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BY RABBI DAN LEVIN dlevin@tbeboca.org

Robert Kennedy once said: "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"

Judaism is often described as a "Western Religion." The ethos of western thinking teaches that first you figure out what you believe, secure your faith, and then let your belief and faith drive your action.

But Judaism is different. Judaism life centers us around the idea of Mitzvah. The word מצוה – Mitzvah means "commandment." As Jews, we shape our lives around the moral, ethical, and ritual obligations that guide us hour-by-hour, day-by-day, throughout the year and the span of our lifetimes.

The concept is simple. Doing the right thing teaches you what to believe. Faith doesn't lead to action; it is action that inspires faith. The more you

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perform the "Commandments", the better you will get to know the "Commander".

It's why Jewish education looks so radically different than religious education does for other faith communities. We spend a lot less time focused on what we believe and instead focus on how we live. If we can learn how to live our lives as Jews, our faith will flow from the habits of right living.

You just can only learn some things from experience. The learning is in the doing. But the holiness of experience is one that informs us in what's right and just, and what should be the principles and values that guide our lives and moral judgments.

Rabbi Akiva taught that all 613 Mitzvot in the Torah can be expressed in the wisdom enshrined in just one: V'Ahavta L'Reiacha Kamocha – You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus Our tradition 19:18). constantly admonishes us never to stand idly by when you see someone suffering or vulnerable. There is no such thing "someone else's as problem". If someone is in pain, that needs to be our pain. The challenges facing one person in a community are to be borne by everyone in the community.



For decades, the members of Temple Beth

El have leapt into action to make a difference. From the days when Myra Singer founded The Giving Tree in her garage to help needy families celebrate the winter holidays, to our efforts to resettle Russian immigrants in their new lives in our community, to filling a full 18-wheeler with supplies following Hurricane Katrina, to rallying to ensure civil rights for LGBTQ+ members of our community, to today's efforts to bring desperately needed supplies to help Ukraine, Temple Beth El's members consistently come together to act to make a difference.

And day in and day out, members of our congregation work to help those in need, volunteering in so many different ways to make a difference in the lives of others.

In the Talmud in Pirke Avot, Rabbi Yishmael also said: "One who studies in order to act will be given the opportunity to study, to teach, to observe, and to act."

We bring deep meaning, holiness, and sanctity into our world through living lives of sacred deeds. As Rabbi Shimon ben Gamaliel said: "The main thing is not study – it is action."

Make A Difference



BY WENDY WALIN TEMPLE BETH EL PRESIDENT wwalin@tbeboca.org

Did you ever stop to think about when you first realized you can make a difference in the world? Many of the values I learned about helping others started as a child from the examples learned from my parents and my Jewish upbringing. Pirkei Avot has some of the most cited Jewish texts including "If I am only for myself, who am I? (1:14)", "The world stands on three things:

Torah, service, and acts of loving kindness (1:2)", and "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it (2:21)".

These core values shape the type of life you choose to live. We see this in so many of our temple members who volunteer their time and

There are so many things that I am proud of as a member of Temple Beth El. One of the most gratifying is knowing that from our youngest members in the Early Learning Center to our oldest congregants, we are truly making a difference in the world. resources to help others. Our Social Action Committee works to raise awareness and support many important causes. The temple's weekly tzedakah collection goes into a tzedakah fund which is then disbursed to non-profit organizations to support their critical work.

Our temple has a Mitzvah of the Month program, and our Early Learning Center does as well.

At the Early Learning Center, tzedakah is collected and our children are taught about acts of kindness. Every week the teachers of our Pre-K classes choose a "Mitzvah Mensch". On Shabbat, this student is presented with a certificate in recognition of their acts of kindness. Recently, one teacher nominated her entire class because of their overwhelming support and understanding of the children and orphans in Ukraine.

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WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members from February 1, 2022 through March 29, 2022. Additional members 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.

Michael W. Bass Ellen Berman Jordon Brown Beverly DiCarlo Gloria Dorfman Ashley Amaya & Tyler Fritz Eileen & Marc Grubard Alan & Nancy Hoffman Jennifer Chan & Sean Kupfer Donna & Jeffrey Lamm Wendy & Thomas Lardin Sara & Darrell Marc Sylvia & Jeffrey Pessin Ron Rosen & Laura Winter Maureen Schulman Ann Marie Stoltz & her children, Jacob & Samantha Lorne & Rhonda Tomalty

Sheila Kieffer & Hilton Wiener & their child, Scott

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COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE TEMPLE BETH EL

Annual Meeting & Dinner A TASTE OF ASIAN CUISINE!





6:00 M Dinner Selection f:}) Annual Meeting in Social Hall

The Annual Meeting is generously sponsored by Toshiba Business Systems.

Please help us honor our outstanding volunteers and professionals as we celebrate this past year at Temple Beth El.

We invite you to join us on a culinary Asian journey through our Great Hallway with stops in Japan, China, and Thailand!

Destination selections will include warm edamame, Japanese salad with ginger dressing, Gyoza, Vegetarian fried rice, beef with broccoli, Thai papaya salad, Vegan Tofu pad thai, crispy spring rolls and more!

Adults | \$29 • Children ages 5 -13 | \$16 Children under 5 | Free Prices increase to \$34/\$19 after May 26, 2022

To RSVP for dinner and /or the Annual Meeting, please register online at **tbeboca.org/annualmeeting** or call Sharon Stern at 561-391-8900

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- Confirm the slate for the 2022-2023 Board of Trustees
- Present the 2022-2023 Operating Budget
- Present the Joseph Q. Kline Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism Award to Barry Podolsky
- Present the John Rogers Award for Exemplary Professional Service to Aileen Spilka
- Present the Robin L. Eisenberg Jewish Learning and Living Award to Dr. Ora Meles.

Mazel Tov to the 2022 Award Winners

Aileen Spilka John Rogers Staff Award For Exemplary professional service

Mazel Toy to Aileen Spilka the recipient of the 2022 John Rogers Staff Award for Exemplary Professional Service recognizing her consistent demonstration of superior performance, and a willingness to go above and beyond what is asked of her.

Aileen joined the Beth El staff in 2013 as a Development Associate supporting the Temple's fundraising efforts. Aileen held that position for two and half years, and in 2016 transitioned to the clergy office where she quickly became incredibly valuable as a Clergy Senior Associate supporting the administrative needs of our rabbis and cantors. Aileen is the quintessential team player. She never hesitates to help others regardless of how busy she is. You will never hear Aileen say "no". Whatever is needed, we can always count on her to say "yes" with a smile. Aileen also has a wonderful way of speaking with and helping our members, particularly when they are dealing with a crisis or an end-of-life situation. She is patient, kind, helpful and responsive. It takes a special type of person to do what she does and she excels way beyond expectations day-in-and-day-out. Aileen is also highly competent, efficient, professional and



knowledgeable. She finds new and better ways of doing things and she has trained countless new hires on how we do things at Temple Beth El.

We are so grateful for Aileen's nine years of dedicated service to Beth El. Congratulations Aileen on this welldeserved award!

Barry Podolsky Joseph Q. Kline Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism Award



We are proud to announce Barry Podolsky as the winner of this year's Joseph Q. Kline Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism award. Barry and his wife Susan have been members of Temple Beth El for 35 years. They were both involved in leadership at Temple Sinai in North Miami: the Greater Miami Jewish

Federation and the Michael-Ann Russell JCC prior to moving to Boca Raton.

Upon moving to Boca Raton in 1987, they immersed themselves in Jewish life and committed themselves to leadership roles at Temple Beth El. Barry has served on the Board of Trustees in nearly every capacity – Trustee, VP Religious Activities, VP Finance (2x), Executive VP, and President of the Board. Barry also chaired the fundraising efforts for two major capital campaigns – Building Tomorrow Today and Fulfilling the Promise. Between the two campaigns, Barry was instrumental in helping to raise more than \$30 million.

Barry helped supervise the design and construction of the Beck Family Campus in 2009 and was integral to the design and construction of the renovations to the Schaefer Family Campus. Barry personally supervised the design and construction of the second phase of the Beck Family Campus construction in 2018, including the two new classroom wings and the Kehilah Center.

Barry has also been instrumental in the planning of the upcoming expansion of the Beth El Mausoleum, and has worked to enhance nearly every facet of Temple Beth El's program and operations. Barry has worked to help develop and mentor other board members and future leaders of the Temple.

The number of hours Barry has devoted to Temple Beth El truly cannot be counted. He brings an extremely high level of excellence and dedication to all of his volunteer efforts at Temple Beth El. We are so pleased to bestow this well-deserved honor on Barry Podolsky.

Dr. Ora Meles

ROBIN L. EISENBERG JEWISH LEARNING AND LIVING AWARD

Mazel Tov to Dr. Ora Meles who is the recipient of the 2022 Robin L. Eisenberg Jewish Learning and Living Award. It comes as no surprise that her peers nominated Dr. Meles. She is always willing to help her fellow teachers with pedagogic ideas, classroom management strategies, content resources, online teaching techniques and meaningful ways to engage our teenage teaching assistants in the classroom.

Dr. Meles joined the Temple Beth El Religious School faculty in 1993 as a Hebrew and Judaics teacher. This year, our curriculum has changed for both Judaics and Hebrew. Not only was Dr. Meles up for the challenge of creating new content for both, she even agreed to teach two grade levels when hearing we were short staffed. She is the ultimate partner with her teaching teams, always sharing her lesson plans and providing peer-topeer professional development, knowing that our school is stronger when all teachers feel confident and can reach their goals. Dr. Meles represents Temple Beth El in the Partnership 2Gether Twinning project through the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County that connects our students to peers living in Zichron Yaacov, our sister city in Israel.

After serving in the Israeli Defense Forces as an officer, Dr. Meles came to South Florida to start her teaching career. She holds a Masters in Multicultural Education and a PhD in Philosophy of Educational Leadership. She was a 5th grade teacher at Del Prado, a middle school teacher at Odyssey Middle



School and is now a Program Planner in the Department of Professional Development for the School District of Palm Beach County.

We are so proud and honored to have Dr. Ora Meles start her 30th year with Temple Beth El's Religious School this fall.

Do the Right Thing

BY RABBI GREG WEISMAN gweisman@tbeboca.org

Each of these congregants have found a way, in partnership with the Temple, to do immense good in the community. Mariya Kemper-Reiss, through Ukraine relief work, Joel Ivers through work with the Racial Equity Task Force, Mike Sirowitz through work with the LGBTQ+ task force, and Leslie Steinberg through the Giving Tree. **"Do not remain indifferent."** We read this in the Book of Deuteronomy, in a series of instructions on how to treat our fellow human beings. In addition to very specific commands like returning a neighbor's lost animal or putting proper safeguards into our buildings, we receive this general instruction not to remain indifferent.

No doubt, the words appear in Torah because it is not our nature to follow them. It is easy to close our eyes and ears to the plight of the hungry, the impoverished, the refugee, or the stranger. It doesn't benefit us directly to help, and so we tell ourselves that we don't have to help.

Fortunately, for decades members of Temple Beth El have realized that while it might be difficult or time consuming, we have to help. Each of the congregants featured on these pages have found a way, in partnership with the Temple, to do immense good in the community.

The Giving Tree, year in and year out, has collected and delivered necessities to our neighbors, including holiday gifts, clothing, housewares and groceries. Leslie Steinberg and her team are methodical in identifying what is needed and how to provide it, not just at holiday time but all year round. When Mariya Kemper-Reiss, a native of Kyiv, saw the emergency unfolding in her birth country, she sprang into action to help those halfway around the world.

Mike Sirowitz and Joel Ivers, as leaders in our LGBTQ+ and Racial Equity Task Forces, are helping to guide the Temple's efforts to make our community a more just and fair place for all. They have witnessed how members of the LGBTQ+ community and the communities of color have faced adversity because of the traits with which they were born, and could not stand idly by. Each in their own way are guiding us to confront those injustices.

"Do not remain indifferent" is both a description of who we are and an aspiration of who we want to be. Not to remain indifferent means to be ready for the next opportunity, and the next after that, to help our fellow people in need.

Mike Sirowitz

Why did you get involved in LGBTQ+ activism through the Temple?

Everyone has the need and the right to feel "a part of" or included or belonging. This is often not the case for many of us who identify as LGBTQ+. While Temple Beth El is very much a welcoming and inclusive community, it was not overtly obvious. I was drawn to Temple Beth El for the religious or spiritual connection, and only later discovered how supportive the community actually is.

What, in your opinion, is the greatest impact that work has made?

By creating the LGBTQ+ task force, now known as Beth El Pride, adding the group to the temple's website and participating in Pride events in Lake Worth and Wilton Manors, we have made it clear to everyone that Temple Beth El not only supports ALL Jewish people but also provides a safe space for worship, learning, growing and socializing.

How has it made you feel to do this work?

Wonderful, appreciative and proud...of Rabbi Greg Weisman, the rest of the Clergy, my colleagues and our congregants.



ABOVE Elinor Josephson, Mike Sirowitz and Rabbi Greg Weisman at Palm Beach Pride in 2021 RIGHT Stonewall Pride 2021



ABOVE Eden Erez, Jade Alkabes and Taylor Butler at Palm Beach Pride 2022

Leslie Steinberg

Why did you get involved with The Giving Tree?

In 2005 I had just moved to Boca from Boston and was contacted by Myra Singer via Rabbi Jessica to learn more about the Giving Tree. After meeting with Myra and others, I certainly felt the opportunity to make an impact for those most in need in our local community and doing this is something I've tried to engage in since I can remember, so I said yes when asked to get involved.

What, in your opinion, is the greatest impact that work has made?

I think the fact that we can provide immediate relief to local people in need, even if it is a temporary fix on the road to something more permanent, is rewarding and impactful. It can be as simple as a new school uniform for a child or a hotel room for a homeless family for a few nights. And everything in between, including our signature project spreading holiday joy!

LEFT TO RIGHT Linda Berger, Myra Singer, Leslie Steinberg, Judy Gordon and Robin Eisenberg



How has it made you feel to do this work? Like I am the receiver of an incredible gift. If I can make life just a little easier for just a single individual in a single moment, that's pure joy for me!



LEFT TO RIGHT Linda Berger, Suzy Broad and Lois Niles



Ukraine Relief Collection site in Boca Raton

Mariya Kemper-Reiss

Why did you get involved in Ukraine Relief?

As I watched in horror when Russia invaded Ukraine, I at first, felt paralyzed. However, in a few days I regained my strength and decided that I needed to get involved and help in any way I could. I racked my brain for all the possible connections and contacts, and landed on the one I have with the Head of the Ukrainian Postal Service. I just couldn't sit still knowing how much pain my country was going through.

What, in your opinion, is the greatest impact that work has made?

Obviously, the impact is tremendous - we are helping people in need. However, I think there is a secondary impact of getting the community involved. I feel like I often represent the face of Ukraine to many people in our area and it is a great way to promote the effort and the Ukrainian people. Getting people interested and involved is also extremely important. Many didn't even know how to find Ukraine on the map, but now, people know so much about the country.

How has it made you feel to do this work?

I obviously feel proud of the work that is being done, however, I have tremendous guilt that I'm not doing enough. I always feel like I can do more.



Mariya (center) Tom Ghebrezgi and Joel Lopez who covered the story on WPTV

To learn more about Mariya's collection of humanitarian supplies, or to support Ukraine relief visit tbeboca.org/help-Ukraine

Mark Stolzberg and Michelle Wasch with Joel at the Edmund Pettus Bridge

Joel Ivers

Why did you get involved in racial equity activism through the temple?

I have always been mindful of the immense gap in opportunities, wealth, acceptance, treatment, and much more between people who are white versus persons of color ("POC"). I grew up in an all-white community, but the neighboring town was at least 50% POC. Even as a youngster, it bothered me that I lived where homes were nicer and schools better. That early awareness sparked a desire to do something tangible and to be involved in working for equal opportunities for POC.

Temple Beth El has been the catalyst for my recent involvement in working for equality among all people. In February 2020, my wife





and I took a "Civil Rights Journey" with a Temple Beth El group, and the experience of standing on the Edmond Pettus Bridge, visiting museums and memorials, and meeting individuals who were directly involved in the Civil Rights movement – all inspired and motivated me to become active in this work at the temple.

What, in your opinion, is the greatest impact that work has made?

If we can open up eyes and minds to the realities of America's racial divide and motivate others to join us to help eliminate racial inequity, we will have an enormous impact.

Recently, in doing follow up calls for our Racial Equity Initiative at the temple, I happened to speak with one woman who said to me...."I cannot attend the next meeting, but you should know that because of the work of this group at

> the temple, I now see this issue totally differently than I did before. I recognize that I, too, must do something to overcome racial imbalances in this country."

How has it made you feel to do this work?

I feel very good about all that we have done so far, but we have much more to accomplish. As well, I believe I am becoming part of the solution. For the past 1-2 years, I have also been involved locally in a group called DISC (Developing Interracial Social Change). This is a group

of both POC and others who are working jointly on community issues that actively bring people together through local programs and initiatives.

I will feel even better when we have more people from Temple Beth El who join us and participate. Now that Covid's impact is greatly diminished, we are moving beyond reading and Zoom discussions to become active participants in community projects, programs, and special events. Please join us by subscribing to the temple racial equity newsletter, Equality, to learn more about how you can get involved.

Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at **gweisman@tbeboca.org** to subscribe to the Racial Equity newsletter.

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Sunday, May 1, 2022 3:00pm **Ebenezer Baptist Church** 200 Ruby St., Boca Raton

FAU professor Dr. Candace Cunningham will be giving a lecture on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." The event will include a reading, discussion, food and socialization.

This event is hosted by DISC

of Pearl City (Developing Interracial Social Change), a Boca Ratonbased race education and awareness group.

To register,



go to tbeboca.org/socialaction. For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org.

Stonewall Pride Parade

and Street Festival

Wilton Manors Saturday, June 18, 2022 Festival from 3:00-11:00pm Parade at 7:00pm Admission: \$5 per person at the gate



Join the Temple Beth El LGBTQ+ Circle and the LGBTQ+ Task Forces as we celebrate Pride in Wilton Manors! Stonewall Pride celebrates the historic Stonewall Riots and the start of the LGBTQ+ human rights movement and how it has shaped our community. The street festival with food and entertainment begins at 3 pm, and Temple Beth El will be marching in the parade that begins at 7 pm.

If you want to march in the parade, please go to tbeboca.org/social-action to register to be sure you get all the important information!

Questions? Contact Mike Sirowitz at msirowitz@tbeboca.org.

Juneteenth Celebration AT EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH 200 Ruby St., Boca Raton

Monday, June 20, 2022

Juneteenth is the commemoration of the end of enslavement in

the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union troops entered Galveston, Texas, releasing the last enslaved people from bondage. Juneteenth is now a Federal holiday, observed this year on Monday, June 20. DISC of Pearl City is planning a celebration for this day, with more information to come. Visit tbeboca.org/social-action to register.



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Civil Rights Journey to Georgia and Alabama



February 25-28, 2023

Join Rabbi Greg Weisman and the Temple Beth El community for a Civil Rights Journey to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham. This four-day experience will include visits to museums and historic sites and the opportunity to hear first-hand from participants in the Civil Rights movement. As Jews we ask ourselves what our responsibility is to combat oppression and reconcile historical

injustices, and this Journey is an opportunity to more deeply understand this critical period in our nation's history. Fill out the interest form at tbeboca.org/civil-rights-journey

to be sure you get the latest information.

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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 to learn about Virtual and In-Person options for attendance. All services are livestreamed at tbeboca.org/live

Blue Jeans Shabbat Celebrating Israel Independence

Day May 6, 6:00pm Schaefer Family Campus



Wear your favorite blue jeans and join us for our Shabbat service celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut! This evening we will dedicate the magnificent sculpture by Salvador Dali outside our sanctuary generously donated by our members, Alvin and Nancy Malnik. Sign up for dinner at

tbeboca.org/bluejeanshabbat. Learn more on page 5.

COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR VOLUNTEERS AT Volunteer Recognition



Friday, May 13, 6:30pm Beck Family Campus

Join us for a free pizza dinner at 6:00pm and our Shabbat service at 6:30pm. We will be honoring all of our amazing Parenthood volunteers with a special blessing, and enjoy an end of the year celebration with ice cream! Register at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat





Confirmation Shabbat and Celebrating Graduating Seniors Friday, May 13, 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

This evening we honor our confirmation students and hear reflections from our graduating seniors.

Volunteer Recognition Shabbat



Friday, May 20, 2022, 7:30pm Shabbat Service and Blessing Schaefer Family Campus

As we read the Torah portion, *Behar*, which literally means "on the mountain," we celebrate our fantastic volunteers and honor them with a special blessing.

Have you volunteered this year? Hundreds of our members have shared their time and skills, from committee work, to Chaverim Team calls, to delivering food and meals to those in need, to volunteering as leaders of Chavurot and Beth El Circles and more. We will honor and thank all of our volunteers at our annual Volunteer Recognition Shabbat.

If you are one of our many volunteers, we would like to show our thanks. Please send a photo of yourself to Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbeboca.org by Tuesday, May 10 so we can include you in a special presentation!

Shabbat Service: Memorial

Day May 27, 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

As we celebrate Shabbat on the weekend of Memorial Day, we take time to reflect on those who have given their lives and honor their memories.



Celebrate Shabbat

EARIN

Shabbat Service Bemidbar In the Wilderness

June 3, 6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

How do we find God in the wilderness? Join us as we begin the book of Numbers with Bemidbar, "In the Wilderness." On this evening, before we celebrate our Adult B'nai Mitzvah, we will celebrate their accomplishments and offer them a special blessing.

Shabbat Service Be a Blessing

June 10, 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

In this evening's Torah portion, Naso, we read the priestly benediction – the ultimate blessing. We will explore and discuss how to be a blessing.

Pride Shabbat!

Schaefer Family Campus June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. This evening wear rainbow colors to honor the movement for equality and inclusion, to celebrate recent victories against discrimination and to commit to

In wear rainbow by the movement and inclusion, to victories against and to commit to the work ahead.



Splish Splash Tot Shabbat!

Beck Family Campus

Bring your swimsuits for a super fun and wet Shabbat!

What could be better? Free pizza dinner at 6pm, a musical Shabbat service and then fun with family and friends on the splash pad! Don't forget your towels!

Please register at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat



Shabbat Service: Israel Report

June 24, 7:30pm

In this week's Torah portion, Shelach L'Cha, we read about the spies Moses sent into the land of Israel. This evening we will hear a report from Rabbi Dan Levin on his return from our Temple's Israel trip.



Shabbat Service: Welcome Rabbi Elana Rabishaw

July 1, 6:00 pm **Schaefer Family Campus**

We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Elana Rabishaw to our clergy team! Join us this evening for a special Shehecheyanu and meet our new Rabbi!



Thank G-d It's Shavuot!

A spiritual evening of teaching, craft and music **Beck Family Campus** Saturday, June 4 7:30pm – 9:30pm The number 7 is the Divine number of completion. We will use 7, a favorite religious number of Judaism, to better understand this holiday of Shavuot that marks the giving of the Torah. The evening will include teaching, craft and music and give us an immersive experience in understanding the majesty and meaning of Shavuot. We will come together for a Shavuot teaching followed by a choice of sessions that delve into the number 7 in music or craft. The evening will end with a traditional dairy dessert for the Shavuot holiday.

(See page 33 for a delicious cheesecake recipe for Shavuot.)

We invite our family, friends and community to worship with us at this very special time in our lives when the TEMPLE BETH EL ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS OF 2022/5782

is called to the Torah on Shavuot Sunday, June 5, 2022/6 Sivan 5782 Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus 10:30am

THE TEMPLE BETH EL ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS OF 2022/5782

Bonnie Arbesfeld Sue Krieger Kira Melamed-Vainberg Brooke Perez Barbara Perlmutter Meredith Schneider Judith Simon Nancy Sinrod Laurie Sprinzen



Lunch & Learn

MAY

ISRAEL AND 74 YEARS OF PROTESTS

Professor Paul Liptz Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 and 24 (No class May 31) 12:00 – 1:00pm – Zoom, Livestream and YouTube



Since the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, the act of protest has been intrinsic in Israeli Society. In honor of Israel's 74th birthday,

Professor Paul Liptz will examine the changes in protest from German Reparations to Women at the Wall.

Professor Liptz has lectured at Tel Aviv University, Hebrew Union College and around the world. He is capable of translating complex issues and realities into language we can all understand. Paul was born in Zimbabwe and has degrees from the University of Rhodesia and Hebrew University.

JUNE

VISITING THE SICK AND COMFORTING THE BEREAVED

Rabbi Steve Moss Tuesday June 7, 14, 21 & 28 12:00 – 1:00pm – Zoom, Livestream and YouTube



This month will cover a range of Jewish traditions, texts and insights in the realm of visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved and how

we confront our own mortality. This class will be a Journey Through Jewish Tradition as it guides us in caring for others through the processes of Tikkun, Repair, and Kavanah, Mindfulness.

Rabbi Dr. Steven Moss is Rabbi Emeritus of B'nai Israel in Oakdale, Long Island. He is now chaplain to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's

Department and the recipient of numerous awards including Chaplain of the Year and Rabbi of the Year from the New York Board of Rabbis, as well as recognition from the Police Department, the County Executive's office and the District Attorney's office. He recently published "God is With Me; I Have No Fear", and "A Poetical Journey Through Sefirat HaOmer". He has also written numerous articles for JewishSacredAging.com and is a member of Temple Beth El.

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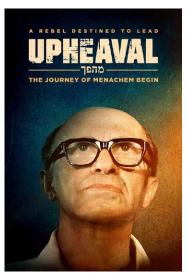
IN CELEBRATION OF YOM HA'ATZMAUT – THE 74TH BIRTHDAY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL JOIN US FOR A SHOWING OF

UPHEAVAL: THE JOURNEY OF MENACHEM BEGIN WITH FILMMAKER JONATHAN GRUBER AND PRODUCER JEFFREY GOLDBERG Followed by dessert and coffee

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 Schaefer Family Campus 7:00pm

Elected 45 years ago, Israel's 6th Prime Minister Menachem

Begin changed the politics of Israeli society in an enduring way. UPHEAVAL brings Begin's remarkable story from Belarus to the Holocaust to the Jewish Underground to Prime Minister. Rarely seen archival materials and revealing interviews showcase Begin's life in this compelling documentary.



UPHEAVAL will be followed by Q and A

with the filmmaker Jonathan Gruber and Producer Jeffrey Goldberg.

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Start with Why



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

Since assuming the role as Director of the Early Learning Center in June 2019, I have learned quite a bit. One lesson I learned early on came from Simon Sinek... "Start with the why." According to Simon, the "why" is, "The compelling higher purpose that inspires us and acts as the source of all we do." My "why" for our school is three-fold, inspired by teaching our youngest children to do what they can to make the world a better place.

Build a foundation of a strong, positive, Jewish identity. When Judaism is integrated into early childhood classrooms in a natural, daily way, we are better able to provide an environment and an educational experience to help each child and their family meet this goal. By using Jewish holidays as the cornerstones of our curriculum planning and including Jewish themes, traditions and values in everything we do, we teach caring, compassion, and kindness. By including social action, mitzvot, inclusion, and diversity in our everyday routines and lessons, we teach our students to look for the best in themselves and others.

> Α significant emphasis of our curriculum focuses on social-emotional growth and development, teaching skills like independent problem solving and conflict resolution. These are the life lessons of managing relationships with others that we hope our students will remember long after they graduate from our program. These are the skills that

individuals need to bring people together, find common ground, and form cohesive communities. We want our students to have the foundation they need to be our future leaders.

We want our students to be creative thinkers. Creativity will be needed in the future to solve some of our world's greatest challenges. By using open-ended questions and experiences coupled with process-oriented activities, we encourage our students to try new things and take calculated risks. We teach that mistakes are an opportunity for learning. We encourage reflection and self-motivation.

In the book "Understanding by Design," Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe refer to a concept of "Enduring Understandings." Enduring understandings are the big ideas that remain with us when all the little details disappear from our memories. It is my sincere hope that our "whys" at the Beth El Early Learning Center are helping to educate our youngest congregants to be "thinkers," "doers" and the leaders of our future. I am confident that, in their hands our world will be a better place.

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Volunteer Recognition Tot Shabbat FRIDAY, MAY 13 6:00pm Pizza Dinner

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important dates

Monday – Friday, May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday – Friday, May 3-6 Women in My Life Celebrations – Childcare – TBD by class

Tuesday, May 3 Women in My Life Celebrations – 4-years old classes

Wednesday, May 4 Women in My Life Celebrations 2 years old classes

Thursday, May 5 Women in My Life Celebrations 3 years old classes

Friday, May 6 Yom Ha'atzmaut Program Students Only

Wednesday, May 18 Grad Day for Pre-K Classes – Students Only

Thursday, May 19 Early Childhood Last Day of School Sunday, May 22

Pre-K Graduation *9:30am* Mighty Manatees and Proud Pandas

> **1:30pm** Fabulous Foodies, Rainbow Fish and Shining Stars

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day – Early Learning Center closed

Tuesday, May 31 First Day of Summer Camp Session 1

Monday, June 20 First Day of Summer Camp Session 2

PARENTHOOD

Wednesday, May 18 Last Meeting of the School Year

Saturday, May 21 Graduation Set Up at SFC



EARLY LEARNING CENTER Graduation 2022 SUNDAY, MAY 22

Pre-K Graduation

9:30am Mighty Manatees and Proud Pandas

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Turning Values Into Action



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

How many times do you remember your parents telling you to do your homework, pick up after yourself, or to be nice to your sibling? Do you hear yourself saying the same or similar things to your own children day after day? Most likely the replies resemble something like "I know" or "I will". They know they need to do their homework, be nice others and clean their rooms, yet, we still find ourselves reminding our youngsters to do these things often, sometimes even hourly!

As children grow, our voices, reminding them to do the right thing, start to become part of their conscious when it becomes decision making time. At this point, it is up to them to listen to those voices, or not.

In Religious School we often turn to stories

that highlight our Jewish values often, giving our students a bank of examples to choose from when they need inspiration or encouragement in their lives. Our classroom discussions, infused with Torah, are our learning labs. Their actions outside of the classroom are where

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they test these theories. We are your partners in empowering our children to make the right choices and we will continue to help them speak up and take action when they see wrong in the world.

> Mazal Tov!!

Next year, our teen council will have a strong social justice and tikkun olam component and in addition to the values we learn in every grade in Religious School, our family Beyachad programs, for 3rd-5th graders and for post B'nai Mitzvah students and their parents, will focus on transforming values our into action. If you have any questions about our programming, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Religious School office.

THE 2022 CONFIRMATION GLASS OF TEMPLE BETH EL Invites you to share in its

Confirmation Service

SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 10:00 AM Schaefer Family Campus

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SISTERHOOD

Making the World a Better Place



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

Greetings from Sisterhood! The theme of this Chronicle is woven into every Sisterhood event: how can we make the world a better place? Friendship, fun, happiness are all parts of attaining this goal. So, we strive to make Sisterhood inviting to women of all ages and all stages of life; come alone to an event and walk out with a new friend. Attend Sisterhood events as a participant and/or volunteer and feel the instant connection with other, likeminded women.

During a recent event, the Passover Experience, we celebrated the brave Jewish female resistance fighters during WWII, as well as the brave women who are fighting in Ukraine. We honored Lottie Nilsen with our annual Woman of Valor award: she epitomizes the spirit of involvement to make the world a better place.

There is a Sisterhood Survey that should be in your inbox, asking for your opinions and programming ideas. Please take a moment of your time to answer.

Sisterhood will always be here to raise the funds needed to deliver Shiva platters to a grieving family; make Healing Blankets to ease someone's hurt; to support the temple and ELC in special programs, like Grandparents Shabbat or Family Fun Day. We will always open the Gift Shop after Shabbat services as a gathering place to schmooze and shop. Sisterhood is here for every woman in Temple Beth El.

We are already planning for next year, which will start off with a crowd favorite: BINGORITA! Bingo and margaritas and laughter and fun! Watch for the announcement for this, plus our brand-new fun fund-raiser "Honey from the Heart": send some honey to your honeys for the High Holidays.

BROTHERHOOD

The Boys of Summer

BY CARLOS ROMERO AND KEVIN ROMER BROTHERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS brotherhood@tbeboca.org



upcoming events

Annual Meeting June

Networking and Entrepreneur Event Fall

Annual Golf Event November/December As the Brotherhood moves into summertime, it brings to mind one of the classic novels whose title says it all... "The Boys of Summer". As captured by the book review, the

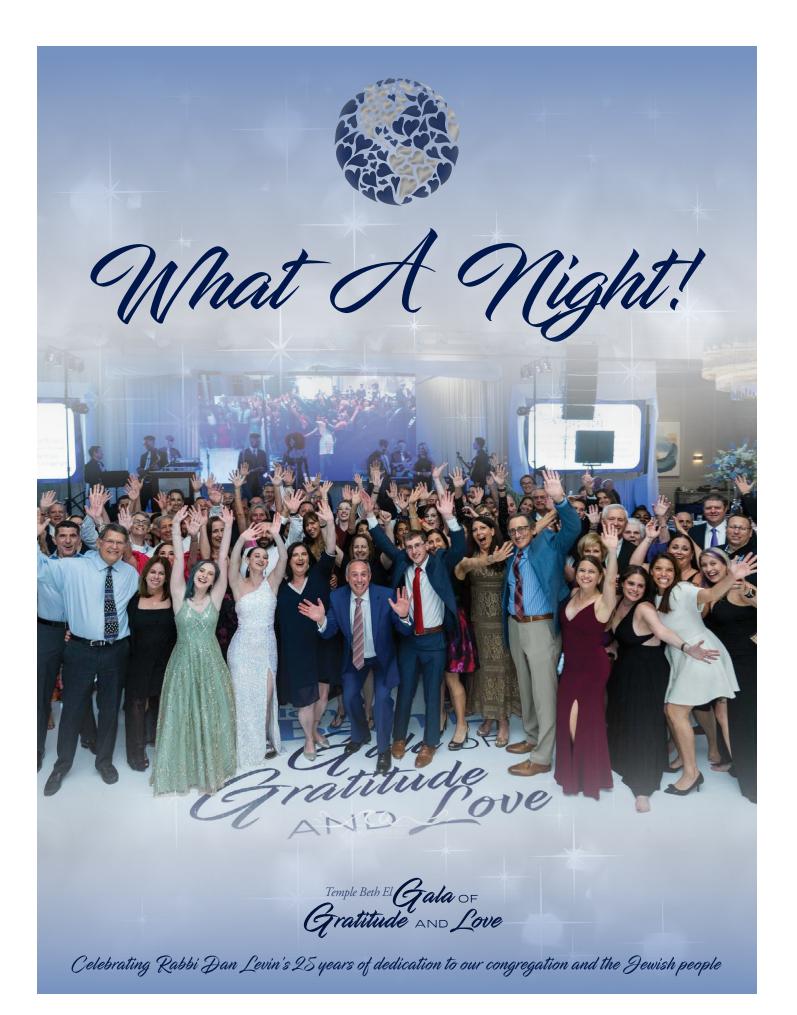
> classic narrative of growing up within shouting distance of Ebbets Field, covering the Jackie Robinson Dodgers, and what's happened to everybody since. In short, it is a book about America, about fathers and sons, prejudice and courage, triumph and disaster, and told with warmth, humor, wit, candor, and love.

A book about the Brotherhood could carry many of those same stories and messages. Like fathers and sons, there are different generations of active members from empty-nesters to fathers of children in the Early Learning Center. Regarding diversity and courage, the Brotherhood has helped the community with programs supporting children at the Wayne Barton Center with new bicycles and safety training and Giving Tree distribution to underprivileged neighborhoods. In the area of triumph and disaster we continue to support the people of Ukraine as well as The Honor Flight Network's mission to fly our nation's veterans to Washington DC to visit the memorials and monuments dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifice.

The stories in the Boys of Summer also highlight the great relationships among the team members which was a key reason that the team was so successful and beloved by its fans and supporters. Likewise the Brotherhood is composed of relationships that unite our group through good times and hardship which we have shared over the recent years.

We have had so many group programs recently including the Entrepreneur Panel, The Humor Seder, Mother's Day Brunch and as we approach the end of the year, we are meeting to vote on our newest slate of leaders as well as to plan the exciting programs for the next fiscal year.

So now is a great time to join or get more involved since we are always looking for great people with great ideas, great initiative, great teamwork, and great attitude to make the Brotherhood as great as it can be!











On Saturday, April 9th, Temple Beth El held its Gala of Gratitude and Love to honor Rabbi Dan Levin for his 25 years of dedication to Temple Beth El and our Jewish Community. In addition to celebrating Rabbi Dan's milestone, the Gala raised critical funds for Temple Beth El and The Rabbi Dan Levin Jewish Ideas Incubator.

Your gratitude and love for Rabbi Dan filled not just a ballroom, but all of our hearts. Smiles, laughter, tears and thunderous applause echoed amongst the 600 members of Temple Beth El and our surrounding communities in attendance that evening at Boca West.

The elements of the evening culminated into a tribute worthy of the incredible dedication Rabbi Levin has made over the past 25 years of his rabbinate. Guests were treated to a stunning video tribute, with remarks by our wonderful co-chairs Patty Beck, Bonnie and Jamie Schaefer, Marla Schaefer & Steven Weishoff and Marilyn & Jay Weinberg.



Mason Slaine, the lead benefactor for the Rabbi Dan Levin Jewish Ideas Incubator was unable to attend, but a touching video tribute from Mason to Rabbi Dan was shown, accompanied by the Rabbi's Incubator Video, both of which were applauded with tremendous admiration and appreciation.

Our incredible Gala would not have been possible without our dedicated committee. A special thanks to Debi Averbook, Patty Beck, Karen Dern, Fran Nachlas, Susan Podolsky, Dale Pratt, Linda Schmier and Peter Wohlgemuth.



The Gala was an evening that Rabbi Dan, and hopefully all who participated, will surely never forget.

Thanks to you, The Gala of Gratitude and Love raised funds that netted over \$1,000,000 — and more importantly, gave our beloved Rabbi Dan the honor he so very deserved. — Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development









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Mazel Tov on 25 years of the Rabbinate! We are so fortunate to have you here at Temple Beth El! Best Wishes, Diana and Jeff Grubman, Karen and Jeff Press, Lisajane and Kevin Romer, Debbi and Larry Rosenblum, Trish and Mark Schaum, Sharyn and Bob Schneiderman, Shari and Craig Schwamm, Mara and Michael Shapiro, Lauren and David Tolces, Tracy and David Weinstein, Lisa and Andrew Zwick

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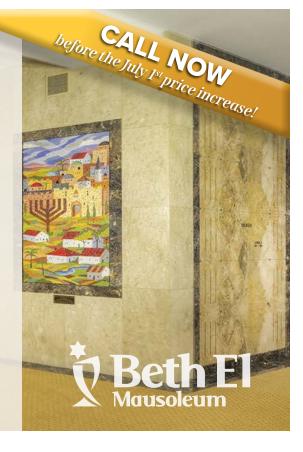
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Cheesecake for Shavuot

Special Equipment 9-10-inch springform pan

For the Crust

6 ounces Graham crackers 1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 stick unsalted butter, melted

For the Filling

1 pound cottage cheese
1 pound cream cheese
1 pound cream cheese
1 /2 cups cup sugar divided
4 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 /2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 stick unsalted butter, melted and cooled
1 pint sour cream
1/4 teaspoon baking powder

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. In the bowl of a food processor, blitz the graham crackers, sugar and cinnamon until they resemble coarse bread crumbs. Add the melted butter and pulse until it looks like a wet sandy mixture.

Place the mixture in a springform pan and press down to form a crust on the bottom and up the sides of the pan. It is OK if it doesn't reach all the way up the side of the pan — halfway is fine. You can also use the bottom and sides of a cup to do this to press the crumbs against the pan. Set aside Push the cottage cheese and cream cheese through a sieve into a large mixing bowl. Stir in 1 cup of sugar, the eggs, lemon juice and vanilla.

Sift the remaining sugar with the cornstarch and flour and add this gradually to the cheese mixture. Add the melted butter and sour cream and stir to combine thoroughly.

Pour the cheese mixture into the crust. Bake for 11/2 hours. Turn off the oven and cool the cheesecake in the oven with the door open for 3-4 hours.

Note: Do not use low- or non-fat dairy ingredients.







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