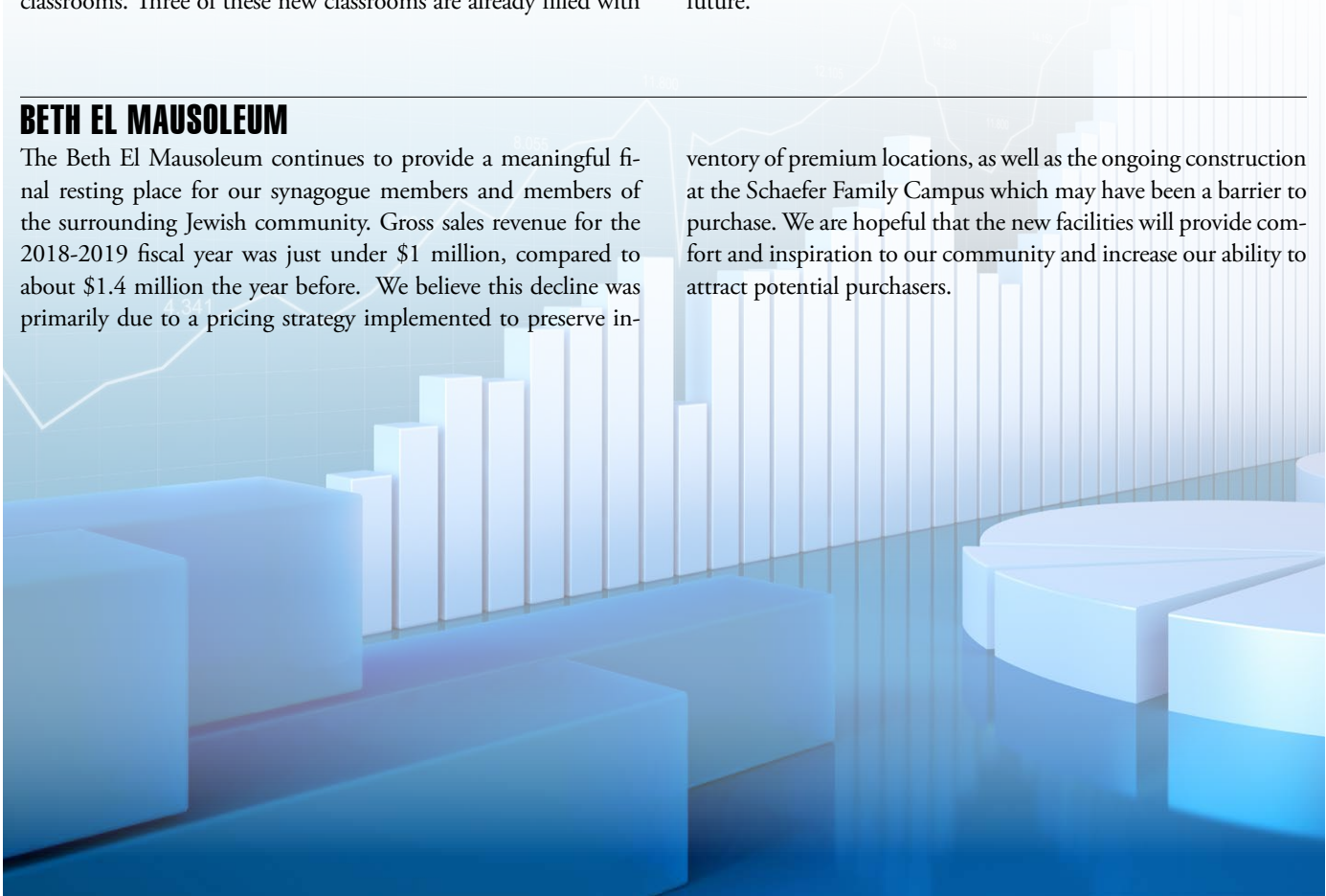
Early Learning Center (“ELC”) enrollment at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 academic year was 244 students, compared to 222 students at the same time in the prior year, representing a 10% increase year-over-year. The Beth El ELC has been growing steadily and consistently since it opened in 2009. Last year the campus was expanded to include, among other things, six new classrooms. Three of these new classrooms are already filled with

ELC students and we anticipate filling the rest in the near future. There is a high demand for our ELC due to the excellent reputation we have built in the local community, with waiting lists for most grades. With the continuation of new residential construction in West Delray and West Boynton Beach, we do not foresee a reduction in demand for our ELC program in the foreseeable future.

BETH EL MAUSOLEUM

The Beth El Mausoleum continues to provide a meaningful final resting place for our synagogue members and members of the surrounding Jewish community. Gross sales revenue for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was just under \$1 million, compared to about \$1.4 million the year before. We believe this decline was primarily due to a pricing strategy implemented to preserve in-

ventory of premium locations, as well as the ongoing construction at the Schaefer Family Campus which may have been a barrier to purchase. We are hopeful that the new facilities will provide comfort and inspiration to our community and increase our ability to attract potential purchasers.



OUR FUNDRAISING

FULFILLING THE PROMISE CAPITAL AND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

We should all be extraordinarily proud of the success of the Fulfilling the Promise ("FTP") Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of approximately 733 unique donor households, we have been able to build the facilities to achieve our dreams of creating a physical space as modern and inspirational as our program, educational and spiritual offerings.

Total funds available to complete the Schaefer Family Campus and Beck Family Campus expansion and renovation projects stand at \$24,300,000. This figure includes (i) gifts already received, (ii) pledge commitments that are formalized but not yet received, (iii) legacy gifts and other expectancies we expect to realize in the next eight years, and (iv) future net income from ELC tuition associated with the newly constructed classrooms at the Beck Campus.

The Beck Family Campus expansion is complete. Total construction costs came in at just under \$4.6 million, including all soft costs, architecture and engineering fees, as well as furniture, fixtures and equipment ("FF&E").

The Schaefer Family Campus expansion and renovation project will be complete by the summer of 2020. We expect this project to cost approximately \$17.4 million including all soft costs,

architecture and engineering fees, artwork and décor, as well as FF&E.

Because many of the large gifts we received for this campaign are paid out over an extended period of time, the Temple has a construction loan in place with Wells Fargo Bank. Financing costs over the life of the loan are expected to total roughly \$2.3 million, resulting in total project costs, including financing expenses, of \$24.3 million.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION & DEBT SERVICE

SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS	\$20,100,000
BECK FAMILY CAMPUS	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$24,300,000

TOTAL FTP PROJECT COSTS

BECK CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	\$4,600,000
SCHAEFER CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	\$17,400,000
FINANCING COSTS	\$2,300,000
TOTAL	\$24,300,000

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

LOAN OBLIGATIONS AND THE PLAN TO BE DEBT-FREE

Although we have funds and future commitments to pay for our current construction projects, there still remains \$3.7 million of outstanding debt from the original construction of the Beck Family Campus in 2009. We presently do not have the funds or future commitments to retire that debt. We have also taken on a construction bridge loan to pay for the recent construction and renovation projects while we wait for payments to come in over the next several years from pledges which will be paid out over an extended period of time.

After completion of Phase 3 of the Schaefer Family Campus

renovation project in the summer of 2020, we will have roughly \$10.3 million of outstanding debt at a fixed rate of 3.92% interest per year. Our top priority is to pay down this debt as quickly as possible.

As a result, we will continue the FTP campaign with a goal of raising approximately \$3.7 million between now and the loan maturity date of July 5, 2027. If we can do that, we will be completely debt free, including the original debt from the construction of the Beck Campus in 2009. That is our primary fundraising initiative for this coming year.

AUDIT

We hope you find this financial report card informative. This is not intended to be a detailed financial statement, but rather a high level summary of our financial results from the 2018-2019 year.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our members, the generosity of our benefactors, and the hard work of our incredible staff, Temple Beth El stands on solid financial footing. The 2018-2019 year was another successful one economically and we are blessed with the good fortune of having such a strong and supportive Jewish community in Boca Raton.

Financial transparency is very important to us. The Temple

hires independent auditors from an outside accounting firm every year to audit our books and our financial controls. The results of the audit are presented to the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees. Undergoing a full third-party audit every year is both time consuming and costly. But we feel it is time and money well spent. We always want our members to feel comfortable that we are operating at the highest levels of financial integrity. Should any of our members want more information about the Temple's financial data, they are welcome to contact Mark Erickson (Director of Finance) or Steve Kaufman (Executive Director) and we would be happy to answer your questions.

Lunch & Learn

Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided.

JANUARY

STUDYING TOGETHER: RECOVERING THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF BEIT MIDRASH

Dr. Sophia Stone

and Rabbi Jessica Mates

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2020

12:00-1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

We are now blessed with the Judson Family Beit Midrash. Did synagogues always have a separate study hall, known as a beit midrash? And if the rabbis teach Torah during services, why do we need a separate place to study? What does it mean now that we have a beit midrash at Temple Beth El?

Dr. Sophia Stone is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Lynn University. Her research interests lie at the crossroads of Plato's metaphysics and the development of Greek mathematics. She loves to engage her students in intellectual inquiry and dialogue and is a devoted member of Temple Beth El.

FEBRUARY

AMERICAN TORAH: BAT MITZVAH AND BASEBALL

Dr. David Dalin

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2020

12:00-1:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

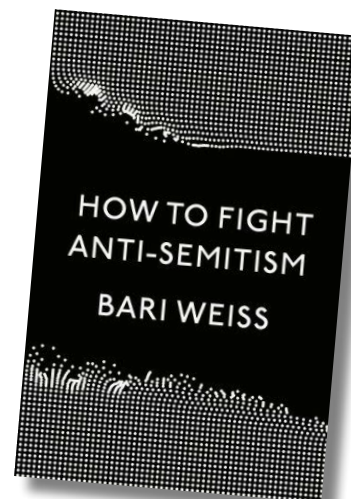
This lunch and learn reflects on the impact of Judaism on America and America on Jews. We will look at how leading Reform rabbis helped Jews navigate American culture and how the first Jewish baseball players brought their Judaism into America's favorite pastime.

Dr. David Dalin has unparalleled insight into the intersection between American History and Jewish history. He is a senior Research Fellow at Brandeis University, an ordained rabbi and widely published scholar of American Jewish history. Dalin is the author/co-author of 12 books, including Religion and State in the American Jewish Experience (co-authored with Prof. Jonathan D. Sarna), and Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court, from Brandeis to Kagan.



COMING TO TEMPLE BETH EL THIS SPRING

Fighting Anti-Semitism with Bari Weiss



Bari Weiss is an American opinion writer and editor at The New York Times. She is the author of the important new book, "How to Fight Anti-Semitism."

2020 – A Parent's Perspective

BY **HEATHER EREZ**

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Going to the gym. Doing homework. Walking into a social situation. Friends make everything easier. Through two new initiatives, Temple Beth El is paving the way for congregants to connect with one another, either with children or while their children are in Religious School.

The Tribal Council is a group of parent volunteers creating opportunities for adults of religious school students to connect. Beyachad is a family learning experience that is the alternative to weekly Religious School. Learn about them both from a parent's perspective!



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Tribal Council

BY **JENNIE KREGER**

The Religious School Tribal Council was created to build relationships amongst families on our journey through Temple Beth El. Whether you've stepped through our front door for many years or if religious school is your family's first step, the Tribal Council is here to welcome you, guide you and support you.

Our 2020 Vision is to help our families clearly see the opportunities available at Temple Beth El for personal growth and family engagement. We encourage parents to attend organized events, such as our monthly Shvitz and Schmooze, and to embrace the opportunity to create their own gatherings, such as a pick-up basketball game or tribal breakfast at a local bagel shop after Sunday school drop-off.



The Tribal Council is composed of parent representatives from each Tribe, but all parents are welcome to attend our planning sessions and participate in our events. Please contact Heather Erez for more information.

Shvitz and Schmooze

Work out with your tribe on Sunday mornings at the Beck Family Campus! All classes are from 9:15-10:15am and totally free to temple members. We encourage everyone to join us after the drop off their kids for some Shvitz & Schmooze!

1/26 - Zumba

2/9 - Boot Camp

3/15 - Yoga

4/19 - Zumba





Beyachad

BY DANIELLE BUTLER



The introduction of the Beyachad family learning program to our family has brought some unanticipated and amazing results. Our family joined with the intent of being able to spend a bit of time together, and to be honest, simplify our schedule. The

impact has proven to be far greater. It has brought us closer together by giving us a chance to discuss the lessons and how they apply to our daily lives. It is a family connection to Judaism. It brought a new perspective that modernizes the Torah and helps us apply it to relevant topics. The one-on-one B'nai Mitzvah tutoring at our convenience is amazing. Beyachad brings a renewed sense of Judaism into our home and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such innovative programming.



5th Grade Family Day

Sunday, January 12, 2020

9:30am-12:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

5th Grade Shabbat

Friday, January 24, 2020

7:30-9:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Youth Engagement

KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE

Animal Tales with Kindergarten and Tribe Simeon (1st Grade)

Sunday, January 12, 2020

After Religious School from 11:30am-2:00pm

Animal Tales will bring the zoo to our Kindergarten and 1st Graders! They will get to experience an interactive animal show in our backyard!

Robotics with Tribe Judah (2nd Grade)

Sunday, January 26, 2020

After Religious School from 11:30am-2:00pm

Our Second Graders will be Robotics Engineers during this high-tech hands-on experience! STEAM City kids will help the group discover the endless wonders of how robots can be designed.

Hit the Ice with Tribes Naphtali and Gad (4th and 5th Grades)

Sunday, February 2, 2020

After Religious School from 12:30pm-3:30pm

Tribes Naphtali and Gad will lace up their skates at Palm Beach Skate Zone! They will have lunch and then an afternoon of icy fun.

\$15, includes admission, skate rental, and lunch

Hands-on Tu B'Shevat with Tribe Dan (3rd Grade)

Sunday, February 9, 2020

After Religious School from 11:30am-2:00pm

High-Touch High-Tech will join Tribe Dan for hands-on, fun science experiments! They experience a program all about trees, designed just for them!

B'Nai Mitzvah



Max Weinstein



Bradley Sussman



Logan Reiss



Emma Cobbe



Riley Schneider



Gabriel Nierman



Jessica Bradt



Aiden Cauff



Madison Cauff



Jonathan Gleiber

Max Weinstein
Son of Alison and Jeffrey Weinstein
1/11/2020 at 11:30 am

Bradley Sussman
Son of Alyssa and Robert Sussman
1/11/2020 at 6:00 pm

Logan Reiss
Son of Mariya and Brian Reiss
1/18/2020 at 10:45 am

Emma Cobbe
Daughter of Melody and Warren
Cobbe
2/8/2020 at 11:30 am

Riley Schneider
Daughter of Margo Schneider and
Brett Schneider
2/8/2020 at 6:00 pm

Gabriel Nierman
Son of Robin and Evan Nierman
2/15/2020 at 9:00 am

Jessica Bradt
Daughter of Arlene and Dario Bradt
2/22/2020 at 11:30 am

Aiden Cauff
Son of Lisa and Brian Cauff
2/22/2020 at 5:30 pm

Madison Cauff
Daughter of Lisa and Brian Cauff
2/22/2020 at 5:30 pm

Jonathan Gleiber
Son of Marni and Michael Gleiber
2/29/2020 at 5:30 pm

Youth Engagement

JR. BOFTY AND BOFTY

Jr BOFTY Miami Heat vs. Dallas Mavericks

Friday, February 28, 2020
5:00pm-11:30pm

Come cheer on your Miami Heat with Jr. BOFTY!

\$50, includes game ticket, snack voucher, and transportation. Register early, this event will sell out.

BOFTY Shabbatchi

Friday, January 24, 2020
6:00pm-8:30pm
Saiko-I Restaurant

BOFTY Murder Mystery Lock-In

Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9, 2020
6:00pm-8:00am
Beck Family Campus

BOFTY Board Elections

Sunday, February 23, 2020
4:00pm-7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Whether you are running for a board position or voting in our future leaders, please join us for Election Night. There is no charge to attend but please RSVP as dinner is included.

NFTY STR Spring Kallah for 8th-12th Graders

February 28 - March 1, 2020
Congregation Schaarai Zedek, Tampa, FL

SOCIAL ACTION

Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk

Sunday, January 19, 2020
7:00am - 11:00am
Florida Atlantic University



Join Temple Beth El in supporting Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation at the 2020 Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk in Boca Raton. Led by team



leader Debi Jackman, we are raising funds and awareness for bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants. Registration begins at 7:00am, and the 5k run/walk begins at 8:45am. At 8:30am is the Superhero Sprint for kids 6 and under!

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

Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbeboca.org.

City of Boca Raton MLK Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, January 20, 2020
10:00am — March from the MLK Jr. Memorial,
200 NE Ruby St. to Mizner Park
10:15am — Mizner Park Amphitheater



Join Temple Beth El, the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association, and the City of Boca Raton for a ceremony and celebration honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The day begins with a march from the MLK Jr. Memorial at Ebenezer Baptist Church to Mizner Park. At 10:15am at Mizner Park, the program begins, featuring city officials, inspiring speeches, and music. After the program, the celebration includes music, family activities, face painting, rides, slides, and vendors.

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



Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 8:00am-12:00pm

Join us as we help build a house for an at-risk family who will benefit from the life-changing opportunity for homeownership. Minimum age to participate is 16 years old, but no experience is required. The build will take place in South Palm Beach County, and more information will be available closer to the build date.

Register at tbeboca.org/social-action.

For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbeboca.org.

Social Action Opportunity: Gleaning

February 8, 2020

8:45-11:30am

Boynton Beach, Florida

Gleaning is helping to collect unharvested crops to be donated to help our community's hungry and poor. Join the Temple Beth El Social Action Committee for this hands-on opportunity to support those in need. We are going to be out in the fields bending and lifting, so those who want to participate need to be able to do so comfortably, lifting as much as 30 pounds. Children can participate in this mitzvah with their parents!

More information about the exact location will be shared with those who register.

RSVP at tbeboca.org/social-action or to Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org.



Keeping It In Perspective

BY **RONNI GRAF**

BETH EL EARLY LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR
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In our fast paced world, it feels like we are all moving at top speed all of the time. It is very easy to feel stressed and overwhelmed. Studies show that even children are more frequently experiencing these uncomfortable states. In our society, we often will tell children to “pay attention” or “calm down,” yet we often don’t spend the time teaching them how.

In an effort to address this challenge at the Beth El Early Learning Center, we decided to experiment with incorporating lessons of mindfulness into our curriculum plan this year. Research shows that practicing mindfulness

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with children supports increased focus, decreased stress and anxiety, and positive prosocial behavior. We used staff development workshops to begin training our staff in mindfulness practices for themselves, and then ways to incorporate these opportunities into the daily routines of their classrooms. The purpose is to give the children skills to develop their awareness of their inner and outer experiences and emotions; to enable them to recognize when their attention has wandered and teach them valuable tools for impulse control to return to equilibrium. We are starting to see results in the children’s behavior in school.

These tools are not only effective in the classroom, but are even more valuable when reinforced at home. Mindfulness can sound daunting, but many of us already incorporate some routines into our days that we may not realize. It can be a great way to connect with your child and find a moment of tranquility together in an otherwise hectic day.

Here are some ground rules...

LET GO OF EXPECTATIONS – Mindfulness is not a miracle cure to stop tantrums or consistently keep an active child calm, but over time it will give them tools to center themselves in times of need.

DON’T FORCE IT – If your child isn’t interested in a particular exercise, let it go.

IT IS NOT INTENDED AS A PUNISHMENT – Building a mindfulness practice with your child will be most successful if you teach the exercises when they are calm, happy and peaceful, rather than when upset or nervous.

There are many resources available online, but here are some easy activities to get you started...

Incorporate mindfulness into your bedtime rituals

BREATHING BUDDY – Rest a favorite stuffed animal on your child’s chest and have them watch it rise and fall with their breath. Count together to regulate their breath, than allow them to do it silently.

Focus on different parts of their body as they breathe deeply

Share a daily gratitude with each other

THREE BREATH HUG – Hug your child. Relax as you take three deliberate, synchronized breaths together. This is great for good-byes or when someone is feeling nervous.

STOP AND BE AWARE GAME – When you find yourself waiting in a doctor’s office, standing in line at the grocery store, or walking through a parking lot, pause to encourage your child to tune into their 5 senses then share what you notice around you.

If you’d like to learn more, the Early Learning Center is offering a series of Parent Workshops teaching these practices. Check our website and emails for more information about these upcoming programs.

When we teach mindfulness to children, we are sharing skillful ways of relating to life’s uncomfortable and challenging moments. The earlier we do so in their young lives, the greater the opportunity to help them cultivate resilience, pay attention, calm down, and make better decisions. What better gift than that!

Havdalah in the Garden

January 11, 2020 • 4:00pm-6:00pm

Delray Beach Children's Garden

\$25/family donation to the Children's Garden

Join us as we take Tot Shabbat on the road to the Delray Beach Children's Garden

Located in East Delray Beach right off Atlantic Avenue, the Garden is a gem that many do not even know exists. It is a magical place for your family to explore together. Crafts,



scavenger hunt, garden tours and fun! Enjoy snacks, drinks, and wine in the Tiki hut!

RSVP at tbeoca.org/-early-learning-center

Shabbat Shira Shabbat Club

February 7, 2020 • 6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

While the adults enjoy the service, the children will celebrate their own Shabbat Shira with Miss Amy. This special Shabbat Club experience will include songs, creative movement, puppets, stories, and more.

Miss Amy has worked for over 20 years as a director of music enrichment programs for young children designed to nurture creativity, engage attention, and develop small and gross motor skills. She is also a children's concert performer with original, high-energy songs.

Shabbat Club is appropriate for children ages 2-8 years. Children must be toilet trained to attend. No Fee but please RSVP at tbeoca.org/early-learning-center-young-families



Priority Registration
for current families
for the 2020-2021 school year
begins January 13, 2020!

Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year
begins January 25, 2020!

Summer Adventure Camp Enrollment begins
January 25, 2020!



January		
1	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL-NO WINTER CAMP
2-3	Thursday-Friday	CHILDCARE/ WINTER CAMP IN SESSION
6	Monday	School resumes
13	Monday	2020-21 Priority School Registration opens to Current ELC Families
15	Wednesday	"Wear your Pajamas to School" Day
20	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL
25	Saturday	2020-21 School & Camp Registration opens
February		
5	Wednesday	The Steve Brown Commemorative Bike Day at BFC
12	Wednesday	Pre-K Graduation Portraits
14	Friday	Staff Development Day- NO SCHOOL
17	Monday	Presidents Day-NO SCHOOL
21	Friday	Grandparents Shabbat (2's/4's) 9:30/11:30am
28	Friday	Grandparents Shabbat (3's) 9:30am

PARENTHOOD



**JENN GENE,
STEPHANIE GOLDFUSS
AND SUSIE SIEGEL**
PARENTHOOD
CO-PRESIDENTS
AND VICE PRESIDENT

Night of 50 Shabbat Dinners

Friday, February 28, 2020

Calling all Early Learning Center families! Don't miss out on our Night of 50 Shabbat Dinners - Friday, February 28, 2020. Temple Beth El families are signing up now as hosts or guests to be part of this fun-filled Shabbat celebration. Go ahead - set up a class dinner! Get together with your friends, or meet some new families with young children, or both. It can be as easy as ordering pizza or having a potluck. The class with the most participants will win a special treat.

RSVP by Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at tbeboca.org/special-events.

Parenthood meetings

January 15, 2020
Parenthood meeting at 7:30pm
Schmooze begins at 7:00pm

February 19, 2020
Parenthood meeting at 9:15am

Parents Red & White Night Out!

Saturday, February 8, 2020

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Canyon Isles Clubhouse

8660 Meadow Lake Drive, Boynton Beach

\$18 per person

Join us! Our Early Learning Center parents are getting together for a fun night featuring a wine tasting, yummy food and games. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided; BYOB allowed for this adults-only event.

RSVP required by Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center.

For more information please contact 561-391-9091 or email parenthood@tbeboca.org.



Girls Night Out at the Spa!

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Spavia (in West Boca at 9834 Glades Road)

\$36 per person

Enjoy a fun spa night with your fellow Early Learning Center moms, featuring mini-massages, facials, mingling and make-up tutorials! Light appetizers included.



BYOB allowed for this adults-only event.

RSVP required by Friday, January 24, 2020 at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center.

For more information please contact 561-391-9091 or email parenthood@tbeboca.org.

FAMILY FUN DAY 2020

AND OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2020

10:00AM - 1:30PM

**BETH EL EARLY LEARNING CENTER
BECK FAMILY CAMPUS
9800 YAMATO ROAD, BOCA RATON**



**JOIN US FOR A
MAGNIFICENT EVENT
FULL OF FRIENDLY FACES
AND LOTS OF ACTIVITY!**

Doors open at 10am, Enjoy Tot Shabbat at 10:15am, followed by a yummy Oneg. Activities begin at 10:45am.

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND AT:
tbeboca.org/early-learning-center

- ★ Meet our wonderful teachers
- ★ Tour a real fire truck and meet Palm Beach Country Fire Rescue
- ★ Visit our grill for lunch and enjoy carnival snacks
- ★ Crafts & Games
- ★ Face Painting & Glitter Art
- ★ Bounce Houses
- ★ Petting Zoo
- ★ Special character appearances
- ★ Bubbles, magic and more!

SISTERHOOD UPDATE



BY **KAREN SCHLOSS**
AND **LISA FRANKLIN**
SISTERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS
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www.tbeboca.org/sisterhood

It's hard to believe that we have been serving as co-presidents for 6 months already. It has been wonderful to watch our visions become realities. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking Sisterhood board, along with so many of our other "sister" volunteers. The Temple administration and Rabbi Jessica devote endless hours to help Sisterhood run smoothly. We are grateful to have the support of the entire community. As the saying goes, it takes a village. If you have not experienced a sisterhood event, we encourage you to join us at one of our upcoming events.

latke sales, we are able to provide funding that enhance and support Temple programs, the Early Learning Center, and Religious School needs. This year, we loved partnering with the Early Learning Center for our Latke sales. We are grateful for their contribution in coordinating this huge undertaking, and we look forward to working with and supporting the Early Learning Center with new and exciting programs in the future. We love that our Gift Shop is open at both campuses and that the students and their parents look forward to seeing our new items, and supporting Sisterhood. Don't forget to browse and get ideas for those special moments in your life when a Judaic gift is needed. We can't thank our Sisterhood Gift shop volunteers enough! It's a wonderful space with beautiful items. Our vision in the next couple of months is to make sure we can say YES to all of the programs that we support at Beth El and our community.



upcoming events

Register online at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

BINGOTINI

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00pm-9:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

\$25 for members and \$35 for guests

\$25 for Beth El Early Learning Center parents and teachers

Join us for our annual Bingo night, with martinis, prizes and of course, Purse bingo!

Co-Chairs: Nicole Rosenblum and Lisa Swartz

NORTON ART MUSEUM

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meet at Schaefer Family Campus at 9:00am and the bus will leave promptly at 9:30am. Bus will return to Schaefer Family Campus by 4:00pm.

\$80 Sisterhood members

\$90 non-members

Cost includes bus, tour, lunch, all gratuities

Travel together on a private bus to the Norton Museum of Art! Once there, we will have a docent-led tour of the exhibits, enjoy a special lunch and have time to explore on our own. There are several traveling exhibits including the "Georgia O'Keefe Living Modern" exhibit. Space is limited.

Co-Chairs: Susan Goldstein and Debbie Gaines Askowitz

It is important with our hectic schedules to find time for respite and community. Please make Sisterhood part of your community. It's a good Rx for health and happiness!

As we embark into 2020, our vision and goal for Sisterhood continues to be to engage and welcome Temple Beth El women of all ages. Our events thus far have varied, from a thought-provoking morning spent with Rabbi Greg discussing social justice issues in an intimate setting, to a lively and fun night out with the Sisters enjoying cocktails and music. We continue to strive to find new and different programs that can be enjoyed across our varied membership.

Through our fundraising efforts from our annual luncheon, holiday greetings and



BROTHERHOOD UPDATE



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

Here's to a new decade! The Brotherhood of Temple Beth El ended 2019 with an amazing golf tournament that set a new bar for us to strive for in the future. Isn't that what we all want? Growth - growth in our events, growth in the numbers of you who join with us in doing more, growth in becoming better people.

We still have a lot of growing to do! Our Project Rampart fundraising efforts have contributed significantly to securing our Schaefer Family Campus, but we have more work to do. Brotherhood is looking into doing more for the early learning center and religious school in 2020. We are committed to making an impact to ensure our children have access to Jewish books, food, and experiences that will enrich their lives.

Some additional program ideas that have

been bandied about this year are a Brotherhood Golf Getaway to Streamsong Resort, another joint event with our Brothers at Boca



Raton Synagogue, and advanced Krav Maga training with Chanan Smith. Did we miss anything? If so, drop us a line at info@tbebrotherhood.org or my personal email, cromero@romeroinvestment.com with any suggestions.

Remember that we meet monthly, the first Thursday of each month at the Beck Family Campus at 6:30pm. These meetings are open to all Brotherhood members who want to brainstorm event ideas, eat pizza, and gripe about the Dolphins. In all seriousness, we invite and welcome you all to come be with us.




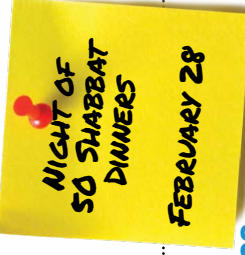
JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5</p> <p>No Religious School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM-Bereavement Support Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn 5:00 PM-BOTY Board Meeting (BFC) 5:30 PM-Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting 6:00 PM-Religious School High School Dinner (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School High School Classes (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School 10th grade Class (BFC) 7:00 PM-Torah of Rock and Roll</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day, School and Offices Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1/02 - 1/03-ELC Winter camp in session (BFC)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM-Shabbat Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM-Religious School Sunday Morning (BFC) 9:30 AM-5th Grade Family Day (SFC) 11:30 AM-Animal Tales with Kindergarten and Tribe Simcha (BFC) 1:00 PM-Senior Circle- Robert Watson and Hamilton</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM-Bereavement Support Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn 6:00 PM-Religious School Middle School Dinner (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School 10th grade Class (BFC) 7:00 PM-YaAdat Chinuch Meeting/Education Committee Meeting (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School Middle School Class (BFC)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM-Parish Meeting (BFC) 7:00 PM- The Torah of the Vote in the Land of Israel 7:30 PM-Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM-Board of Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1/17 - 1/19-11th and 12th Grade Retreat (OOT) 9:00 AM-Torah Yoga for Adults with Amy Appel 7:30 PM-Shabbat Service - Gospel Shabbat</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM-Torah Study with Reb Simcha Raphael 10:45 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Logan Reiss</p>
<p>19</p> <p>No Religious School 7:00 AM- Steps for Life 5K Run/Walk (OOT)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School & Offices Closed) 10:00 AM-City of Boca Raton MLK Jr. Day Celebration (OOT)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Voting begins for World Zionist Congress Elections 12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn Dinner (BFC) 6:00 PM-Religious School High School Classes (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School 10th grade Class (BFC) 7:00 PM-Membership Committee Meeting (BFC) 7:30 PM-Meditation Workshop</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM-Mausoleum Committee Meeting 7:00 PM-Sisterhood Board Meeting (BFC) 7:30 PM-Social Action Committee Meeting 7:30 PM-Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM-The Torah of Torah</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM-Torah Yoga for adults with Amy Appel 6:00 PM-BOTY Shabbat (OOT) 6:00 PM-Intro to Judaism Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM-5th Grade Shabbat - Dinner 7:30 PM-Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM-Shabbat Service: 5th Grade Shabbat</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study 10:00 AM-Family Fun Day and Open House (BFC)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM-Beyachad (SFC) 9:00 AM-Religious School Sunday Morning (BFC) 9:15 AM-Schvitz and Schmooze (BFC) 11:30 AM-Robotics with Tribe Judah (BFC) 2:00 PM-New Member Meet & Greet (OOT)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM-Bereavement Support Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn 6:00 PM-Religious School Middle School Dinner (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School 10th grade Class (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School Middle School Class (BFC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM-Program Evaluation Task Force (BFC) 7:00 PM- Parishhood Girls Night Out (OOT) 7:30 PM-Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM-Parenting and Grandparenting on a Prayer</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM-Torah Yoga for Adults with Amy Appel 9:00 AM-Sisterhood Day Trip (OOT) 6:00 PM-Superbowl Shabbat Service 6:00 PM-Family Participation Service 7:15 PM-Superbowl Shabbat Dinner</p>	

TORAH YOGA
FRIDAYS
1/10, 1/17
1/24 + 1/31
@9:00AM

VOTE IN WORLD
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FEBRUARY 2020

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2 9:00 AM -Religious School Sunday Morning (BFC) 12:30 AM -Hit the Ice with Tribes Naphthali and Gad (OOT)	3 10:00 AM -Bereavement Support Group	4 12:00 PM -Lunch and Learn 5:00 PM -BOFTY Board Meeting (BFC) 6:00 PM -Religious School High School Dinner (BFC) 7:00 PM -Religious School High School Classes (BFC) 7:00 PM-Religious School 10th grade Class (BFC)	5 9:30 AM -The Steve Brown Commemorative Bike Day (BFC) 6:30 PM -Emerging Leaders Meeting & Dinner 7:30 PM -Introduction to Judaism	6 10:00 AM -Parenting and Grandparenting on a Prayer 6:30 PM -Brotherhood Board Meeting (BFC) 7:00 PM -Sisterhood Board Meeting	7 5:30 PM -Shabbat Club 6:00 PM -Shabbat Service: Shabbat Shira with Nava Tehila 	1 9:30 AM -Shabbat Morning Torah Study 10:00 AM -Beyachad - Retreat (SFC)
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AROUND BETH EL

Sisterhood Luncheon



Dads and Donuts at Beth El Early Learning Center



Our Congregation Mourns

Gail Abrams, mother of Carolyn and Jeffrey Coleman,
grandmother of Carly and Jaclyn Coleman

Bernice Baras, beloved member

Ronald Asher Blake, father of Jill and Steven Hacker,
grandfather of Simon, Emily and Elliot Hacker

Arthur Bowen, brother of Julius and Shirley Bowen

Lenore Chatzky, grandmother of Michael and Michele Markowitz,
great-grandmother of Zachary, Andy and Matthew Markowitz

Arlene Dictor, mother of Ira and Cindy Goldberg,
grandmother of Molly Goldberg

Joel Granet*, brother of Arnold and Gladys Granet

Dorothy Halpern, mother of Barry and Silvana Halperin
, grandmother of Lauren and Michael Halperin,
Heather Halperin and Maddox Halperin

Michelle "Shelley" Halperin , mother of Lauren
and Michael Halperin and Heather Halperin

Rhea Herman*, beloved member

Abraham Hoppenstein, father of Saul and Diane Hoppenstein,
grandfather of Robert, Evan and Bradley Hoppenstein

Max Housenbold, father of Stacey and Jason Housenbold,
grandfather of Falynd and Phoebe Housenbold

Robert Merson*, husband of Arlene Merson

Marjorie Marton, mother of Robert and Lisa Marton,
grandmother of Gabrielle, Benjamin and Emily Marton

Howard Moss, father of Suzanne and Brian Broad,
grandfather of Helen and Isaac Broad

Robert Newman, husband of Cheryl Newman

Mary Ann Perper*, beloved member

Beverly Saltz, grandmother of Jennifer and Robert
Isaacson, great-grandmother of James Isaacson

Israel Schnabel, father of Gadi and Susan Schnabel,
grandfather of Benjamin and Eli Schnabel

Carolyn Scudder, mother of Andrea and Gerald Goldberg

Donald Shnider, beloved member

Marilyn Shook, mother of Lorrie Berkowitz and Lloyd Berkowitz

Stephen Tamchin, brother of Leonard and Barbara Tamchin

Michael Turk, father of Alyssa and Robert Sussman,
grandfather of Zachary, Hayley and Bradley Sussman

Marvin Zale, father of Margie and Maurice Plough, Jr.

*Laid to rest in the Beth El Mausoleum

Mazel Tov To

Crystal Romero-Sherman and Brett Sherman on the
birth of their daughter Eva Juliette Sherman

Julie Guzy on the engagement of her son Matt Guzy to Liz Myers

Diane Perkins and Paul Mandel on the engagement
of their son Andy Mandel to Michelle Erlich

Mollye and Glen Bergard in honor of the marriage
of their son Josh Bergard to Laura Kinyon

Carole Kranis on the marriage of her daughter
Amanda Fink to Miles Hirschel

Pam Nadler and Mark Sickles on the marriage of
their daughter Amy Nadler to Joe Caplan

Robert Picow and Dawn Mazer on the marriage
of Evan Picow to Heather Strohmeier

Jillian Roggen and Drew Popper on their marriage

Marla Schaefer and Steven Weishoff on the marriage of
their daughter Danielle Weishoff to Emmit McCormick

Music and Arts Circle

Welcome to the newest members of the Music and Arts Circle



GRAND SPONSOR (\$5000)

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in honor of
the birth of Myles Hunter Tabor
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in celebration of
the marriage of Ryan Sunshine and J'Cee Hyatt
by Jan and Allen Lev

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Cantor Lori and George Brock's wedding
by Elaine Shapiro and Michael Zimmerman
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by Ellie Rassler
by Ruth Berg

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in honor of

Cantor Lori and George Brock's wedding
by Ellie Rassler

PODOLSKY FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

in honor of
Susan and Barry Podolsky
by Ruth Berg and Gary Berg

PODOLSKY SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

in celebration of
Glen Burger's marriage
by Freyda and Ed Burns
in honor of
Wendy and Steve Walin
by Susan and Barry Podolsky
on the occasion of
The marriage of Josh Bergard and Laura Kinyon
by Aline Fisher

RABBI MERLE E. SINGER SCHOLARSHIP/ EDUCATIONAL FUND

in honor of
Sherrie and Geoffrey Becker
by Stephanie and Steven Schuster

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

in honor of
TBE Clergy
by Aline Fisher
the marriage of Marla Schaefer's and Steven Weishoff's daughter
by Aline Fisher
the marriage of Mark Sunshine's and Christy McElhaney's son
by Aline Fisher
Sonny Thal's 85th birthday
by Barbara Arnold
by Barbara Spielman
by Cary Nation
by Sonny Thal
by Lorraine Natkin
by Linda Jaro
by Brenda Lee Bello
Aimee and Rabbi Dan Levin's 25th anniversary and Rabbi Dan Levin's 50th birthday
by Ellie Rassler
Rabbi Dan Levin
by Bonnie Cohen
by Saul Hoppenstein
by Gladys and Arnold Granet
Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates
by Gladys and Arnold Granet
by Elissa Hecht
Aline Fisher
by Judith Chason

in appreciation of the unveiling service for Nancy Donner
by Lisa Goldman
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Falk's grandchild
by Susan and Alan Jacobs
Rabbi Jessica Mates
by Susan and Meyer Haberman
Rabbi Greg Weisman
by Susie and Mark Tabor
on the occasion of
Hailey Gross' Kindergarten Consecration
by Lauren and Alan Gross
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by Aynsley Salzman
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by Judith Chason

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

in honor of
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by Susan and Mark Sosin

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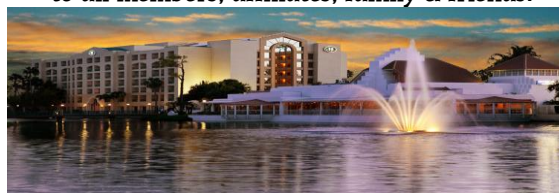
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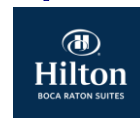
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