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For Rabbi Spitalnic Mates on her 20th Year at Temple Beth El

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN dlevin@tbeboca.org

In 1998, I brought Temple Beth El's 11-12th grade students to New York City for a weekend.

I reached out to Temple Shaaray Tefila to see if we could coordinate an event where our high school students could enjoy an evening with their New York counterparts. I was delighted to meet with Jessica Spitalnic, their rabbinic intern whom I had first met in rabbinical school, who helped design a beautiful evening with our students.

Years later, while serving in Livingston, New Jersey, I was so happy that Jessica reached out to me to discuss the possibility of joining the clergy team at Temple Beth El. I knew she was precisely the kind of rabbi that Temple Beth El would cherish. And when I was invited to return to Temple Beth El to serve as senior rabbi, I was so grateful for the opportunity to work with Jessica as my partner and colleague.

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In Pirke Avot, the Mishna teaches Aseh L'cha Rav, U-Kneh L'cha Chaver – make for yourself a teacher and acquire for yourself a friend. For the last 20 years, since joining Temple Beth El in 2002, Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates has been a beloved rabbi, teacher, and friend to our congregation.

Jessica's passion for Temple Beth El is effervescent. It comes from the core of



her soul and is felt in every facet of her work. She often speaks of her "love of place". Temple Beth El is much more than the congregation she serves – it is her spiritual home. She wears her love for the congregation on her sleeve, and you can feel the energy of her love for each and every individual member. She exudes care and compassion with every fiber of her being. She is the first to reach out with an extra phone call, to make the extra visit to someone in the hospital, to mail someone a healing blanket, or to pay the extra shiva call. She wants each and every member to know that their lives and their hearts matter, and matter deeply.

Jessica is an ardent and passionate Zionist. Her love for the State of Israel, the land and its people, is infectious. I am so grateful for how she shares her devotion to the State of Israel and in bringing the spirit of our ancient and modern homeland to our congregation through initiatives like "Peace of Mind".

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A Second Home



BY
WENDY WALIN
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People often ask me if I am enjoying being President of our temple. My answer is always the same; "Yes, I love our temple and feel honored to be part of its leadership." I also refer to Beth El as my second home. So, I thought I'd share my thoughts with you about this home and what makes it so special.

A house is a building. What goes on inside the house makes it a home. Rabbi Dan has said that our congregation's most essential value is love. Our temple is filled with love. I hear the word love used so often from our congregants. They tell me about their love of our clergy. Our rabbinical and cantorial teams are the glue that holds this family together.

Aloving family is a constant in one's life. They are there to support each member and care about their

It is remarkable to me that along with each clergy member being a part of theirown families, they open their hearts to all of us and value their special relationships with their temple family. well-being. They make the lows more manageable and the highs more memorable. They were there for my parents' funerals, my sons' Bar Mitzvahs, my son's wedding and my granddaughter's baby naming. Our clergy are there for our families – all 1600 of them! It is remarkable to me that along with each clergy member being a part of their own families, they open their hearts to all of us and value their special relationships with their temple family.

When you walk into the welcome center of our house, you are greeted with the three tapestries of love. Our shared values, love and respect for each other make our house a home. It's been a joy to watch our family grow over the years. It's a particularly special time as we celebrate Rabbi Jessica's 20th year with us and we look forward to honoring her as one of our beloved spiritual leaders.

For Rabbi Mates on her 20th Year at Temple Beth El

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Our community is blessed by her leadership in sanctifying the memory of the Holocaust. Through her work and leadership with Lynn University, our annual Project Nuremberg not only helps young undergraduates understand the

legacy of the Shoah, but galvanizes the

legal community of South Florida to venerate the power of the rule of law to restore

the world's humanity and heal from the horror of the Holocaust.

Rabbi Mates is a role model and an inspiration to so many in our congregation and our community. For years she guided our community service initiatives, working to care for the most vulnerable in our community. She has guided

hundreds of students through the celebration of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and dozens more as Adult B'nai Mitzvah. She has comforted innumerable families through illness and loss. Thousands have learned

She wears her love for the congregation on her sleeve, and you can feel the energy of her love for each and every individual member.



with her and from her at the many programs and events she has crafted. Truly, Jessica has left an indelible imprint on the soul of our congregation.

Mostly I am grateful for her genuine and generous spirit, her friendship, and her uncommon humanity.

On Shabbat evening, January 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., please share a special Shabbat evening service where we will honor Rabbi Mates for her twenty years of selfless devotion to Temple Beth El. And let us give thanks for all she has given us as our rabbi, our teacher, and our friend.





















New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, January 16, 2022 1:30 – 3:30 pm Schaefer Family Campus We invite those who joined from February 2020 until now to an open house to get to know the clergy, staff and other new members. This get together takes place on Tu B'shvat – the new year of trees - to celebrate our new members who are putting down roots and growing as part of our Temple family.

Enjoy an up-close and in-person tour of the Schaefer Family Campus as well as light refreshments. 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 at **tbeboca.org/new-member** or contact Debbie Eisenberg at **deisenberg@tbeboca.org**.

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

Say Hello to Some of our New Members









Stephen Bauman and Holly Rosenthal



Carole Weller



Gubenko Famil



Liana, Kyle and Jackson Konhauzer



Marsha Posner



WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Those not listed at the time of printing will be included in our next list!

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

Maxwell and Brooke Adelstein and their child. Emma

Sean Altsuler and Andrea Halpern Altshuler and their child, Halle

Gary and Shelly Auslander

Eric and Rebecca Baum and their child. Elizabeth

Steven and Bianca Berkman and their child, Landon

Carol Bloom

Rachel Blumberg and her children, Alexa, Hillary, Emily and Holly

Amanda and Seth Boxer and their children, Aria and Olivia

Denise and Jay Caplin

Elliot Cohen and his children, Matthew and Rachel

Evan and Christina Davis and their child, William

Aaron Draizin and Kathleen McCarthy Draizin and their child, Jack

> Craig and Nora Ellish and their children, Cole and Brooke

Michael and Trisha Feldman and their children, John and Lila

Daniel and Charlene Fryburg

Vicki Garfinkel

Jordan and Lauren Grayson and their children, Andrew, Emily and Charlotte

Rachel Slusky and Jake Harris

Kevin Homer and his child, Sage

Leonard Kagan

Richard and Elyssa Kapp and their child, Parker

Bryan and Jenell Kitchener and their child, Jamie

Jonathan and Jaclyn Leitner and their children, Madison and Ethan

Noah and Nicole Leon and their children, Victoria, Olivia and Mia

Gregg and Lauren Leslie and their children, Ryan and Ava

Julianna Jaffe Leven and Harvey Leven

Sandy and Sandra Levy

Peter Loewy

Michelle Merson

Leslie Reiter and Andrew Polsky and their child, Ryan

Craig and Natalie Renard and their children, Kayla, Sophia and Justin

Ryan Schneider and his children, Jack and Ava

Susan Schulz

Jo-Ann Schwartz

Mindy and Richard Seldon

Constance Sherman

Renee Stark

Carol Stein

Leslie and Mervyn Sternberg

Yichun Yang and Chi-Tay Tsai and their child, Olivia

Bruce Weber

Stephen and Sherry Weintraub

Brooke Wiener and her child, Charlotte

CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV z'I MEMORIAL CONCERT



MACCABEATS

AN AFTERNOON OF EXCITING A CAPPELLA MUSIC

Sunday, February 13, 2022 3:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

\$100 Reserved Benefactor Seats \$40 Preferred Seating \$20 General Admission

Register online at tbeboca.org/dubov-concert

Using nothing more than the unadulterated human voice, a cleancut presentation, and a little Jewish humor, this unique group of singers is able to connect with fans of all backgrounds and ages. This talent has caught the eye of the world with their explosion of success on YouTube and in publications across the world.

Produced by Temple Beth El and Congregation B'nai Israel

*Safety protocols will be in place based on current Covid statistics.

z'l of beloved memory

Getting to know Richard Antoine White

RSVP online at tbeboca.org/events, or contact Julie Guzy or Rachael Rand for any questions.

Richard Antoine White, a long time dear friend of Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen, is a tuba professor at the University of New Mexico and the principal tuba player of two orchestras in New Mexico.

His story began as a child of a teenage alcoholic mother who grew up homeless on the streets of Baltimore. Thanks to a village



of incredible people, Richard is the first African-American man to receive a doctorate in tuba and has just released a best-selling memoir; I'm Possible: A Story of Survival, a Tuba, and the Small Miracle of a Big Dream. Richard speaks around the world, telling his story of hope and survival to inspire hope, and has recently been interviewed by all the news channels including CBS, the Today

Show and Trevor Noah, and in February he comes to Beth EI!



Open to all

Hope and Resilience: An Evening with Richard Antoine White

Thursday February 10, 2022 at 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

I'm Possible: A Story of Survival, a Tuba, and the Small Miracle of a Big Dream is Richard's best-selling memoir and a wonderful, compelling read. Join us for an inspiring evening with Richard who will share his life story while being interviewed by long time close friend and Cantorial Soloist, Michelle Auslander Cohen. Richard will discuss his experience from growing up homeless in Baltimore to being a tenured professor, accomplished musician, philanthropist, author, and international motivational speaker.

You can enjoy the book prior to his arrival and the chance to meet him in person. RSVP online at **tbeboca.org/events** or contact Julie Guzy at **jguzy@tbeboca.org**

For Members of Temple Beth El's Chavurot & Movie Circle

R.A.W. TUBA

DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00pm on Zoom

Rabbi Jessica Mates and Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen will show a 25-minute documentary about Richard Antoine White followed by a discussion. The documentary focuses on the hardships of homelessness and the challenges Richard endured and overcame.

This event is exclusively available to Chavurah members and the Movie Circle.

RSVP online at **tbeboca.org/events** or to Rachael Rand at **rrand@tbeboca.org** by Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

For all Book Lovers or Book Circle Members

"I'm Possible" Book Discussion Guide is available! Contact Julie Guzy at **jguzy@tbeboca.org** to receive our custom guide created by Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates.



Temple Beth El

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 6:30 PM

BOCA WEST COUNTRY CLUB

Patty Beck & Marilyn and Jay Weinberg 2022 GALA OF GRATITUDE AND LOVE CHAIRS

An evening of celebration, dinner & dancing



Celebrating our beloved Rabbi Dan Levin's 25 years of dedication to our congregation and the Jewish community

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

Y PROTOCOLS WILL BE PROVIDED AS NECESSARY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DEREK HURWITCH, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AT 561-701-6217 OR DHURWITCH@TBEBOCA.ORG.

BlueJeans Bluegrass Shabbat with Nefesh Mountain

Friday



SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

6:000111 Blue Jeans and Bluegrass Shabbat Services

7:500111 Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ Dinner RSVP for dinner at tbeboca.org/bluejeanshabbat

Break out your favorite blue jeans for Blue Jeans and Bluegrass Shabbat on Friday, March 4. We will be clapping and singing along with Nefesh Mountain, a great bluegrass band that combines Bluegrass and Jewish musical styles. Their most recent album "Songs for Sparrows" debuted at Number 6 on the Billboard Magazine Chart in the Bluegrass category!

Be sure to sign up for dinner too as we continue the fun with Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ.

- \$22 per adult | \$18 per child (4-10) Before Wednesday, February 23
- \$27 per adult | \$23 per child (4-10) After Wednesday, February 23
- \$2 per beer Blue Moon Regular or Corona Light Beer

*Safety protocols will be in place based on current Covid statistics.

Young People's Bluegrass Concert!

Sunday, March 6, 2022 11:15am during Religious School at the Beck Family Campus

Nefesh Mountain has a special concert of Jewish Bluegrass music designed for young people that will dazzle our religious school students. Make sure your child doesn't miss this special day of Religious School!



Celebrate Shabbat

COVID-19 UPDATE The Schaefer Family Campus is open for many Shabbat services and programs! The Beck Family Campus still has limited in-person programs to keep the campus safe for younger children who are ineligible to be vaccinated. Please carefully read The Chronicle, and check tbeboca.org and your emails for frequent updates as the situation continues to evolve. All services are livestreamed at tbeboca.org/live

Shabbat Evening Service featuring The Music of Debbie Friedman z'l

Friday, January 7 | 6:00pm

Debbie Friedman z'l wrote

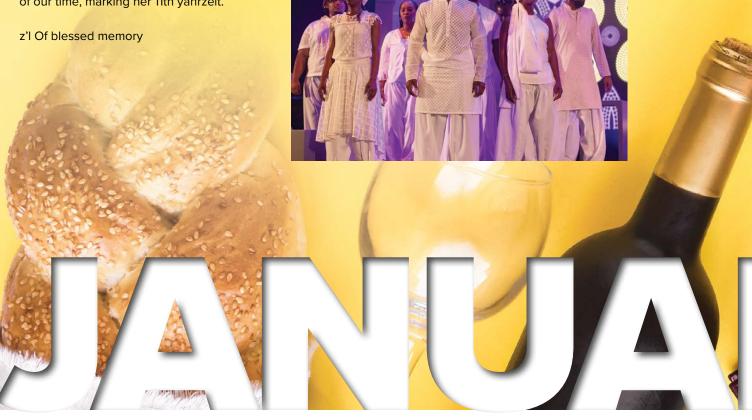
"Where Does the Journey Begin?" As we begin the secular new year we will celebrate this Shabbat through the music of one of the most prolific Jewish composers of our time, marking her 11th yahrzeit.

Shabbat Shira Celebrating Freedom

Friday, January 14 | 7:30pm

As our Sabbath of Song coincides with MLK weekend, we celebrate freedom with a blockbuster musical service! Joining us will be the singing group, Hued Songs who celebrate culture through the lens of Black music, artists, and history.





The 10 Commandments

Friday, January 21 | 7:30pm

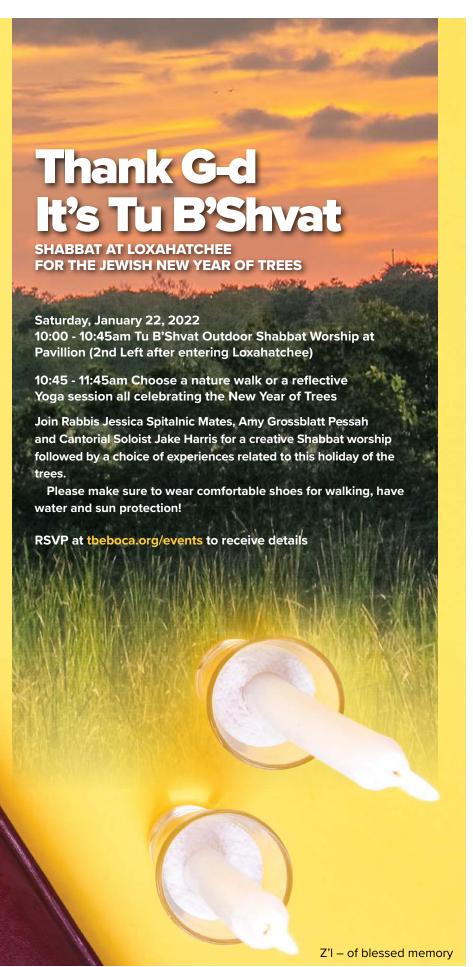
As we read Yitro, the Torah portion, which includes the Ten Commandments, we recall our revelation at Mt. Sinai and explore how we continue to hear God speak to us.



Shabbat Honoring Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates

Friday, January 28 | 7:30pm

Join us to celebrate and honor our beloved Rabbi Mates, as we celebrate her twenty years at Temple Beth El!

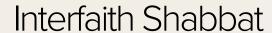


Celebrate Shabbat

Camp Shabbat

Friday, February 4 | 6:00pm

Celebrate the joy and music of Jewish summer camp as we honor Bobby Harris, recently retired director of URJ Camp Coleman, and celebrate Coleman's 60th Anniversary.



Friday, February 11 | 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

We welcome our friends from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church to the Schaefer Family Campus for our 36th Interfaith Weekend. This year we focus on our mutual Psalms of Healing through a Jewish and Catholic lens, featuring guest speaker, Msgr. Stephen Bosso from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Tampa.



Msgr. Bosso was born and raised in Pensacola, FL, where he was ordained a priest in that Diocese in 1978. He earned his BA and Master of Divinity at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio and earned his Licentiate of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute also attending the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Most recently, he completed a Doctorate in Ministry in Homiletics from the Aquinas Institute in 2018.

In March of 2021, Msgr. Stephen Bosso was awarded the Marten Visiting Faculty Fellowship in Preaching at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. The Marten Project promotes excellence in preaching and involves his instruction in their M.Div. degree program.



Shabbat Unplugged

Friday, February 11 | 6:00pm Beck Family Campus 6:00 – 6:30pm

"Preneg" with snacks, veggies and dips! 6:30 – 7:15pm Shabbat Unplugged 7:15 – 9:00pm Dinner and schmooze

Join us for a fun and relaxed Shabbat experience outside in the Big Backyard at the Beck Family Campus. Bring your folding chairs and blankets as we bring in Shabbat together outdoors. Casual clothing required! BYOD! Bring your own dinner, or purchase food from one of the food trucks, hang out and schmooze with your friends! RSVP to tbeboca.org/events

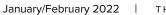


The Golden Calf Friday, February 18 | 7:30pm This week we read the Torah portion, Ki Tisa, which describes how the Israelites lost faith and built a golden calf. In a world with so many temptations- some good and some bad- how do we keep our faith and stay on the right path? This Shabbat we will explore how our Torah and traditions guides us to the good.

Shabbat Honoring Black History Month

Friday, February 25 | 7:30pm

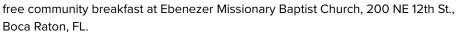
This Shabbat we will welcome Charlene
Farrington, Executive Director of the
Spady Cultural Heritage Museum in
Delray Beach. The Spady Museum
discovers, collects and shares the
African-American history and heritage
of Palm Beach County. Ms. Farrington will share
with us how the local Jewish community can
support their work.



City of Boca Raton MLK Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, January 17, 2022 Events at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church and Mizner Park Join Temple Beth El, the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association, DISC of Pearl City, and the City of Boca Raton for a ceremony and celebration honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., featuring City officials, inspirational speeches and musical performances.

The day begins with a



At 10 am, we will march from Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church to Mizner Park, a walk of about three-quarters of a mile.

Following the march, the program will begin, with speeches and reflections from city officials, community leaders, the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association, and DISC of Pearl City. Those who choose not to march are encouraged to arrive at Mizner Park around 10:30am.

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





Saturday, February 12, 2022 8:00am – 12:00pm

dream

Help build a house for at-risk families who benefit from the life-changing opportunity of homeownership.

Minimum age to participate is 16 years.

Absolutely 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.

Registration is limited to 8 participants, but we will create a waiting list for those who wish.

Register at

tbeboca.org/social-action.

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

Racial Equity Newsletter Discussion Group

Thursday, February 24, 2022 7:00 – 8:30 pm Zoom – Register in Advance

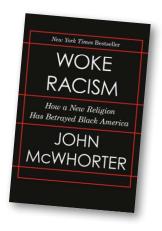
The fourth issue of Equality,
Temple Beth El's Racial Equity
Newsletter will focus on John
McWhorter's new book Woke
Racism. Join the leaders of our
Racial Equity Leadership Team
to discuss the ideas shared in
the book, as well as articles,
podcasts, and videos about
them. The discussion group will
be led by fellow Temple Beth El
members.

Register at

tbeboca.org/social-action

If you are interesting in being added to the distribution list for *Equality*, or have any other questions, please contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at

gweisman@tbeboca.org.



Spady Cultural Heritage Museum in Delray Beach

Saturday, February 26, 2022 Bus departs and returns to the Schaefer Family Campus 9:30am-12:30pm

The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum is dedicated to discovering, collecting and sharing the African-American history and heritage of Palm Beach County. In commemoration of Black History Month, Temple Beth El will be visiting the



museum, meeting with their executive director Charlene Farrington, and touring (via bus) the larger historically Black community of Delray Beach.

Space is limited, so please register early. Register at

tbeboca.org/socialaction. For more

information contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org.



Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk

Sunday, January 16, 2022 7:00am – 11:00am Florida Atlantic University

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

Register or donate at **tbeboca.org/social-action**. For more information, contact Rabbi Greq Weisman at 561-391-8900 or **gweisman@tbeboca.org**.

CHAVURAH AND ISRAEL CIRCLE CONNECTION

An Afternoon with Dr. Mordecai Paldiel

former Director of the Department of the Righteous at Yad Vashem

> Sunday, January 9, 2022 3:00 - 4:30pm **Schaefer Family Campus** & Virtual Beth El/Zoom

RSVP by January 7, 2022 at tbeboca.org/events or to Rachael Rand at rrand@tbeboca.org Join us for this special event (in-person at the Schaefer Family Campus or on Zoom), only available to our Chavurah and Israel Circle members.

This event is part of Project Nuremberg, underwritten by Jay and Marilyn Weinberg.

Dr. Mordecai Paldiel is a leading scholar on the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust. Born in

Antwerp, Belgium, in 1937, to Jewish parents who had moved there from Poland – during the German invasion of Belgium, in May 1940, the family fled to France. In September 1943, with the help of the Catholic cleric Simon Gallay, the family fled to Switzerland, where they stayed until the war's end -- then returned to Belgium. In 1950, the

family moved to the USA, and settled in Brooklyn.

In 1962, Mordecai Paldiel made Aliyah and studied at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Paldiel was nominated director of the Righteous Among the Nations Department, at Yad Vashem - the country's national Holocaust Memorial, a post he occupied from 1982 to 2007. During that 24-year stint, under Paldiel's stewardship, some 18,000 non-Jewish men and women from various countries were awarded the prestigious honor of "Righteous Among the Nations," by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, for their role in saving Jews from the Nazis at considerable risks

to themselves.

Dr. Paldiel has published numerous books and articles on the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust.



Children Memorial, Holocaust History Museum, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel -Photo by klevit.shaw.ca

Join a Chavurah or Circle

Temple Beth El members are welcome to join a Chavurah or a Circle! Visit tbeboca.org/small-groups for more information, or:

For Chavurot, contact Rachael Rand at rrand@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900 ext. 3178. For Beth El Circles, contact Julie Guzy at jguzy@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2918.



Friday, April 29, 2022

With Dr. David Frey, Professor of History and Founding Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the United **States Military Academy at West Point** Dr. Frey was featured on a recent 60 Minutes episode about the Ritchie Boys, the secret U.S. unit bolstered by German-born Jews that helped the Allies beat Hitler.

The Marilyn and Jay Weinberg Rule of Law Award and the Civility Award will be presented to

honorees including Dr. David Frey and Robin Bresky.

CLE credits pending

Project Nuremberg is underwritten by the generosity of Jay and Marilyn Weinberg.

Lunch & Learn

JANUARY

What Jewish Texts Say on Gender, Ethics and Power

Rabbi Sarah Mulhern Tuesdays, January 11, 18, 25 (no class January 4) 12:00 – 1:00pm

Virtual Beth El only/ Zoom and Livestream



Rabbi Sarah Mulhern serves at
Base LNCLN, a Jewish home for
college students and young adults
in Chicago. She is also a faculty
member at the Shalom Hartman
Institute where she led the Created
Equal Project on topics related to
gender, ethical leadership, and moral
use of power. She was ordained by

the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College and received private rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Daniel Landes with a Masters in Jewish Education from Hebrew College. She is an alumna of Yeshivat Hadar, Pardes Institute, Drisha Institute, Beit Midrash Har El, Brandeis University, and the Wexner Graduate Fellowship and lives in Chicago with her husband, Rabbi William Friedman, and their children.

FEBRUARY

The Making of Modern Israel in Security and Society

Harvey Leven



Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22 12:00 – 1:00pm Hybrid: In person and Virtual

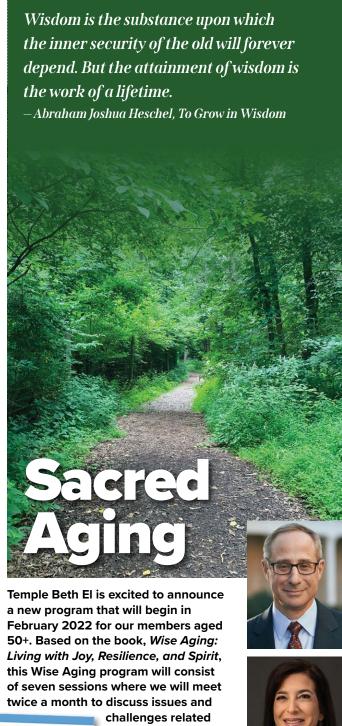
Beth El/Zoom and LivestreamWe are blessed to welcome educator
Harvey Leven to Temple Beth El. He

Harvey Leven to Temple Beth El. He holds a M.A. degree from Brandeis University in Near Eastern and

Judaic Studies, and a B.A. Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Judaic Studies. He also studied for three years at Israeli universities.

In 2019 Mr. Leven became the Founding Director of the Melton School of Adult Jew-ish Learning in Jacksonville, Fl. From 2008 – 2019 Mr. Leven served as the Sr. Director of School Services for the Jewish Federation. Mr. Leven served as the Education Director of Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C. for 23 years.

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challenges related to growing older. We will explore Jewish teachings related to aging along with additional modalities

such as mindfulness, meditation, contemplative listening, art, and music. Our plan is to begin with three cohorts consisting of 10-12 people per cohort, and will be sharing more details in the

coming weeks. If you are interested in joining us on this inspiring journey, register at tbeboca.org/sacredaging or reach out to Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah at apessah@tbeboca.org.

SISTERHOOD

A Message from Sisterhood



BY LISA WOLFE SWARTZ AND SUSAN JUSTER GOLDSTEIN SISTERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS sisterhood@tbeboca.org

Sisterhood is a wonderful place to make friends of all ages and stages of life; attend interesting events, do important volunteer work, and raise money that supports Temple Beth El! Here are a few of the projects that Sisterhood supports:

- Healing Blankets (made through Sisterhood Knit & Nosh)
- Shiva Platters
- Tribute Notes and notices (to show support for your friends in both their sorrow and happiness)
- Latkes! Together with ELC, we sold those delicious latkes that so many of you enjoyed. The profits are fed back to ELC for special events, like Chanukah parties, Grandparents Day, etc.

When you join Sisterhood, your dues go for so many positive projects! Please join today at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

SIT WITH YOUR SISTERS

Every Second Friday night of the Month: Sisterhood invites you to meet at the Gift Shop by 7:15pm, so that we can go into the sanctuary and sit together. No one should ever feel alone at Temple Beth El. Sit with your Sisters!



Peru Exhibit at the Boca Raton Museum of Art

Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:00am

We are touring the exciting new Machu Picchu exhibit at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, at a reduced Sisterhood rate! Afterwards, we will walk to Mizner Plaza for a lovely lunch at a restaurant TBD, separate checks.



Felice Cohen

AUTHOR, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:00pm \$10/ Zoom link provided upon registration. Felice Cohen is an Author, Motivational Speaker, and Organizer Extraordinaire! She chose to live large in a 90 square foot NYC studio apartment. There are children's closets bigger than that! So how did she do it? Organization!

Join us as we learn how to be motivated to do more of what we love by letting go of extra stuff.

Felice will share her secrets with us, such as:

- Do laundry less often; own more underwear.
- · Go from "Buy, buy!" to "Buh-bye!"
- Holding onto stuff can hold you back.
 Let it go.

A YouTube video about her experiences went viral with over 25 million views, gaining media

attention across the globe! Felice has been featured on Good Morning America, NBC, CBS, Fox5, Sirius, NPR, Time, Forbes, Globe & Mail, New York Daily News, and the Daily Mail to name a few. This freedom from space and high rent allowed her to focus on writing an award-winning book about her grandfather's Holocaust experience, What Papa Told Me. Meanwhile, the media attention from her reduced space prompted her to write another book, 90 Lessons for Living Large in 90 Square Feet (...or more), which is the recipient of numerous self-help book awards. Join us as we learn how to be motivated to do more of what we love by letting go of extra stuff.

Swinging into 2022

BY CARLOS ROMERO AND KEVIN ROMER BROTHERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS brotherhood@tbeboca.org Your Brotherhood finished 2021 with plenty of excitement and momentum as we moved into 2022, creating connections and programming to help our synagogue family grow closer.

Speaking of swinging, over 130 golfers and 180 total supporters joined a full day celebration of our special honorees Drs. Robert and Andrea Colton, and the important mission of the Brotherhood and Temple for our annual Golf event. We reached an unprecedented level of attendees and proceeds raising over \$130,000!

For Chanukah, we brought together new members at our Latkes and Vodka networking event. New relationships have evolved out of these events that add to our community. Several new temple members got to know Brotherhood at one of these events and enthusiastically joined.

We aren't sitting on our laurels. We have an exciting program coming up on January 25th at

7:30pm that you will not want to miss. Last year during the latest Hamas-Israel dust-up, the Iron Dome system protected many people in Israel. The system was almost shut down before it was ever fully

deployed. A man with first-hand insight to the tense negotiations within the Pentagon will be speaking to us.

Eric Lynn served as a Senior Advisor to the



Secretary of Defense and as Special Advisor on the Middle East in the Policy Office of the Secretary of Defense. He advised three U.S. Secretaries of Defense (Robert Gates, Leon Panetta and Chuck Hagel) at the Pentagon, as well as the Undersecretaries for Policy, focusing on National Security and a range of Middle East issues. Eric served as the Secretary's lead on the Iron Dome counter rocket system since its inception in 2009. As director of the US-Israel defense relationship, Eric worked on Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME). He was the Secretary of Defense's representative to the State Department's Israeli-Palestinian negotiations team.

This will be an interesting program that you want to attend. RSVP at **tbeboca.org/brotherhood**

Please let us know if there are other people that we should invite to speak to our community. There are also sponsorship opportunities at our Brotherhood events. If you have a business you would like to promote, leverage our platform of events and speak to a great group. L'Chayim!













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It's been exciting to see our students enjoy learning Hebrew in a fun and interactive way. Our goal is to integrate Hebrew into every aspect of our program. Starting in kindergarten with Hebrew Through Movement up through an intensive Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation, students will be learning both modern day Hebrew, and Hebrew used in prayers. Students will feel well prepared for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and able to use this knowledge throughout their lives.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

HEBREW THROUGH MOVEMENT

Every Sunday, small groups of students work with native Hebrew speakers to learn to understand and speak Modern Hebrew words and phrases. By listening and speaking, students are able to build a foundation of familiarity with the sounds and flow of the language, creating an easy onramp to reading Hebrew as they follow along in T'fillah to the prayers.

JEWISH LIFE VOCABULARY

Every week, new Hebrew or Yiddish phrases that are part of our Jewish communal lexicon, are introduced to our students. These phrases enhance their Hebrew and tie them to our ancestors and the larger global community.

WEEKLY PARTICIPATION

Families are encouraged to participate in Shabbat services regularly, either in person or online on our website. This is the best way to help our students learn and feel comfortable with our liturgy and flow of the services.

DECODING BOOT CAMP

A year before a child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah, students will work online in small groups with a Hebrew coach to refresh their decoding skills. This class meets online once a week for 30 minutes for about 5 weeks.

T'FILLAH (PRAYERS)

Every Sunday, our clergy lead us through Hebrew prayers that students will know and use for their lifetime. Our students lead these same prayers at their Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. In addition to teaching the Hebrew, we teach the prayers in developmentally appropriate way so students grasp the melody and overall flow of a service. We talk about sanctuary behavior and about the spiritual components of prayer as a community and as individuals.

DECODING

Starting in spring of 5th grade, our students start to recognize Hebrew letters and vowels so they can sound them out to make the Hebrew words they have been learning all along. With students' bar and bat mitzvahs on the horizon, they are motivated to learn- and retain- Hebrew decoding fundamentals. They are taught to read words that will help them learn their prayers and Torah and Haftarah portions.

ONE-ON-ONE HEBREW COACHING

Once students are able to decode, they will be assigned to a Hebrew coach to work one on one for 30 sessions of a half hour. During these sessions they will be taught new prayer and Torah material which they will need to practice independently to master before the next session. By the end of the sessions, students should be ready to lead services and read from the Torah for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. All of our prayers are available on our website to assist in their practicing, and our Hebrew coaches are available for additional sessions if parents choose to hire them individually.

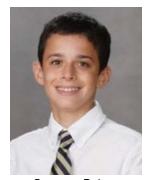
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The Great Outdoors



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

When the Beck Family Campus was constructed in 2009, lots of thought was given to how the building and outdoor spaces could reflect what research has shown to be the best possible environment for young children to thrive. When you walk through our spectacular campus, you can see this in practice. We have very large windows that flood the classrooms with natural light. Our covered Courtyard takes full advantage of our warm climate here in sunny South Florida by allowing us to be outside while still protected from the elements. This unique construction lends itself very well to "bringing the inside out and the outside in." By this, I mean, teachers can open their classrooms doors and run engaging centers both inside and



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outside the confines of the room at the same time. By setting up art easels, sensory bins, table-top activities and more in an outdoor environment we observe some incredible things. A child that may never try certain materials inside may be much more open to experiencing something new when it is introduced in an outdoor setting.

Perhaps the most incredible natural feature of the Beck Family Campus is our "Big Backyard." This large space includes multiple playgrounds, bike track, splash pad, basketball court, tree grove, organic vegetable garden and large field. We take full advantage of these outdoor spaces daily by scheduling our students for outdoor play multiple times a day. This year, we have introduced a new Gardening and Wellness Program run by Jennifer Isaacson that is helping us maximize the use of our backyard.

Of course, who could've known when this campus was being planned and built that we would experience a worldwide pandemic that would prevent us from coming together as a school indoors for years? Our Big Backyard has never been more of a blessing than it has

been since August 2020 when our school reopened. This incredible space has enabled us to come together for Friday morning Shabbat, welcome parents for Chanukah celebrations, and is allowing us to plan for an in-person Family Fun Day this year. We continue to explore many more innovative ways to make as much use as possible of our incredible campus with all of its outdoor features. We hope that you will join us for Family Fun Day this year to see for yourselves!



Couples in Conversation

A DISCUSSION GROUP FOR INTERFAITH FAMILIES IN OUR EARLY LEARNING CENTER

In partnership with 18Doors, a national organization that empowers people in interfaith relationships to engage in Jewish life and make Jewish choices, and encourages Jewish communities to welcome them, the Temple is looking for interested couples to engage in a

series of discussions about raising children of interfaith families in the Jewish community. The discussions will be facilitated by Rabbi Greg Weisman, who is an 18Doors Rukin Rabbinic Fellow.



Unlocking Jewish

Dates and times of the meetings will be set in coordination with the families who choose to participate.

If you are part of an interfaith family (defined by 18Doors as a



family where one of the parents is not Jewish by birth) and have a child in our Early Learning Center, you are welcome to participate. Email Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org to express your interest and be included in the cohort.

Havdalah in the Garden

Saturday, February 12 4:00pm Delray Beach Children's Garden This event is \$30 per family unit. Includes garden tour, crafts, snacks and beverages



important dates

Monday, January 3 -School Resumes

Wednesday, January 12 -Pajama Day

Monday, January 17 -MLK Day - No SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 18 -Tu B'shevat - Holiday Celebrations -School in Session

Saturday, January 29 -Family Fun Day - 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday, February 9 - PreK Portraits

Tuesday, February 15 – Steven Brown Memorial Bike Day – 4-year old classes

Wednesday, February 16 – Steven Brown Memorial Bike Day - 2-year old classes

Thursday, February 17 – Steven Brown Memorial Bike Day – 3-year old classes

Friday, February 18 -Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 21 -Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

Parenthood

Wednesday, January 12 – Parenthood Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 23 -Parenthood Meeting 7:30pm

Grandparent Days

These programs will be scheduled throughout the month of February. Details to follow



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by Shari & Craig Schwamm

speedy recovery:

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Mazel Tov To

Lara Collazo and Brandon Bunker on the birth of their son Daniel Andres Bunker, big brothers Adrian and Nicolas

Michelle and Eric Dansky on the birth of their daughter Lucy Grace Dansky, big sister Madeline and big brother Max

Danielle and Eric Rudnick on the birth of their son Mitchell Joseph Rudnick, big sister Jasmine

Lorraine and Dennis Udwin on the birth of their granddaughter Sophie Violet Siegal Wendy and Steve Walin on the birth of their granddaughter Bara Vivian Walin

Karen and Michael Goldstein on the engagement of their son Adam Goldstein to Casey Paris

 $Tamara\,Gomez\,and\,David\,Mishkel\,on\,their\,marriage$

Brigitte and Bruce Himelstein on the marriage of their daughter Taylor Himelstein to Parker Rothman

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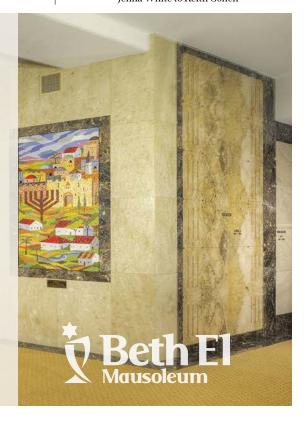
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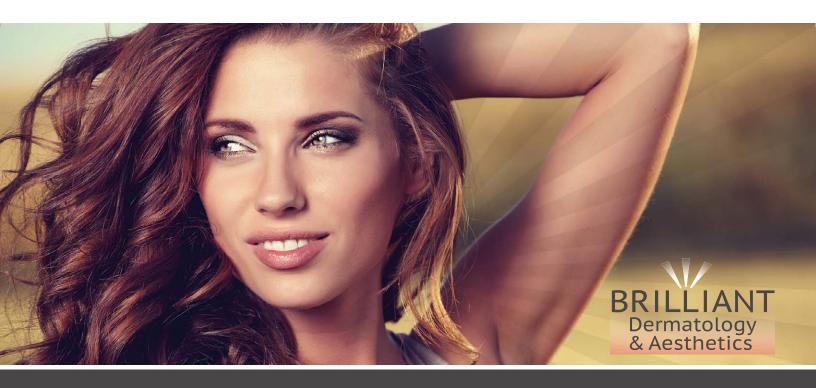


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