Do You Believe in Miracles?
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It’s a Miracle

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN
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I remember as a young boy, watching the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team play against the Soviet Union. The Soviets, the best in the world, faced a United States team of rag-tag amateurs. No one gave the United States a chance.

Then in the third period, the United States went up 4-3. The teams battled until the last seconds, when sportscaster Al Michaels called out: "Do you believe in miracles?! YES!"

More than forty years later, people still refer to that game as "The Miracle On Ice."

A miracle is when something unbelievable happens, something that seems to defy the laws of nature. For example, when someone faces a life-threatening illness and recovers, we often call that "a miraculous recovery".

But a miracle is much more than an unexpected occurrence or deliverance from a tragedy. A miracle is an event that helps us see more clearly the presence of God in our lives.

Think about what it’s like when we wake up in the morning. The alarm goes off and we begin our morning routine. Tired and cranky, wishing we could have a few extra minutes of sleep, we head out to begin our day.

But Jewish tradition invites us to begin our day differently.

Tradition teaches that our first words on awakening should be words of gratitude for the gift of life itself: "Modeh Ani L’Fanecha – I offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign, that You have restored my soul to me..."

This focuses our attention on gratitude for all the gifts and blessings to which we are generally oblivious – that our physical bodies can sustain life, and that our souls can experience life in all its spiritual glory.

Think about it. This planet is just the right size, with just the right mix of elements that is just the right distance from the right-sized star, so that the average temperature is between 0 and 100 degrees Celsius. That’s what allows our planet to be covered with liquid water, the basic building block for life. In the scheme of things, that is an incredibly narrow span of temperatures. One might say it’s a miracle this planet, and we who call it home, exist at all.

The miracle of Chanukah is not that the oil lasted for eight days. It is that even in the darkest time in our history, in the darkest time of the year, we held onto our faith, and fought to ensure that the light of God’s presence would never be extinguished.

Chanukah is the story of our people’s dedication to the fundamental principles of goodness, freedom, justice, compassion, holiness, and peace. The miracle is not in the triumph of the Maccabees, but in our collective responsibility for the triumph of those ideals.

Do you believe in miracles? YES!
A MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Miracles Everywhere You Look

Do you ever think about miracles? During Chanukah, we tell the story of having a one-day supply of oil and the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days. This is one kind of miracle – something extraordinary that we think can only be possible through the power of God. There are many others, often associated with incredible gratitude, such as recovery or cure from illness. In times of trouble or sickness, we often pray for a miracle. Those are the big ones, the “miraculous ones”.

There are also the small, everyday miracles. I have been reminded of them every day since my granddaughter was born a year ago. The birth of this baby has brought incredible joy to our family and me. Watching her grow and seeing all of her “firsts” has been miraculous. I’m sure every parent, grandparent, aunt & uncle, can agree. The first smile, the first laugh, the first word, the first step, and the very first time those little arms are outstretched for you to pick her up. Watching a baby grow into a little person and then watching that little person grow from childhood to adulthood, those seem like miracles too.

I have met and spoken with hundreds of congregants at Temple Beth El. Many share their stories of how the temple was there for them in their time of need. From telephone calls during the pandemic, to finding friendships in a Chavurah, I’ve heard how our clergy, staff, and congregants have been there for so many people. It has led me to believe that our temple performs miracles everywhere you look.

There are also the small, everyday miracles. I have been reminded of them every day since my granddaughter was born a year ago.

BY WENDY WALIN
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Welcome New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between July 27, 2022 and September 28, 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.

Jamie & Melanie Alexander and their children, Jonathan & Madelyn
Steve Atlas & Connie Rieser
Aron & Lauren Barkan and their children, Cadence & Bryant
Brian & Noa Beck and their children, Orli & Ariel
Deborah & Jack Berger and their child, Lutra
Jill Bershad and her children, Jessica, Jack & Jolie
Marcia Birch
Elizabeth Bowman
Alex Braunstein & Melissa Baum
Ronnie & Merav Burle and their children, Noa, Jonathan & Brooke
Carol & Stan Chervin
Gale Coleman
Steven & Samantha Constantiner and their children, Max, Teddy & Leo
Ivy Copperstone
Lanie & Irwin Danels
Salome & Randall Dennis and their children, Nyle, Renee & Vier
Adam & Kim Edelberg and their children, Sam & Bari
Heather & Elliot Edelman and their children, Isaac & Matthew
Liz & Gary Edelson and their children, Colton, Cade & Sage
Rina & Shaun Elkin and their children, Sydney & Laila
David & Jill Eversole and their child, Ari
Norman & Marlene Feinstein
Lauren & Michael Fischer and their children, Mollie & Isaac
Linda Fisher
Eric Geier
Patrizia Genovese
Cindy & Peter Goffin
Daniel & Michelle Goldson and their children, Andrew & Lily
Tici Gombos and her child, Salvatore
Marcia & Jerry Gordon
Richard & Jolie Hartman and their children, Drew & Dylan
Denise & Bruce Harwin
Evelyn Hirsch
Susan & Stuart Horowitz and their child, Jake
Diane Johnson
Scott & Dana Karp and their children, Olivia & Hayden
Dara & Benjamin Katz and their children, Ryan & Josh
Rebecca Kern
Michael & Lainey Kieffer and their child, Miles
Lisa & Alan Kirschenbaum
Selma Koppelman
Elliot & Judith Krause
Steven Krause
miracles for people every day. I truly believe that if you live in awareness, you will see miracles everywhere. I invite you to join me in thinking of the miracles in your life and all that you have to be thankful for. Albert Einstein said, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

I am choosing to live as though everything is a miracle. I am not talking about extraordinary events, but the simple things that make our lives miraculous. I am taking time to count my many blessings. I hope you’ll do the same.

Joshua & Carissa Leibman and their child, Asher
Judith & Alan Levine
Dawn Levine and her child, Anna
Michelle & Joseph Levy and their children, Harry & Max
Fran Lipset
Saverio & Allison Maldari
Dorothy & Arthur Malman
Deborah Marton and her children, Gillian & Abigail
Derek & Sara Mekler and their children, Micah & Lennon
Phyllis Michaels
Ross & Brooke Miller and their children, Eden & Abby
Ellen Kimmel-Muslin & David Muslin and their child, Amy
Vincent Nero & Jill Erwich and their child, Eleanor
Debbie Kimmel & Ian Nestler
Karen & Mark Panoff
David & Amanda Pollok and their children, Matthew & Emily
Krista & Paul Rosenberg and their children, Hunter & Mason
Daryl Ross
Sandy Roth and her children, Ashley, Sarah & Lyndsey
Jeffrey & Allison Rubin
Zachary Saltzman
Amy & William Schafer and their children, Lindsey, Matthew & Jesse
Sarita Schapiro
Laura Barry & Matthew Scheer
Rita Schuster
Jana Schwalb and her child, Harley
Howard Schwartz
Paulina Spiewak
Brett & Lori Spodak and their children, Reese, Jake & Samantha
Wendy & Geoff Stahl and their children, Sydney, Madison & Mackenzie
Gail Stein
Sandi Stein
Sara & John Sundheim
Dave & Loren Szmita and their children, Keira & Tyler
Tatyana & Alexander Tenenboym
Steven & Carolyn Topper
Nicole Topper
Marsha Townsend
Caren Treiser
Kraig & Brittany Tuber and their children, Mackenzie, Kate & Miles
Camila Umansky and her child, Tomer
Daniela Franciscus & Alexi Villedrouin and their children, Andreas & Matias
Brian & Jodi Weiner and their children, Ethan & Sophie
Jennifer Weinstein and her child, Daniella
Sharon Weinstein
Cheryl Willner
Barry & Francine Wizov
Ava Zimm
Roxana & Alon Zuckerman and their child, Adam

The Beth El Bash is Back!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
April 1, 2023
7:00pm

The Beth El Bash returns to the Schaefer Family Campus for the first time since 2018!

Formal Invitation to Follow
Rabbi Dan Levin

To me, we never have to look far for miracles. Begin with our world – there is a planet that is just the right size, just the right composition of elements and minerals, just the right distance from just the right sized star that the average temperature is somewhere between 0 and 100 degrees Celsius. All those things have to come together to support and sustain life. And then you look around again, and there is the extraordinary diversity of life – plant life and animal life. And then consider human life, not simply the amazing complexity of the human organism, but the human capacity for awareness, understanding, wisdom, and love. One need only open one’s eyes to be awed and amazed by miracle. As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: “How embarrassing for man to be the greatest miracle on earth and not to understand it!” And Albert Einstein noted: “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates

First Prime Minister of Israel David Ben Gurion said, “Anyone who doesn’t believe in miracles is not a realist.” Just going about your life, there is the potential to see miracles in the every day. When I first came to Temple Beth El, the first baby naming I did was for a little girl named Madison Mazer. Over time, I was with her extended family on a variety of occasions, happy and sad, joyous and somber. One day, Madison’s mother, Dawn, was hosting a Temple event celebrating Cantor Lori’s cantorial school graduation at her house. That night I met her brother, even though I had seen him over the years at namings and B’nai Mitzvah and funerals. In that room full of people I loved, came a miracle of love; and I married the uncle of that first baby naming a few years later. Our daily, real life can be full of miracles we may have never expected.

Rabbi Greg Weisman

“Nes Gadol Hayah Sham – A great miracle happened there.” The four letters on the sides of the dreidel remind us that the story of Chanukah was a miracle for our ancestors. But what I love about our tradition is that it focuses our attention to the everyday miracles, which we bless and sanctify in the morning service. That our eyes open in the morning, discerning light from dark, and guiding our steps throughout the day. We thank the Holy One for those simple miracles, expressing our gratitude for the most important miracle of all- our lives.

Rabbi Elana Rabishaw

As a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, when I think about miracles, I think about sports, and one special night in 2016. When an unsuspecting team wins, whether it is because of money that puts one team at a disadvantage (Moneyball), or a leader who looks set up to fail (Ted Lasso), or just 108 long years of losing, the feeling of winning feels miraculous. But more than any win, sports bring people from all walks of life together to hope, to dream, to cheer, and to celebrate. Perhaps, this is the greatest miracle of sports, more than any of the underdog stories.
Cantor Lori Brock

I am continually amazed by miracles every day – the fact that nature can be so breathtakingly beautiful, people can perform extraordinary acts of kindness, music can make me cry, children and puppies can delight in a myriad of ways and wine and chocolate can be so spectacularly delicious and complex! Life is full of miracles if we just open our eyes and hearts to all the good that surrounds us.

Cantorial Soloist
Michelle Auslander Cohen

What is a miracle?

People often say that a miracle is their children, or when something wonderful and unexpected happens...or they experience something so beautiful that they cannot help but feel overwhelmed with emotion.

This overwhelming sensation comes because we have opened ourselves up to feel the beauty of that experience. Yet this beauty is always there – surrounding us, at every moment of every day.

Even right now.

We all have the ability to plug into the miracle of life and love that surrounds us and lives within us at any given moment.

Life creates life and love creates love.

This miraculous existence of life and love, for me, is just another word for God.

Cantorial Soloist
Jake Harris

To say that a miracle is an act of God is to assume that God made a choice. While this is comforting to those who have benefitted from the miracle, what does it mean for those who did not? To be spared by an accident, natural disaster, or a severe medical diagnosis seems more like luck than a conscious act of God. I believe the greatest miracles result from the choices people make. If an individual is able to kick a severe addiction after failed attempts, that is a miracle. When a close minded individual is able to see a reality broader than the one they have stuck to for so long, that is a miracle. When people come together from different cultures and belief systems to strive for the common good, that is the greatest miracle of all.
MICHELLE AUSLANDER COHEN IN CONCERT

A musical evening of romance, drama and intrigue including opera, broadway and more!

Sunday
JANUARY
8
7:00 pm
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Reserved Benefactor Seating
Preferred Seating
General Seating
Students

Enjoy a night filled with passion, drama and all of the incredible music that goes along with it! Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen will be joined by her friend, esteemed New York Cantor, David Katz, for an evening filled with all of your favorite opera and Broadway duets and more. Cantor Katz is a member of the “THE THREE JEWISH TENORS” along with Cantors Alberto Mizrachi and David Propis. He has sung with the Houston Grand Opera Symphony with Marvin Hamlisch conducting, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, as well as many other prominent Orchestras throughout the United States. The concert promises to be an exciting ride for your emotions that you will not want to miss!

Register for tickets at tbeboca.org or call 561-391-8900

Reserved Benefactor Seating $100
Preferred Seating $40
General Seating $20
Students $10
The story of Chanukah is a celebration of miracles – the miracles of faith, perseverance, dedication, and light. Come share the sixth night of Chanukah at our special Shabbat celebrating the Festival of Miracle and Lights.

Congregants of all ages will join with our clergy and musicians to retell the Chanukah story through songs of miracles, light the Chanukiah and share in the joy and fun of one of our favorite holidays!

Join us in the Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary or watch the livestream on our big outdoor screen on the lawn. Enjoy dinner, oneg, a fun photo station, games, a DJ and of course a whole latke gelt and dreidels – it will be a festival of fun!

Food trucks will have food available for purchase! Want to have a shorter wait for your food? Watch for information with links to pre-order and pay for your food so you have even more time for fun!

Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets. There will be limited outdoor seating for those who require it.

For questions or more information, please contact Julie Guzy at JGuzy@tbeboca.org or at 561-391-8900.

Sponsored by Monica, Andrew, Alexander & Stephanie Weinberg in honor of Stephanie’s Bat Mitzvah.
Celebrate Shabbat

Visit tbeboca.org/shabbat for a detailed service schedule. Or view online at tbeboca.org/live or on the Temple’s Facebook or YouTube channels.

Shabbat Service: Lech L’cha
November 4, 6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Usher in Shabbat as we mark what it means to go to Israel.

Summer 2022 Israel Trip Shabbat Reunion
November 4, 6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Participants from the Temple’s summer 2022 Israel trip are invited to Shabbat services to receive a special blessing. Following services, schmooze and enjoy Shabbat dinner together.
Register at tbeboca.org
Adults $22, Children $15
For questions, or to learn more about the 2023 Israel trip, contact Elinor Josephson at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833

B’Thankful Tot Shabbat
November 11
Pizza at 6:00pm
Service at 6:30pm
Yoga at 7:00pm
Beck Family Campus
B’Thankful and join us for a fun evening as we usher in Shabbat with a family-friendly service, followed by the amazing techniques of Yoga Yeladim (Children’s Yoga). Let the soothing positions of Yoga help you and your family relax and enjoy a peaceful and restful Shabbat!
Registration required. Please RSVP tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat
Oneg is sponsored by Outrageous Owls (122), Awesome Alligators (123) & Balloon Buddies (113).
November/December 2022

Honoring Veterans
November 11, 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
This Shabbat, we honor the valor and sacrifice of America’s veterans. We will hear from Rabbi Josh Knobel, a graduate of the US Military Academy who served in Kuwait and Afghanistan with the US Army and who later chose to serve the Jewish people as a rabbi.

Installation of Rabbi Elana Rabishaw
November 18, 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Join us as we consecrate Rabbi Elana Rabishaw as our new Assistant Rabbi. We welcome Rabbi Rabishaw’s mentor and friend, Rabbi Julia Weisz of Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA, to help us celebrate this special moment of installation.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Monday, November 14, 2022
7:00pm
B’nai Torah Congregation
6261 SW 18th St., Boca Raton
As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, join with our interfaith sisters and brothers from around Boca Raton. Each year, the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association hosts an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Clergy members from around the community will lead this uplifting service of gratitude and community.

Shabbat Service: Gratitude
November 25, 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
As part of our national celebration of Thanksgiving, we turn our attention this Shabbat to cultivating awareness and gratitude.
Celebrate **Shabbat**

Visit tbeboca.org/shabbat for a detailed service schedule. Or view online at tbeboca.org/live or on the Temple’s Facebook or YouTube channels.

**Shabbat Unplugged**

**December 9, 6:30pm**  
**Beck Family Campus**  
Join us for a fun and lively Billy Joel-themed 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!  
6:00 – 6:30pm “Preneq” with snacks, veggies and dips!  
6:30 – 7:15pm Shabbat Unplugged  
7:15 – 9:00pm Dinner and schmooze  
**BYOD**! Bring your own dinner, or purchase food from one of the food trucks, and then hang out and schmooze with your friends. We ask that you refrain from bringing pork or shellfish items.  
Register at tbeboca.org/unplugged

**Holy Struggle - Healing Broken Relationships**

**December 9, 7:30pm**  
**Schaefer Family Campus**  
Esau and Jacob suffered a rupture in their relationship. Parashat Vayishlach offers us wisdom on the holiness to be found in healing and restoring broken relationships.

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**Shabbat Commemorating the UN Vote for Israel**

**December 2, 6:00pm**  
**Schaefer Family Campus**  
The UN Vote on the Partition Plan for the State of Israel on November 29, 1947, a most dramatic day in all of Jewish history, will inspire our worship on the 75th anniversary of that historic vote.

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**Alternative Service: Kol Haneshama**

**Friday, December 2, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Schaefer Family Campus**  
Join us for a different type of worship experience to welcome Shabbat. While sitting in the round in the chapel, through the use of nigguning (wordless melodies) and chant we will deepen our connection to ourselves, to each other and the Holy One so that we may welcome Shabbat with a peaceful mind and an open heart.
Vayeshev
Living Your
Dreams

December 16, 7:30pm  
Schaefer Family Campus

The story of Joseph begins with dreams – and the challenges of being true to yourself when those dreams appear to be dashed. Tonight we focus on how to be true to yourself and your dreams.

Chanukah Shabbat
A Celebration of Miracles!

December 23, 6:00pm  
Schaefer Family Campus

We will raise the roof at this lively and inspiring celebration of Shabbat, Chanukah and Miracles! Congregants of all ages will join with our clergy and musicians to retell the Chanukah story through songs of miracles, light the menorah and share in the joy and fun of one of our favorite holidays! See page 9.

Last Shabbat of 2022
Happy New Year

December 30, 7:30pm  
Schaefer Family Campus

Join us this Shabbat as we bid farewell to 2022 and look forward to what the New Year will bring.
Giving Tree Holiday Project

The Giving Tree is gearing up to fill over 2000 holiday wishes for kids, teens and seniors in our local community. Started at Temple Beth El over 30 years ago, the Giving Tree’s annual holiday project makes the holidays a little brighter for those among us whose lives are filled with many basic resource insecurities.

We need your help to fill wish lists. Here are ways to make this happen:

- Pick a wish list(s) from our virtual trees. Visit our website: [https://thegivingtreeboca.org/fill-a-holiday-wishes/](https://thegivingtreeboca.org/fill-a-holiday-wishes/)
- Pick a list from one of our trees at Temple Beth El Schaefer or Beck Family Campuses
- Scan this QR code to choose a wish from the online wish list.
- Prefer not to shop? Visit [tbeboca.org/giving/the-giving-tree](http://tbeboca.org/giving/the-giving-tree) to donate now and we will shop for you:
- Organize a wish fulfillment drive at your place of work, community or other social group. If interested, contact us for more information [thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com](mailto:thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com)
- Follow and like our posts on Instagram @TheGivingTreeTBE
- Follow and like our posts on Facebook: [facebook.com/TheGivingTreeBoca](https://facebook.com/TheGivingTreeBoca)
- Spread the word and share this information to your network of friends and family

Thank you for your support and generosity, together as a community we will make holiday wishes come true!

Jordyn Ginnis, as part of our Boca helps Ukraine coat drive, collected 50 coats from friends and family for her bat mitzvah project.

Someday is Today

**LIGHT THE NIGHT EVENT UPDATE**

**Saturday, November 5 • 6:00pm**  
Sunset Cove Amphitheater in Boca Raton

Every 3 minutes someone in the US is diagnosed with a blood cancer. Temple Beth El’s Social Action Committee is working together on behalf of all cancer patients within our community by supporting and participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s “2022 Light the Night Event”.

Gather as leaders in our temple community and stand in solidarity for all who need us. Visit [tinyurl.com/tbe-ltn-2022](https://tinyurl.com/tbe-ltn-2022) to register or to make a donation. All proceeds go to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of South Palm Beach County. Your online donations will automatically register you for the walk.

Contact Mike Blackman at [mblackman99@gmail.com](mailto:mblackman99@gmail.com) or 561-364-1627 for information or for assistance from LLS. or Joel Ivers at 513-604-3229 or [Joel.Ivers@gmail.com](mailto:Joel.Ivers@gmail.com)
Every Gift is a Miracle

BY DEREK HURWITCH, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
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There really is no such thing as a small miracle... just ask the person on the receiving end!

This brings me to one of my favorite stories, *The Tale of the Starfish.*

A young girl was walking along a beach upon where thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement. She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, “Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can’t save all these starfish. You can’t begin to make a difference!”

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied, “Well, I made a difference for that one!”

The old man looked at the girl inquisitively and thought about what she had done and said. Inspired, he joined the little girl in throwing starfish back into the sea. Soon others joined, and all the starfish were saved.

As Development Director, I am blessed to have the privilege of working with individuals and families on a daily basis who strive to make our Temple Beth El community stronger and more vibrant. One of the most common questions I get is, “will my gift be enough to make a difference?”

For the congregant family in financial distress, your gift provides meals and emergency assistance.

For a young family with limited resources, your gift helps a son or daughter become a bar mitzvah.

One of the most common questions I get is, “will my gift be enough to make a difference?”

For the elderly individual on fixed income who can no longer afford temple, your gift maintains their spiritual safe-haven.

We are part of a beautiful Temple Beth El community, where if each one of us gives what we can, our collective strength will extend so far and help so many!

So... you may still want to ask, “will my gift be enough to make a difference?”

Just ask the starfish!

To learn more about how you can support Temple Beth El, contact Derek Hurwitch, Development Director, at dhurwitch@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2836.
As the United States Ambassador to Israel from March 2017 until January 2021, Ambassador David Friedman successfully guided unprecedented diplomatic advancements in the US-Israel relationship, including moving the United States Embassy to Jerusalem and recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights. He also is among a small group of American officials responsible for the "Abraham Accords"—peace and normalization agreements between Israel and the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco—for which he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021.

Ambassador Friedman was recognized in each of the past five years by the Jerusalem Post as one of the 50 most influential Jews in the world, coming in first in 2020. He also was named one of the 20 Most Impactful Persons of the Past Decade by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Ambassador Friedman is the Founder of The Friedman Center for Peace through Strength which works to build upon the Ambassador’s achievements in strengthening the US-Israel relationship.

On February 8, 2022, HarperCollins published Ambassador Friedman’s memoir, Sledgehammer: How Breaking with the Past Brought Peace to the Middle East. In its first week, Sledgehammer broke sales records for a book on the State of Israel.
Helping Our Children Thrive in an Uncertain World

AN EVENING WITH DR. MICHELE BORBA
Thursday, January 12, 2023 · 7:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus and on Virtual Beth El
$18/person, in-person or virtual, includes a copy of Dr. Borba’s latest book, “Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Some Kids Shine”
(One book per family. Virtual ticket holders may pick up their book at either the Schaefer Family Campus or the Beck Family Campus.)

Temple Beth El is thrilled to bring Dr. Michele Borba, internationally renowned educator, award-winning author, and parenting expert to our congregation and community.

Dr. Borba blends 40 years of teaching and consulting experience with the latest science to offer sound, realistic advice to parents, teachers and child advocates about helping children thrive. Her latest book is an urgently needed guide to address the staggering increase in anxiety, stress and emptiness for children from preschool to high school.

How do I promote self-confidence in my child/teen?
How do I help my child/teen develop empathy in this world of social media and turmoil?
Empowering our children/teens to become independent thinkers and doers
Am I okay and therefore, is my child okay? Managing parental stress in 2023
Stretching the Comfort Zone in our Children - creating problem solvers who are curious and independent thinkers
“Choose Your Battles” with Nurturing Discipline - what are the lessons of making mistakes and accepting boundaries?

This program is generously underwritten by Jill Viner.

PARENT WORKSHOPS
Registration information coming soon!
For the three months following the program, Temple Beth El is partnering with Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services to offer parent workshops on topics including:

NOVEMBER
STARS AND STRIPES AND THE STAR OF DAVID
Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates
Tuesdays November 8, 15 & 29 (no class 11/1 & 11/22)
12:00 – 1:00pm
Virtual Beth El/Zoom and livestream

75 years ago, on November 29, 1947, the future of the Jewish people was to be determined on American soil at the United Nations Vote for the Partition Plan that would ultimately lead to the establishment of the modern day state of Israel. We will examine the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel from that day until this day.

DECEMBER
THE SOUL OF SHABBAT
Alden Solovy
Tuesdays, November 29, December 6, 13 & 20
(No class 12/27)
12:00-1:00pm
Virtual Beth El/Zoom and livestream

Liturgist Alden Solovy will explore metaphors of Shabbat and their resonance in the Shabbat liturgy. The goals are to engage adult learners in deepening their understanding of the themes of our Friday evening prayers and the spirituality that they enliven. Alden Solovy is an American Israeli liturgist, poet, author, and educator and resides in Jerusalem.
This Financial Report Card is intended to provide our members with a brief overview of the Temple’s financial results for the 2021-2022 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2022. 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.

INTRODUCTION
This Financial Report Card provides an overview of the Temple’s financial results for the 2021-2022 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2022. Financial transparency is very important to us. As a member of this temple community you are also an owner. You deserve to know how your Temple is doing and how your money is being spent. We hope you will take a few minutes to read this report and feel comfortable that your Temple is managed prudently and is fiscally sound.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY
This Financial Report Card is not intended to include detailed financial statements, but rather a high level summary of our financial results from the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The Temple hires independent auditors from an outside accounting firm every year to audit our books and financial controls. The results of the audit are presented to the Finance Advisory Group and the Board of Trustees annually. Undergoing a comprehensive third-party audit is time consuming and costly, but we feel it is time and money well spent. We always want you to feel comfortable that we are operating at the highest levels of financial integrity. Should you want more information about the Temple’s finances, you are welcome to contact Cindy Chieffo (Chief Financial Officer) or Steve Kaufman (Executive Director) and we would be happy to answer your questions.

A BALANCED BUDGET
We finished the 2021-2022 fiscal year with a balanced budget for the tenth year in a row. Revenues from operations actually exceeded operating expenses slightly which has been the case for the past several years. The excess funds from last year will be transferred to operating reserves and capital reserves which we anticipate needing in the future to complete major maintenance projects (like roofing, painting, and air conditioning replacements) or to help fill a budget deficit should we experience an economic downturn which results in decreased membership and/or donations.

JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022 REVENUE AND EXPENSES

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REVENUES

One area where Temple Beth El is different from most other congregations is the relatively small extent to which we rely on membership revenue to fund the Temple’s operations. The percentage of overall operating revenues that come from Congregational Commitment is very low compared to most temples. Our Congregational Commitment revenues make up only 21% of total revenues, which is less than half the national average. In times of economic uncertainty and high inflation like we are facing today, it’s really good to have diversified streams of revenue.

Our largest source of revenue is Early Learning Center tuition, which makes up just over one-third of total operating revenues. We have reached full capacity at the ELC with significant waiting lists for most grade levels. In 2019 we opened six new classrooms and they are all full already. We finished the 2021-2022 school year with 315 students enrolled at the ELC, which is the highest number we have ever experienced. While the Beth El Early Learning Center is clearly important to the financial health of the Temple, more importantly it serves as a pipeline for young families to experience Beth El and hopefully form long-lasting connections which continue long after their children graduate and move on to kindergarten.

Another unique source of revenue for the Temple is the Beth El Mausoleum. The only mausoleum in the United States built on temple grounds, the Beth El Mausoleum provides roughly 10% of our total operating revenue. The Mausoleum is not only an important part of our identity spiritually, but also an important source of financial stability.

Fundraising donations are also critical to our financial health. Voluntary contributions made up 15% of total operating revenue last year. We are blessed to have so many extraordinarily generous donors who answer the call when we need them. We would certainly not be in the solid financial position we are without their support. Last year we raised $461,000 in our annual High Holy Day appeal (a/k/a “Annual Giving”) which exceeded our budget goal by $86,000.

We also had the most successful annual gala ever as we honored Rabbi Dan Levin’s 25th anniversary at Temple Beth El. The Gala of Gratitude and Love at Boca West Country Club generated over $1.3 million in gross revenue and allowed us to establish the Rabbi Dan Levin Jewish Ideas Incubator which will foster exciting and innovative programs and Jewish experiences that we might not otherwise have the resources to attempt. Proceeds from the Gala also provide financial support for individuals, children and families that need scholarships in order to afford membership and school tuition.
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We added over $200,000 of new cameras, audio visual equipment, microphones, video editing computers and associated technology. We converted an 800 square foot classroom at the Schaefer Family Campus into a state-of-the-art production and recording studio. We also added additional staff who bring professional camera operation and digital video editing experience to the team to enhance our on-line presence.

The new technologies and platforms we are now using were likely to have adopted in the coming years anyway. But the Covid-19 pandemic drastically accelerated their adoption out of necessity. We are actually seeing greater participation now in some of our programs and services than we did pre-pandemic because people are able to participate without leaving the comfort of their homes. The resources required to do video production at this level of excellence are significant. However, the Temple leadership believe that engagement with your temple through a screen is part of the future of Reform Judaism in America and to remain relevant we must make these investments.

EXPENSES

Like most service organizations, our largest expense is our people. Approximately $8 million was spent on salaries and benefits last year across the organization’s 166 full time and part time employees.

Number of Employees By Department
Clergy and Administration 32
Facilities Maintenance 14
Early Learning Center 85
Religious School 35
Total Employees 166

Due to high inflation which drives up wages, exceptional increases in housing costs, substantial escalation in health insurance premiums and a severe local labor shortage, the Temple’s cost of salary and benefits has increased materially in the past two years. Salary and benefits expenses are also higher year-over-year because of the need to hire more teachers for a growing ELC and Religious School. However, there can be no doubt that the success we are experiencing would not be possible without our incredibly dedicated staff. Our people are our most valuable asset and so we are doing all that we can to recruit and retain the highest level of talent possible.

Another unique driver of expenses this past year was Virtual Beth El, which did not exist pre-pandemic. In order to provide high quality on-line programming, worship services and life cycle events, we invested heavily last year in new equipment and personnel to materially raise the bar from where it was in 2019. We added over $200,000 of new cameras, audio visual equipment, microphones, video editing computers and associated technology. We converted an 800 square foot classroom at the Schaefer Family Campus into a state-of-the-art production and recording studio. We also added additional staff who bring professional camera operation and digital video editing experience to the team to enhance our on-line presence.

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**PANDEMIC RELIEF**

In March 2021, the Temple applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Loan ("PPP Loan") from the U.S. Government as part of the Covid-19 relief package. The amount of the loan was $992,000 and the proceeds were utilized for staff salaries during the pandemic in compliance with the regulations that govern this program. The PPP Loan was forgiven in November 2021 so the income is recognized in last year's financial statements.

In 2020 and 2021 the Temple experienced significant decreases in revenue, primarily due to substantially decreased enrollment at the Early Learning Center ("ELC") and Religious School. At the same time, the Temple was experiencing increases in supply costs as we had to purchase Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") for staff and increased cleaning and sanitation costs. Additional investments were also necessary in technology to allow staff to work from home and to allow students and Temple members to participate in our classes, programs and worship services on-line through Virtual Beth El. By utilizing the PPP loan proceeds for salaries at that time, we were able to divert other funds to cover the lost ELC and Religious School tuition revenue and cover the increased operating costs brought on by the pandemic.

As a result of PPP Loan forgiveness, the generosity of our benefactors and members and swift action to control costs without degrading the level of service we provide to our temple community, we were able to successfully weather the storm and find ourselves in excellent financial shape heading into the future.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Temple’s overall membership in terms of number of households, has increased over the past five years. We finished the fiscal year on June 30, 2022 with 1,700 member households, compared to 1,527 in 2021 (11.3% increase).

We attribute this growth to a number of factors including, but not limited to, enrollment increases at the ELC and Religious School, increased migration to our area from people who relocated during the pandemic, new residential construction in the Agricultural Reserve along the Lyons Road and US441 corridors in West Boca / West Delray and more Mausoleum sales to non-members who receive one year complimentary when they purchase a crypt or niche.

Our Engagement and Programming team, along with many dedicated volunteers, are also working hard to foster individual relationships between members through small group interactions. Through our Kulanu Chavurot (Groups of Friends) and Beth El Circles programs, we are providing multiple ways for our members to connect with each other and Temple Beth El in non-traditional ways. These small groups are also a key ingredient to our success in the realm of engagement and member retention.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

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**TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Religious School enrollment at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year stood at 491 students. From 2012 to 2018 we experienced a consistent decline in student enrollment, most notably in the post bar/bat mitzvah age groups. We are pleased to report that the downward trend has flattened and our enrollment last year was virtually the same as it was in 2018. Our efforts to provide creative, flexible, non-traditional learning models aimed at satisfying the needs of modern Jewish families appears to be working. In fact, we are out of space on Sunday mornings at the Beck Family Campus. As a result, this year we are offering mid-week classes at the Schaefer Campus in order to ease capacity at the Beck Campus – something we have not needed to do in several years.

Note: In 2021 there were no Religious School classes in-person due to Covid-19 so enrollment decreased significantly that year.
EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT

Early Learning Center (“ELC”) enrollment at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year was 315 students, compared to 232 students at the same time in the prior year, representing a 36% increase year-over-year. However, these numbers are skewed because the prior year many families elected to keep young children at home due to Covid-19. Nevertheless, 315 students is the most we have ever had enrolled at our ELC and we are 100% full at the present time with substantial waiting lists for all grade levels.

Note: 2021 enrollment decreased significantly because of Covid-19.

TOTAL ELC ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

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BETH EL MAUSOLEUM

The Beth El Mausoleum creates an eternal connection to the Temple for many of our members and for unaffiliated Jews in the broader local community. Gross sales revenue for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was $1,444,847 compared to $1,614,709 in the prior year. This represents a 10.5% decrease year-over-year. Although gross sales revenue declined year-over-year, the results still exceeded the annual operating budget. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year we completed 90 sales transactions and in the 2021-2022 fiscal year we completed 77 sales transactions which explains the drop in revenue dollars for the year.

Unfortunately we are running out of desirable inventory at the Mausoleum which puts us at a competitive disadvantage relative to our competitors and partly explains why sales are down year-over-year. We are therefore planning to build a new Mausoleum building similar in size to the existing two-story indoor/outdoor mausoleum building constructed in 2006. Three phases have been built so far. This new building would be the fourth.

Our architect is working on detailed construction plans which we intend to submit to the City of Boca Raton for approval in the coming weeks. We plan to break ground on the new mausoleum building in 2023 and the project should be complete and open in 2025. We anticipate starting preconstruction sales for the new phase in the Spring of 2023.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEBT

In March 2020, we completed construction activities at the Schaefer Family Campus. This marked the end of a multi-year project that included expansions and renovations at both campuses. Total project costs, not including financing costs, totaled approximately $22 million. Because many of the large gifts we received for this campaign are paid out over an extended period of time, the Temple has a loan in place with Wells Fargo Bank which we are paying off steadily each month.

The Wells Fargo loan carries a fixed rate of 3.75% annual interest with a maturity date of August 2030. Fortunately, thanks to many extremely generous donors, we have the funds and future commitments necessary to pay off the debt entirely on or before the scheduled maturity date. Presently we are making monthly debt service payments to Wells Fargo of roughly $100,000 per month (principal and interest).

The next construction project on the horizon is Mausoleum Phase 4 (see above for more information). We anticipate this project will cost approximately $8.5 million, not including financing costs. Because the Temple does not have $8.5 million in available cash, we anticipate securing bank debt to fund the construction costs as we have done with the first three phases of the Mausoleum. The money to re-pay the debt will come from future sales of crypts and niches. We do not anticipate combining the existing loan with the Mausoleum expansion loan since the cash flow streams used to repay the debt are distinct and each project should stand on its own financially.

OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30

- 2020: $10,300,000
- 2021: $9,270,000
- 2022: $6,987,721

CONCLUSION

Thanks to the ongoing support of our members, the generosity of our benefactors, and the hard work of our incredible staff, Temple Beth El is on solid financial footing despite the current economic challenges facing our nation. We believe we have weathered the Covid-19 storm and have come out even stronger on the other side. We have also maintained our long standing policy of never turning away any individual or family who want to be a part of our community but cannot afford to pay the full Congregational Commitment or tuition rates. We appreciate your support and look forward to another successful year.
Miracles Are in the Details

Raising children, though rewarding, is not always easy. Waking up early on Sunday mornings, at times, seems nothing short of a miracle. However, the payoff, connecting our children to our Jewish community and learning about thousands of years of Jewish history while navigating their spiritual paths, makes it worthwhile. Every week our lesson plans help weave a grand picture that develops over years, giving our young congregants a Jewish foundation and sense of belonging to the Jewish people. With research, intention and consideration of what we want our students to know by the end of 12th grade, our school created these “Big Ideas”, stretched over our entire curriculum in developmentally appropriate ways.

Chagim: Shabbat and Holidays – Shabbat and the Jewish holidays provide a framework to experience the holiness in the flow of time each year. The traditions and mitzvot of each holiday celebration connect me to God, the Jewish People, and Israel.

Am Yisrael and Tikkun Olam: My Jewish Identity – Each individual Jewish voice can find deep meaning and purpose through engagement in Jewish life and community. Jewish responsibility to make the world whole lies in each person’s own talents, as it is written in the Torah that each person was created, B’tzelem Elohim, in the image of God.

K’lal Yisrael: Jewish History and Community – The history of the Jewish people played a key role in the creation of Israel, Jewish life and the Jewish community as it exists today.

Talmud Torah: Jewish Literature – The Torah provides the origin story and purpose of the Jewish People and inspires the holiness of our connection with God. Lifelong learning of Torah and Jewish texts fuel the Jewish People’s mission to be partners with God through our deeds and actions.

Ivrit: Hebrew – Modern Hebrew connects me to the greater Jewish people as well as traditions in Judaism.

T’fillah: Prayer and Lifecycle – Prayer is the mode and language that can help deepen my relationship with God and my spiritual self while it connects me to the Jewish People.

Eretz Yisrael: Israel – Israel is the Jewish homeland and is a part of Judaism’s history, past and present.

As you can see, for our students, the miracles are in the details! For more information on our Big Ideas and how they play out grade by grade, please see our website tbeboca.org/religious-school.
B’nai Mitzvah

Noa Nierman
Daughter of Evan and Robin Nierman
November 5, 2022 @ 9:00am

Chloe Schmier
Daughter of Brian and Jamie Schmier
November 5, 2022 @ 11:30am

Ari Raines
Son of Alan and Nicole Raines
November 5, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Aidan Nieves-Denish
Son of Amalio Nieves and Naomi Denish
November 12, 2022 @ 11:30am

Ben Marks
Son of Dave and Sarah Marks
November 19, 2022 @ 9:00am

Erika Diaz-Padua
Daughter of Ignacio and Daniela Diaz-Padua
November 19, 2022 @ 11:30am

Peyton Lansburgh
Daughter of Justin and Laura Lansburgh
November 26, 2022 @ 10:45am

Lily Hilton
Daughter of Jeffrey and Diane Hilton
December 3, 2022 @ 9:00am

Lily Corcia
Daughter of Shai and Rachael Corcia
December 3, 2022 @ 11:30am

Jacob Kallen
Son of Marc and Mollie Kallen
December 10, 2022 @ 10:45am

Livia Paldino
Daughter of Christopher and Kara Paldino
December 10, 2022 @ 5:30pm

Simon Sheinfeld
Son of Aaron and Lilliana Sheinfeld
December 17, 2022 @ 11:30am
Do You Believe in Miracles?

Yes, I believe in miracles. In 1996, just a couple of years after earning my Master’s Degree, I decided that I wanted to change my career path. I was working in retail and knew that I needed more fulfillment in my work life than I was getting. I had always loved children and thought a career in education would be a good fit for me, but I had no idea what age group would suit me best. To my great surprise, after volunteering in middle schools, elementary schools, and early childhood centers, it was the youngest students that I was most drawn to. The reason? When I was with these young children I was able to experience small miracles all around me multiple times a day. It was invigorating. It was energizing. I was hooked.

Now, twenty-six years into my career in early childhood education, I am still blessed to witness miracles every day. As director of our incredible school there are miracles all around me. A tiny infant smiling for the first time. An older infant taking their first steps. A child speaking their first words. A toddler intentionally sharing a toy. A two year old saying good-bye to their parent for the first time. The look on a child’s face when they understand a new concept. Young children are truly amazing. The rate at which they learn and process information is nothing short of miraculous. Imagine if the learning curve we experience during our first five years of life continued throughout our lifetime!

There are many reasons that I love my job. Our fantastic staff, the relationships that I get to build with families, and the fulfillment I get from knowing that I make a difference in the lives of children are near the top of the list. But the thing that motivates me more than anything else is the privilege I have to witness the wonder of each day and the curiosity that comes with it through the eyes of our students.

Yes, I believe in miracles. If you don’t, I suggest you come to the Beck Family Campus for a visit to see some for yourself.

A toddler intentionally sharing a toy. A two year old saying good-bye to their parent for the first time. The look on a child’s face when they understand a new concept. Young children are truly amazing.
# Important Dates

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# B’Thankful Tot Shabbat

**November 11**
- Pizza at 6:00pm
- Service at 6:30pm
- Yoga at 7:00pm

**Beck Family Campus**

B’Thankful and join us for a fun evening as we usher in Shabbat with a family-friendly service, followed by the amazing techniques of Yoga Yeladim (Children’s Yoga). Let the soothing positions of Yoga help you and your family relax and enjoy a peaceful and restful Shabbat! Registration required.

Please RSVP at [beboca.org/tot-shabbat](http://beboca.org/tot-shabbat)

*Oneg is sponsored by Outrageous Owls (122), Awesome Alligators (123) & Balloon Buddies (113).*

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# Parenthood

**Wednesday, November 16, 7:30pm**
Parenthood Meeting

**Thursday, December 1, 7:30pm**
Parents’ Night Out at Rocco’s Tacos in Boca Raton

**Wednesday, December 7, 7:30pm**
Parenthood Meeting
FAMILY FUN DAY 2023

CARNIVAL IN THE BIG BACKYARD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023
9AM - 1PM

Join us for an amazing, fun-filled day and open house! Kids will enjoy rides, carnival games, petting zoo, arts and crafts, gardening projects, balloon animals, and a special Shabbat experience!

Families can meet our wonderful teachers and experience our beautiful facility.

REGISTRATION COMING SOON
BETHELEANLYLEARNINGCENTER.TBEBOCA.ORG
Meet our Chavurah led by Debbi Rosenblum and Lisa Zwick!

Unofficially known as the Empty Nesters' Chavurah, the chavurah that Debbi Rosenblum and Lisa Zwick launched shortly before the pandemic does not yet have an official name. Currently made up of 12 empty nester couples, this chavurah does have a unique backstory spanning more than 20 years of Temple Beth El history.

All but two couples have lived in South Florida for many years and most have been Temple Beth El members since the mid-to-late 1990s, including two members who actually grew up in this congregation!

The chavurah has begun making plans and everyone is looking forward to more get-togethers. Some ideas being tossed around are a night of bowling, going ax throwing, and maybe even a night of brews, food, and live music at Crazy Uncle Mike's in East Boca Raton.

Current members of this Chavurah are Jeffrey and Diana Grubman, Alan and Rebecca Klasfeld, Karen and Jeffrey Press, Lisa Jane and Kevin Romer, Carlos and Melissa Romero, Larry and Debbi Rosenblum, Trish and Mark Schaum, Bob and Sharyn Schneiderman, Laurie and Michael Schuster, Craig and Shari Schwamm, Andrew and Dina Schwartz, Mara and Michael Shapiro, Lauren and David Tolces, David and Tracy Weinstein, Andrew and Lisa Zwick.

Are you a member of Temple Beth El whose little birds have grown and flown? If you haven’t joined a chavurah yet, we’d love to help you connect with old friends and new ones by adding you to an existing group, or creating a new chavurah.

“A chavurah can be for any life stage – empty nester, young families, older adults – all are welcome! Just reach out to Rachael Rand at RRand@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900 ext. 3178.

“There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.”
The theme of the issue is “Do you believe in miracles?” We all know about the Chanukah miracle when the oil lasted for 8 nights. What miracles exist today? Do you believe in miracles? There are miracles all around us, every day. Sisterhood is its own little miracle: we continue to thrive year after year, even during the quarantine. We continue to plan and accomplish interesting events which have so many factors involved, that it's a juggling act to make all the pieces fall into place. Yet we do! Our events are well-received and attract new members.

- It's a miracle to watch new friendships form.
- It's a miracle to watch women take on responsibilities, and grow into even stronger, more confident people.
- It’s a miracle when a beautiful healing blanket is created and then given to a Temple member to help them feel better.
- It’s a miracle when a College Outreach package is opened by a student, who may need a little reminder of home and the congregation that believes in them.
- It’s a miracle when a Shivah dinner is delivered to a grieving family, and the gesture feels like a warm hug.

Sisterhood helps create little miracles every day.

If you are not a member, please join up today. We are looking forward to welcoming you!

Please look over our latest offerings and sign up before spaces run out. Our last event, a showing of the making of Fiddler on the Roof, completely sold out!

Mark your calendars for our Sisterhood Luncheon on Sunday, December 4! Register at theboca.org/sisterhood. We are also wrapping gifts with the Giving Tree on Wednesday, December 14 from 4-8pm. Email Susan Goldstein to reserve a spot at susanjuster@yahoo.com.
Sisterhood Holiday Greetings

Happy Chanukah to all! Debbie & Chas Averbook
May the festival lights shine brightly from Ann Lois Ballon & Brian Sindel
Happy Chanukah to everyone from Patty Beck
Judith Beiner wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah
May the Coming Year be Filled With Light! - Barbara Blakeslee
May the lights of your menorah shine brightly...Betsy & David Blechman
Happy Hanukkah from Marlene & Richard Bluestein
Happy Chanukah from Evelyn & Bayla Swid to Gemma Swid Leonce & family
Happy Chanukah from Evelyn & Bayla Swid
The Brickel hope that the lights of Chanukah will radiate your lives with peace, love, & joy!
Judith Chason wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!
May the lights of Chanukah shine brightly for each of you. Robin Eisenberg & Andy Broido
Happy Chanukah from Dr. Merrill, Irene, Jennifer & Melissa Epstein
Happy Chanukah - Nancy-Jo & Alan Feinberg
Happy Chanukah from Sue & Steve Feldman
Aline Fisher wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!
Our very warm wishes for a bright & festive Chanukah! Sheryl & Marty Fromowitz & Family
Mark & Clarice Goldstein wish all a Happy Chanukah

Have a Happy Chanukah from
Susan & Richard Goldstein
Happy Chanukah from the Gottsegen family
Wishing our TBE family a Chag Samaech
Chanukah! Love, Herb & Debi Jackman
Blessings for strength & purpose...the Kalmansons
The Kornitsky family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah
Margaret Kottler wishes you delicious latkes!
The Lerner family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!
Happy Chanukah to our TBE family! Jan & Allen Lev
Happy Chanukah from Barbara & Jerry Lewin
Happy Chanukah from Sarina & Jerry Lind
The Lowen family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah
Happy Chanukah from EJ & Steve Manton
Happy Chanukah from Shelley & Larry Marcus!
Pam Nadler & Mark Sicles wish everyone a Happy Chanukah
Chag Sameach from Barbara Orville
Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah! Natalie Pelavin
Happy Chanukah from Andrea & Mark Platt
Happy Chanukah! - Margie & Maurice Plough
May the lights of the menorah light your lives with joy! Susan & Barry Podolsky
Happy Chanukah from Roberta Presser & Alex Bruner
The Rassler family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!
The Romer family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!
Happy Hanukkah, Debbi, Larry, Ally, & Megan Rosenblum
Happy Hanukkah from the Schloss family
Holiday Wishes filled with peace & hope. The Schmier Family
Happy Chanukah from Sharyn & Bob Schneiderman
Chag Sameach from Hanita & Morry Schreiber
Enjoy the light that is always present—even in the darkness. Susan F. Schulz
Happy Chanukah. Love the Schwamm Family
The Spitz family Wishes you & your family & Happy & Healthy Chanukah.
Happy Chanukah from Janet & Allan Sussberg
Wishing everyone a very Happy Hanukkah from Lisa Swartz & Mitch Gross
The Taub Family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!
Wendy & Steve Walin wish you a Happy Chanukah!
Glowing, bright Chanukah wishes with Love from The Weiner Family! Jill, Paul, Josh & Stephanie
The Zwick family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah
Brotherhood Update

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth El is thriving. We are a multigenerational bunch, composed of the best Jewish men in South Florida. While our individual interests are diverse, we are welcoming of everyone within the Temple Beth El family. Our focus is on gathering to enjoy the camaraderie of this diverse group, with a strong grounding in Judaism and Temple Beth El. The conversations will often start with a game of Jewish Geography, the current state of sports and the weather, but then quickly digress to where to find the best pastrami sandwich, bagels or pizza in South Florida.

Whether it’s a sold out Kick-off Tailgate Event at the Schaefer Family Campus, our Entrepreneur Panel, the spirit tasting event Latke’s, Rum, & Rugelach and our biggest fundraiser event of the year the TBE BrotherhoodGolf Outing (TBEBrotherhoodGolf.com), the Temple Beth El Brotherhood provides an amazing outlet for connecting on a more personal and intimate level. Our engagement strategy has now transformed beyond the virtual boundaries of the pandemic and we are back to being our best Brotherhood enjoying quality time with longtime members while bringing newer faces to each event. We have also expanded our impact with partnerships across other groups at temple, including Sisterhood and Circles. We focus on social, cultural, networking and philanthropic activities that tie in with our common Jewish values resulting in truly memorable and impactful programming.

We want everyone to feel welcome and hope you will join us at one of our upcoming events as well as our monthly Brotherhood Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 1
Entrepreneur’s Panel

Monday, December 12
Putting for Parkinson’s

Wednesday, December 21
Latke’s, Rum and Rugelach

Monday, January 16
Golf Outing - TBEBrotherhoodGolf.com

Monday, February 6
Networking at Barrel of Monks
JOIN THE TEMPLE BETH EL BROTHERHOOD AT OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR. THIS PREMIUM EVENT INCLUDES:

- 18 Holes of Golf on the exclusive Boca Rio Golf Course
- Gourmet Lunch
- Cocktails and Awards Dinner
- Silent Auction & Raffles
- Golf Competitions - Hole in One Contests, Putting Competition, Longest Drive Contest, Closest to the Pin Contest and the return of the Golf Cannon

Registration is open to the entire community with participation and sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-golfers.

Individual Golfer including Cocktails and Awards Dinner $450

Foursome Package (Includes Half Page Ad and Tee Sign) $2,250

Cocktail and Awards Dinner $125

Register now at TBEBrotherhoodGolf.com

For more information about the event or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Jonathan Levin, Golf Committee Chair at brotherhood@tbeboca.org or 917-847-9911.
Our Congregation Mourns

Jonathan Asher*, son of Sheila and Dick Asher

Marjorie Baer*, beloved member

Beryl Barenholtz, father of Dori Barenholtz, grandfather of Houston Barenholtz

Joanne Benenati, mother of Steven Benenati, sister of Marba Mallet

Adam Bershad, husband of Jill Bershad, father of Jessica, Jack and Jodie Bershad

Joan Dubov*, wife of David Dubov, mother of Linda and Richard z”l Sommers, Cantor Stephen z”l and Christine Dubov; Paul Dubov z”l, Terri Dubov-Richman z”l; and Harvey Dubov, grandmother of Robin and Jennifer Sommers, Geoffrey Sommers, Aleksandra Dubov, Ariel Dubov, Lauren Richman, Lisa and Darren Roberts, Daniel Dubov, Paulina Dubov, and Andres Dubov and great-grandmother of Rose and Brody Sommers, Shelby and Jordana Sommers, and Ryan, Jason, and Rachel Roberts.

Danielle and Lenny Greenblatt on the birth of their son Max Spencer Greenblatt, big sister Bryce.

Michael Groskin*, father of Seth Kreiner

Joel Holiber, father of Richard and Yolanda Holiber

Norman Kaufman*, husband of Judith Kaufman, father of Stacy and Joel Krachman, Melissa and Adam Moldof and Jamie and Jonathan Wulkan, grandfather of Sari and Jake Krachman, Aidan and Brandon Moldof and Bryce and Danielle Wulkan

Martin Mandel, partner of Joseph Guastella

Kenneth Kraemer, father of Jonah Kraemer

Frances Levine*, mother of Kim Levine, grandmother of Sara Sullivan and Jesse Sullivan

Stephen Lyons, husband of Phyllis Lyons

Norma Poleck, mother of Sharyn and Bob Schneiderman, grandmother of Daniel and Marc Schneiderman

Barbara (Babs) Robins, beloved member

Paul Ruttenberg*, husband of Rochelle Ruttenberg, father of Sharon Ruttenberg-Greenberg and Jesse Greenberg, brother-in-law of Stuart and Karyn Grossman, grandfather of Seth Schreiber and Phoebe Ruttenberg

Yetta Schlesinger*, mother of Lisa and Kenneth Rosenthal, grandmother of Lauren Marcus and great-grandmother of Zoey Marcus

Danielle and Lenny Greenblatt on the birth of their son Max Spencer Greenblatt, big sister Bryce.

Allison and Ian Horowitz on the birth of their son Aiden Tyler Horowitz

Jennifer and Andrew Leace on the birth of their daughters Maya Rose Leace and Sloan Hart Leace, grandparents Jill and Alan Slootsky

Jill and Alan Slootsky on the birth of their granddaughters Maya Rose Leace and Sloan Hart Leace

Christy McElhaney and Mark Sunshine on the engagement of their son James Sunshine to Rachel Kogan

Debra and Bruce Green on the birth of their grandson Lev Isaac Green

Amy and Jeff Grossman on the birth of their granddaughter Essie Mara Wax

Yolanda and Richard Holiber on the birth of their granddaughter, Ariella Rose Friggens

Danielle and Lenny Greenblatt on the birth of their son Max Spencer Greenblatt, big sister Bryce.

Audrey and Larry Levine on the birth of their granddaughter Blakely Zel Gross

Andrea and Mark Platt on the birth of their granddaughter Tilly Quinn Platt

Lauren Vaancy-Sauer and Todd Sauer on the birth of their daughter Madelyn Sloan Sauer, big sister Emma

Judy and Jeff Silverstein on the birth of their granddaughter Hannah Malka Durlester

Jill and Alan Slootsky on the birth of their granddaughters Maya Rose Leace and Sloan Hart Leace

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