Shalom 2020
SPIRITUALITY  MUSIC  LEARNING

SPECIAL SECTION
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As we begin 2020, we’ll have 20 unique opportunities to learn together, each of which will deepen our understanding of what it means to be part of Temple Beth El’s house of learning, or beit midrash.* Program details are throughout this Chronicle:

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*The Judson Family Beit Midrash (“house of learning”), a new addition to Temple Beth El’s Schaefer Family Campus, is part classroom, part library, part prayer space, and home to Jewish study.
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 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 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 world that is blessed with healing, with love, with justice, and with peace.
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.
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Introducing ShulCloud

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.
Saturdays, 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.

GUIDING STARS
JAN & ALLEN LEV
RISING STARS
ELIZABETH & ADAM SHONSON
COMMUNITY STARS
GINA & GREG SHUGAR

HONORARY CHAIRS
SUSAN & BARRY PODOLSKY

CO-CHAIRS
LAUREN & ALAN GROSS, KARYN & GLEN HOFFMAN, TRACEY & MICHELLE LABGOLD

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.

Temple Beth El
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 tbeboca.org/worship
CELEBRATE

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.

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 tbeboca.org/special-events

FEBRUARY 7
Shabbat Shira
Featuring Nava Tehila
6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Internationally acclaimed, cutting edge Jewish renewal musical group, Nava Tehilla 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 tbeboca.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.
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

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.
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.

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**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
So Is Life

ELLEN DRESKIN
JOSH NELSON
DAN NICHOLS
ROSALIE WILL
and guest performer
ELANA ARIAN

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

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.
JANUARY
Hamilton: Man, Myth, & Musical with Dr. Robert Watson
Sunday, January 12, 2020 • 1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
No fee/Rsvp at tbeboca.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.

In January, Temple Beth El will host the world-renowned historian Dr. Robert Watson for a talk based on his ongoing research and featuring excerpts from the musical “Hamilton.”

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 tbeboca.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.

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.
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.

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.

Parenting and Grandparenting on a Prayer
WITH RABBI AMY GROSSBLATT PESEAH
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 PESEAH
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.

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@tbeboca.org

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 DA’AT 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—a 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.
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.
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 tbeboca.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 tbeboca.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 tbeboca.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

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#### 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.
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 1,528 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 inventory 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.

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.”
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!

**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 Schvitz 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
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
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

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
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.

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.

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.
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 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!
Keeping It In Perspective

**January 2020**

- **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 2020**

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

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

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**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!
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.

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.

Parenthood meetings

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

February 19, 2020
Parenthood meeting at 9:15am
SUNDAY 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!

FREE EVENT!
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.

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 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
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.
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AROUND BETH EL

Sisterhood Luncheon

Dads and Donuts at Beth El Early Learning Center
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 Erhlich
Mollye and Glen Berngard in honor of the marriage of their son Josh Berngard 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 Strohmeyer
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)
Marilyn & Jay Weinberg
PATRON LEVEL ($1800)
Freyda and Ed Burns
FRIENDS ($1000)
Lorraine (Rani) Garfinkle
Gladys & Arnold Granet

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 Falyn 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
In Honor Of

ALEXANDRIA L. HERMANN FUND
in honor of
Aline Fisher
by Judy and Mike Kornitsky

GENERAL FUND
in honor of
Laurie Silvers and Mitchell Rubenstein
by Andrea Corn
Peter Wehlegmuth
by Jeff Shavitz
Mildred Silverman's 100th Birthday
by Judy Levine
Alan, Lauren, Stella & Hailey Gross
and Jeffrey, Chloe & Maddox Gross.
by Lissa and Larry Gross
Margaret Kottler
by Natalie Pelayon
Herb and Elaine Gmelinstab
by Roslyn Hopin
Mollye and Glen Berngard
by Ruth Berg
The Clergy staff
by Ruth Berg
Cantor Lori and George Brock’s wedding
by Silvana and Barry Halperin
Steve's new Jewish soul
by Susan Jur and Steven Ashby

ISRAEL YOUTH TRAVEL FUND
in honor of
the birth of Myles Hunter Tabor
by Aline Fisher

JAN AND ALLEN LEV ENDOWMENT FUND
in celebration of
the marriage of Ryan Sunshine and J’Cee Hyatt
by Jan and Allen Lev

MUSIC FUND 2019-20
in honor of
Cantor Lori and George Brock’s wedding
by Elaine Shapiro and Michael Zimmerman
Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen
by Ellie Rassler
by Ruth Berg

MYRA R. SCHWARTZ CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND
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
Wendi and Steve Walin
by Susan and Barry Podolsky
on the occasion of
The marriage of Josh Berngard and Laura Kinyon
by Aline Fisher

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 Moeyer Haberman
Rabbi Greg Weisman
by Susie and Mark Tabor
on the occasion of
Hailey Gross’ Kindergarten Consecration
by Lauren and Alan Gross
Lily Salzman’s Simchat Bat
by Aynsley Salzman
Judith Chason’s honor on the Bima
by Judith Chason

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
in honor of
Eva Sherman
by Robin Eisenberg
Ryan Sunshine
by Robin Eisenberg
Aaron Oken
by Robin Eisenberg and Andy Broído
Matt Guzy
by Robin Eisenberg and Andy Broído
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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.
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