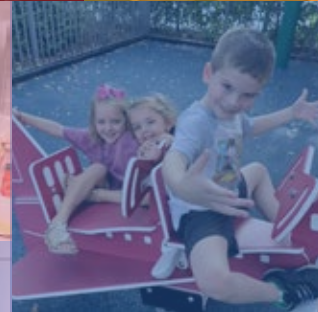


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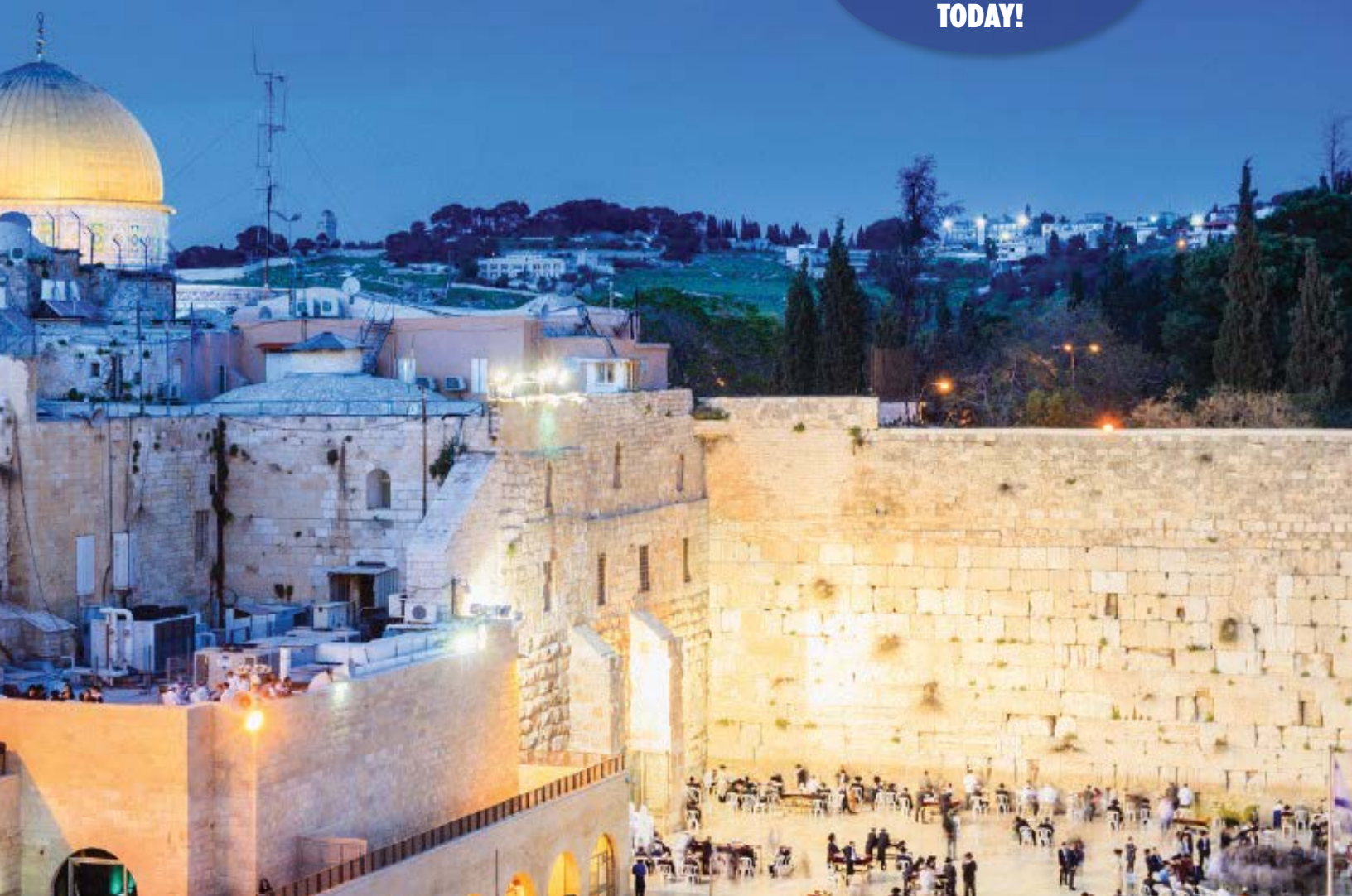
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Big Synagogue / Small Synagogue

BY **RABBI DAN LEVIN**
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From the time I was little, I was always fascinated by the question: How do you get God to talk to you? The Torah taught that God spoke to Abraham, and Rebecca, and Moses. But what about me? What does it feel like when God speaks to you?

A good place to start would be the story of Mount Sinai. Gathered at the foot of the mountain, the Torah teaches that God spoke to every single one of the Israelites, all together as one.

Martin Buber, the great Jewish existentialist philosopher, taught that when people experience a moment of truly authentic connection, when we let go of our armor and inhibitions and fully open up to one another, a glimpse of God's presence is found.

When I came to Temple Beth El in 1996, it was the first large synagogue I had ever known. At first it seemed overwhelming. But over time, I came to appreciate the opportunities that only a large synagogue could offer.

Gathered together at Mount Sinai, the Israelites were finally one with each other. Woven amongst them was a web of deep connection, openness, intimacy, understanding, and love. And in that grand moment, they experienced the holy power of God speaking to them.

Thus we learn that if we want to draw closer to God, if we truly want to hear God talk to us, then we need to draw closer to each other.

I grew up in a very small synagogue. We first met in an elementary school, then we rented space from a church, and later the JCC. As the synagogue grew, we finally were able to build a small building we could call our own. It was warm and intimate and *Hamish*. Members of the congregation were responsible for everything, and my parents were very active.

I loved how it felt to go to synagogue. Even though I was talkative and often obnoxious, I felt loved, and known, and wanted.

When I came to Temple Beth El in 1996, it was the first large synagogue I had ever known. At first it seemed overwhelming. But over time, I came to appreciate the opportunities that only a large synagogue could offer.

A large synagogue can muster the resources to bring in the most dynamic leaders in music, worship, Jewish learning, and social change. A large synagogue can meet the needs of a diverse congregation with tailored experiences for youth, young adults, families, empty-nesters, and seniors. A large synagogue can foster community service opportunities that can make a huge difference in the lives of vulnerable and needy people.



When I was offered the opportunity to consider returning to Temple Beth El, a colleague asked me what was drawing me. And I answered: "I want to see if you can make a large synagogue feel like a small synagogue."

And that's what we strive for at Temple Beth El. To leverage our strength to offer extraordinary opportunities for worship, learning, engagement, service, and spiritual growth, while also cultivating an intimacy, warmth and a deep sense of belonging for each and every one of our members.

"I want to see if you can make a large synagogue feel like a small synagogue."

This is why our small-group engagement programs are so important and vital to our success. Our youth groups, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Parenthood help us build bonds of connection and care. Our Chavurah and Circles initiatives foster small-group engagement and forge a sense of family and relationship. Through adult spiritual growth opportunities like Wise Aging and our adult retreats and trips, we try to create moments of deep, rich, meaningful connection.

Our mission is simple: to make Temple Beth El feel like it felt when we stood together at Sinai. And we will know what it feels like for God to speak to us through the bonds of community and engagement we build with one another.

My Group



BY WENDY WALIN
TEMPLE BETH EL
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Temple Beth El has many opportunities for small group engagement including our Circles, Chavurot, various committees, task forces, and events. In thinking about one of my favorite small groups, I would like to tell you about our Board of Trustees.

The temple’s board is comprised of 19 people, reduced from the 35-person board of years ago. There has been a trend in both the synagogue and corporate world to reduce board sizes. According to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, “companies with smaller boards are more collaborative and can outperform companies with larger boards in the vast majority of situations.” Board members know and understand each other better and these relationships are more conducive to cohesiveness and a sense of common purpose.

In thinking about one of my favorite small groups, I would like to tell you about our Board of Trustees.

Our trustees give their time, energy, and collective wisdom. We have a diverse group of men and women representing various areas of our temple community. This includes a new generation of younger members who can address the needs and concerns of our growing number of



young families. Three of these young leaders grew up at Temple Beth El.

Each board member brings a unique perspective and valuable skill set to serving Temple Beth El as we carry out our temple’s mission and vision. We believe it is a privilege to serve in sacred partnership with our clergy, staff, and congregants. We have thoughtful discussions where different perspectives are shared all within a culture of friendship, respect, and trust. Our significant policy decisions will impact our temple for years to come.

I am blessed to be surrounded by this outstanding group of dedicated and committed leaders. We care not only about the temple, but also each other, and even with the serious and important work we do, we have fun too.



New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, January 22, 2023
1:30pm – 3:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

We invite those who joined from February 2022 until now to an open house to get to know the clergy, staff and other new members.

Enjoy an up-close and in-person tour of the Schaefer Family Campus as well as light refreshments. This event welcomes singles, couples and families with children of all ages, and is a true reflection of our richly diverse and welcoming Beth El community.

RSVP at tbeboca.org/new-member or contact Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbeboca.org.

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

THINK SMALL



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What sets Temple Beth El apart from other congregations? Members consistently agree that they enjoy our warm and welcoming atmosphere. Why? We try to put a small face on a large congregation. With over 1,700 households, we continually attempt to create initiatives where congregants can get to know one another and develop relationships with our Clergy team.

Beth El Circles connects members in small groups based on their interests, whether the interest is pickleball, movies, reading, crafts, cooking and more. Our *Chavurah* program connects members according to age and stage of life so that extended families are created.

Our various member calls throughout the year remind congregants that we are a congregation that cares about our members, one member at a time. And our *Ambassadors* at each Shabbat service and program help to welcome members with Beth El warmth.

Our new members have already enjoyed a beautiful Shabbat blessing from the Bima in their honor, welcoming phone calls, and are receiving visits from members of the *Membership Committee* and a delivery of a special gift. In January, all new members



will be able to enjoy a special *Meet and Greet* with our Clergy and staff at the Schaefer Family Campus.

New initiatives such as our *Shabbat Dinners with Clergy* have just begun. So many of us have enjoyed *Night of 50*

Shabbats throughout the years. This new program has secured volunteers to offer their homes for 10-12 guests who have not yet connected to other members and our clergy to enjoy a unique Shabbat experience. If there’s a Friday night when you detect a missing member of our Clergy on the Bima, chances are, that Rabbi or Cantor is enjoying a Shabbat dinner with congregants at a dining room table.

Programs like *Shabbat on the Beach*, *Shabbat Studio/Jews in Journalism* and an *Israeli Cooking class* are being initiated for adult empty nesters beginning in January. Parents connect with one other through *Parenthood* at the Beth El Early Learning Center and *Parent Tribes* at Religious School. Parents and Grandparents are going to be invited to learn from Michelle Borba, PhD. on January 12 about ways in which we can help our children to become resilient *Thrivers*, followed by a series of three workshops led by the Ruth and Norman Rales staff which will help parents navigate the challenges of child-rearing in 2023.

All of these wonderful ways in which members are connecting is a result of the work taking place in the *Engagement & Programming Committee’s* seven *Task Forces*. If you would like to get involved, please contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement & Programming at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or Susan Podolsky, VP of Membership & Engagement at skp714@aol.com. We would love to have your ideas and input. Most importantly, we can’t wait to meet and greet you at these new programs!

Beth El Circles

Find connections, fun and friendships through Beth El Circles!

Beth El Circles are small groups based on interests and hobbies, like running, movies, art, trivia and more.

There are over 40 Beth El Circles to choose from, with more coming. Find the Beth El Circle that interests you and sign up at tbeboca.org/circles or contact Julie Guzy at 561-391-8900 or JGuzy@tbeboca.org for more information.



Join A Chavurah

Get your year off to a great start – we’re getting new groups going and we want YOU to join a Chavurah! Check out these fast facts and sign up now!

- WHO?** Temple Beth El members in similar life stages.
- WHAT?** – A Chavurah: a group of friends who have a great time getting together for social and Jewish activities.
- WHERE?** – Groups can go anywhere and do anything. Sit together for Shabbat Services, hit up happy hour, plan a game night or social action project, celebrate a holiday, check out a new restaurant, attend a Temple program together – it’s up to you!
- WHEN?** – Each Chavurah makes their own plans and decides as a group when they’ll get together.
- HOW?** – Our staff organize and support all the Chavurot, and each Chavurah has a Group Leader, a participant who volunteers to help guide their group.
- WHY?** – Life is better when we do it together! A Chavurah is a fun way to connect with your existing temple friends, find new ones, or both.

WHAT’S NEXT? – Join a Chavurah! Visit tbeboca.org/kulanu-chavurot/ to participate or for more info, contact Rachael Rand at RRand@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900 ext. 3178.

Perks include special programs and resources, opportunities to spend quality time with our clergy, an option for a reserved table at most temple meals, and the fun of having your group, your “tribe” within our Temple Beth El community.

Don’t just take our word for it – in celebration of Thanksgiving and the recent holidays, a few folks in Chavurot shared what they’re thankful for, and here’s what they had to say:



“I have always believed that you can form new and wonderful friendships starting at any stage of life. I’m so thankful that our Chavurah has provided that for me!!!” - Sue



“At our first meeting, I told my chavurah that I have no living family in the world. Their reply was we are your family now! So much so that when I had to go for cataract surgery in both eyes, two of these wonderful women accompanied me to both.” - Philip



“I’m more than thankful for my Chavurah. I have new friends among the diverse members. They inspire and encourage me and contribute to the newsletter I write for our Chavurah. I am especially thankful to Beth El’s clergy and staff for their support of all the Chavurot.” — Linda



Music Groups

“Where words leave off, music begins...” - Heine



Koleinu OUR VOICE

Music is a beautiful vehicle with which to connect to Judaism! Our culture is rich with incredible melodies and musicians – it’s difficult to choose where to start! The Singing Circle – Koleinu, includes all of our incredible adult singers. It ranges from people who are amateur singers, to people who have sung in choirs for 30 years, to professional singers. Anyone who loves to sing can find their place. All of our singers have opportunities to help lead services in various ways, to do mitzvot through music by singing in nursing facilities and bringing music to those in memory care facilities, build musicianship skills and form strong bonds with others who have a passion for music!



Malachim BETH EL'S ANGELS OF MUSIC!

Our Malachim Choir is a group of 2nd-5th graders that meet on Sundays for an hour. We have the best time together! We laugh and sing and share our love of music, especially Broadway tunes! It is an incredible opportunity for the Cantors to have quality time with children of this age – to share with them the world of possibility that awaits them as Jewish musicians. Additionally, it’s a fabulous way to begin the bond between the kids and Cantors so that by their B’nai Mitzvah time, a musical connection and friendship is established. In Malachim, we aim to build self-confidence and form incredible bonds with each other, as a supportive musical community. We are almost at 30 kids and growing!

Tzurim BETH EL'S TEEN ROCKERS!

The Temple Beth El Teen Band – Tzurim - is an inclusive and exciting way for students to deepen their connections to music and our community through melodies both sacred and secular. Teens learn about a variety of musical styles, as well have opportunities for performances at the temple and beyond. Students bond over the myriad of ways different instrumental sounds, including voices, join together as one unified voice. As Jack Black said in the movie “School of Rock,” We are here to make beautiful music for a sad world.

Rosh Chodesh Women’s Group – TIFERET (BALANCE)



Connection is the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship. — Brene Brown

One Sunday a month, mothers of children at our ELC and Religious School are invited to come hear the personal journey of another member of our community. We reflect on what the past month brought us, and what we pray for in the upcoming month. We share hardships and successes and just take time for self

care. There is so much we can learn from listening to each other’s stories, and there is so much growing that can be done in a safe space of introspection and reflection.

For more information, contact Michelle Auslander Cohen at mcohen@tbeboca.org or visit tbeboca.org/rosh-chodesh.

INTRODUCING Sababa! A NEW GROUP FOR YOUNG JEWISH PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR 20’S AND 30’S



Temple Beth El and B’nai Torah Congregation are excited to announce Sababa! Together, Rabbi Elana Rabishaw and Rabbi Evan Susman are creating a young professional group. Whether you grew up at Temple Beth El, are new to the area, or simply looking for a community, Sababa is excited to be a home for people in their 20’s and 30’s to network over Happy Hour, celebrate Shabbat, and upcoming holidays- like with a Purim party on March 4, 2023!

For more information or to see upcoming events, go to tbeboca.org/young-jewish-professionals or contact Rabbi Elana Rabishaw at erabishaw@tbeboca.org



For more information about music groups at Temple Beth El, visit tbeboca.org/music.

A Safe Campus for All



BY STEVE KAUFMAN
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A synagogue is a sanctuary – a safe and sacred space in which we feel the freedom and security to learn and grow, to build friendships and community, and to nurture our individual and collective spiritual growth.

Security is an extremely high priority at Temple Beth El. We intentionally do not publicize our security measures. Security industry best practice is to keep your plans, procedures and protocols confidential so that people looking to do harm cannot easily identify and compromise your facilities. It is for this reason that much of what we do regarding security is not intended to be seen or known.

At the same time, it's important that our Temple Beth El community understand our philosophy and commitment to keep our community safe at the Schaefer and Beck Family Campuses.

Please know that what we share here is only a portion of our overall security posture.

The Temple has a dedicated in-house Security Manager named Michael Ropp. Michael served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years in various leadership roles including as a Drill Instructor and Infantry Unit Leader. After retiring from the Marines, Mike spent



15 years in private security protecting high profile clients. Mike has overall responsibility for security at both campuses including supervising our team of armed officers from our third party security company.

The installation of a perimeter fence at the Schaefer Family Campus is nearly complete. The fence is seven feet tall and is not scalable. This will allow us to better control vehicular and

pedestrian access onto the campus.

The Temple recently installed emergency mass notification systems at both campuses. These systems allows staff to initiate an emergency notification from our cell phones which is then broadcast to the entire campus both indoors and outdoors.

Nearly every square foot of both campuses, indoors and outdoors, is viewable from our surveillance camera system. The camera system is monitored on both campuses during operating hours.

During Early Learning Center and Religious School operating hours, anyone wishing to enter the Beck Family Campus must have a vehicle windshield decal and a Temple-issued I.D. badge or have received prior authorization as an approved visitor.

The Temple maintains close relationships with local and national law enforcement agencies and we are frequently in contact with them. We are notified when there is information that could impact our threat level and we adjust our posture in response when necessary.

Temple Beth El deliberately seeks to build a warm, nurturing, and loving culture to help our children feel safe and secure. We want parents of our ELC students and Religious School students to be regularly present on campus, so that parents can frequently touch base with their children's teachers, and so that parents will build meaningful bonds of friendship and community amongst themselves. We balance our commitment to ensuring a safe and secure environment with the special and unique culture we seek to foster.

COUNTERING ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

Last year we offered a *Situational Awareness* security training course for Temple members. We received feedback that people would like additional opportunities to be better prepared in the event of an active threat situation.

We are pleased to announce that on **Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 7:00pm** we are offering **Countering Active Threat Training** at the Schaefer Family Campus. There is no fee to attend this training class but we request that you register in advance at tbeboca.org/security.

Countering Active Threat Training is a comprehensive training program developed specifically for houses of worship.

- In this training, participants will learn how to:
- Identify the steps to survive an active threat incident: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT
 - Understand how to prepare for an active threat event
 - Know how to respond to law enforcement's arrival
 - Commit to action during an active threat event

This program is made possible by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and the Security Community Network. The Secure Community Network (SCN) is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. For additional safety and security resources, please visit: securecommunitynetwork.org.

SOS Children's Village

3681 NW 59th Place, Coconut Creek, Florida
Sunday, January 15, 2023
10:00am

Join members of Temple Beth El volunteering at the SOS Children's Villages in Coconut Creek. SOS Children's Villages care for vulnerable children, helping them shape their futures by providing housing, care, and education to those in need. We will be working together, guided by the team from SOS Children's Villages, to make improvements to a home in the village. Some physical labor may be required.

Registration is limited to 10 participants, but we will create a waiting list for those who wish.

Register at tbeboca.org/social-action.

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

Habitat for Humanity Build

Sunday, February 12, 2023
8:00am-12:00pm

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

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

Register at tbeboca.org/social-action.

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

Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk

Sunday, January 22, 2023
7:00am – 10:00am
Florida Atlantic University

Join Temple Beth El in supporting Gift of Life Marrow Registry at the 2023 Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk in Boca Raton. Led by team leader Debi Jackman, we are raising funds and awareness for bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants. Registration begins at 7:00am, Opening Ceremony begins at 8:00am Superhero Sprint for kids 6 and under begins at 8:30am, and the 5k run/walk begins at 8:45am.

Go to tbeboca.org/social-action for more information, to register to walk, or to make a donation. Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbeboca.org.



Livi Paldino

has used her Bat Mitzvah as an opportunity to help feed the hungry. Instead of gifts, Livi asked all of her Bat Mitzvah guests to make a donation to Feeding South Florida. Livi has also been volunteering at FSF to help inspect and sort food donations in preparation for community distribution.



Being a Vessel for Wisdom

**AN ETHICAL WILL:
HOW WE SHARE
THE WISDOM
OF OUR LIFE EXPERIENCE
WITH RABBI KARYN KEDAR**

**Wednesday January 18, 2023
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Register at tbeboca.org/wisdom**



As each of us travels through life, we collect so much wisdom and understanding. What makes for a good life? What leads to a sense of success and fulfillment? What values and principles should we honor and prioritize? How can we pass on all we have learned to our children and future generations?

This phenomenal workshop will teach us how to create an Ethical Will – a spiritual gift we can give to ourselves and our families to learn from our wisdom and be guided by our experience.

Rabbi Karyn Kedar is an author, poet and inspirational speaker, writing and teaching with honesty and passion about mindfulness practice, forgiveness, beauty, struggle, healing and love.

SENIOR CIRCLE

Where Harry Met Sally: Jews and Deli

**Schaefer Family Campus Sunday, January 29, 2023,
10:00am
with Ted Merwin**

Ted Merwin, Ph.D. is a senior writer for the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Before coming to JFNA, he worked as AIPAC's Synagogue Initiative Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region. For many years, Ted taught Judaic studies at Dickinson College (Carlisle, Pa), where he was the founding director of the Milton B. Asbell Center for Jewish Life. He is the author of "Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli," which won a National Jewish Book Award, and "In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture."

**Both events are open to Temple Beth El members only.
No fee but RSVP required.
Light refreshments will be served RSVP at
tbeboca.org/circles**



Katz's Delicatessen in New York City

The Politics of Memory and the Museum of the History of Polish Jews

**Sunday, February 12, 10:00am
with Zachary Mazur**

Dr. Zachary Mazur is Historyk - Starszy Specjalista ds. Współpracy z Diasporą at the Museum of Polish Jews. He speaks on a variety of topics including Jewish Resistance: Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the history of East European Jews the sensitive role POLIN Museum in Poland, Europe and the World at large.

Lunch & Learn

JANUARY

Dr. Ted Merwin on Jews:

Their Culture and Our Community

Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24,

No class 1/31

(In person session with Ted Merwin Sunday, January 29)

Ted Merwin is the author of "Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli," which won a National Jewish Book Award, and "In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture." In addition, his articles on Jewish culture have appeared in the New York Times, New York Daily News, New York Post, Washington Post, Newsweek, Haaretz, Hadassah, Moment, and many other newspapers and magazines. He lives in Baltimore with his wife and three daughters.

FEBRUARY

Rabbi Lawrence Kotok

What Does Being a Reform Jew Mean — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow?

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28

Rabbi Laurence A. Kotok, DD, is Temple B'rith Kodesh's Rabbinic Scholar and Senior Advisor for Lifelong Jewish Learning. In 2014, Rabbi Kotok retired from

his post as Senior Rabbi and his teaching comes from a front row seat as a rabbi in the Reform movement as it has grown and changed over the decades. He served the community for 18 years. Prior to arriving in Rochester in the summer of 1996, Rabbi Kotok served the North Country Reform Temple Ner Tamid of Glen Cove for 22 years. He expresses a love for the People and Land of Israel and has served as National Chair of the ARZA Rabbinic Cabinet. Additional involvement includes the Board of the Jewish Child Care Association, both the New York and National UJA/Federation. His long-standing involvement with interfaith

understanding has been recognized by numerous local and national Rabbi Kotok currently serves on the faculty at the Florida wide Catholic Seminary.



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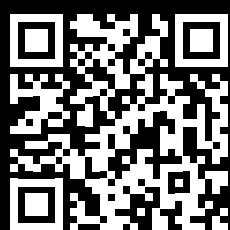
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**Sunday
JANUARY**

8

7:00 pm

**SCHAEFER
FAMILY
CAMPUS**

WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between September 28, 2022 and November 30, 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.

Meredith & Ziv Alcalay and their
children, Sophia, Jacob, Emma & Ben

Peter & Linda Barron

Fran Belasco

Stuart & Marjorie Blacker

Bruce & Beth Brier

Efrain & Lori Caflun and their
children, Mathew & Jared

Henry & Ellen Cohen

Jennifer Cohen and her child, Julian

Elise Feldman

Jerry Finger

Suzy Geller

Stacey & Adam Genn and their
children, Hannah & Emily

Chase & Corey Goldbaum and their child, Charlie

Janette Granet

Jody & Martin Grass

Arlene Green

David & Jane Greenberg

Jason & Cory Haber and their child, Makayla

Nina Haveson

David Kammet & Jill Poser-Kammet

Lindsay & Joshua Kay and their children,
Benjamin, Emma & Skylar

Lisa & Alan Kirschenbaum and their
children, Audrey and Lance

Michael & Laura Kottler and their
children, Jacob & Emma

Barry & Brenda Leeper

Barbara Barrett & Ira Margulies

Claudia Plafsky

Laura Barry & Matt Scheer

Timothy Shevlin & Tiffany Kranitz

Tom & Lori Skibinski and their
children, Austin & Landon

Dawn Starkman and her child, Melissa

Susan Tabnick

Rita Gordon & Eddie Thompson

Daniel & Alicia Trujillo and their child, Damian

Martin Vesole

Jerry Yellen & Rona Malkin

Sandra Yuil

SHABBAT VAYINAFAS — A RESTORATIVE WEEKEND

with

Cantor Elizabeth Shammash

Enjoy all or any of these weekend experiences focused on self-care and spiritual awareness through Jewish song, prayer and movement. This weekend will re-charge your spirit and deepen your connection to Judaism and to the divine spark within you.

About Cantor Lizzie Shammash



Cantor Lizzie Shammash serves Adath Israel in Philadelphia and is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Her love of Yoga and Judaism

found their authentic fusion through studies with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She also teaches a free yoga class online every Monday morning for IJS that regularly attracts over a hundred participants. She keeps a busy concert performance schedule and is a member of Divas on the Bima, a touring show she co-founded with three women cantors.

Shabbat HaNeshama – Shabbat for the Soul

Friday, February 17, 2023 7:30pm | Schaefer Family Campus

Shabbat Services led by Cantor Elizabeth Shammash and Temple Beth El Clergy. This service will inspire participation with beautiful melodies, meditations and chants to help us release the stressors of the week and enter Shabbat with an open heart and peace of mind.

Saturday, February 18, 2023 9:30am | Schaefer Family Campus

Our Shabbat morning will feature, chant, poetry, guided meditation, and exploration of the themes of Parashat Mishpatim / Shabbat Shekalim. As we learn lessons from this week's Torah portion – Cantor Shammash will teach us different melodies, perspectives and modalities drawing on the themes of the parasha in order to energize and enrich our spirits. This will be in place of regular Shabbat morning Torah Study this week.

9:30am – Bagels and Schmooze

10am-11:30am – Shabbat worship and Torah Study

Havdalah Hanesama Havdalah and Yoga for the Soul

Saturday, February 18 4:30pm Beck Family Campus

Conclude Shabbat at the Beck Family Campus with an hour of gentle yoga and movement. Our full selves include mind, body, and spirit. Shabbat invites us to experience all levels of rest and renewal. This afternoon we will learn to listen to the wisdom our bodies have to teach us, and to culminate Shabbat with Havdalah, transitioning into the next week with a renewed body, relaxed mind, and open heart.

4:30pm – Snacks and Schmooze

5:00pm-6:00pm – Yoga

6:00pm – 6:15pm – Havdalah

Register at tbebo.org/havdalah

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Sunday, February 19 9:15am – 10:45am Liumi West Retreat

ELC and Religious School moms are invited to join our monthly Rosh Chodesh meeting at Liumi West Retreat, just 5 minutes from the Beck Family Campus. Cantor Shammash will lead a mindfulness practice through a unique nature walk and meditation. Our Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen will then be in conversation with Cantor Shammash to discuss how mindfulness practice can help us find fulfillment and nurture our growth in our individual life journeys.

Register at tbebo.org/rosh-chodesh

Helping 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**

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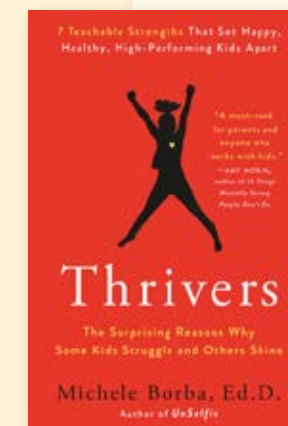
\$18 per Temple Beth El member

\$36 per Temple Beth El guest

VIRTUAL:

\$18 per person

Register at tbebo.org/borba



This program is generously underwritten by Jill Viner.

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

She explains why the old markers of accomplishment (grades, test scores) are no longer reliable predictors of success in the 21st century – and offers 7 teachable traits that will safeguard our kids for the future.

Those essential character strengths-confidence, empathy, self-control, integrity, curiosity, perseverance, and optimism-will allow kids to roll with the punches and succeed in life.

Registration includes one copy of *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Some Kids Shine* by Dr. Michele Borba per family. (One book per family. Virtual ticket holders may pick up their book at either the Schaefer Family Campus or the Beck Family Campus.)

Registration for this event grants you access to special workshops with Dr. Borba that will focus on your child's specific age group.

- **Stretching the Comfort Zone in our Children** - creating self-confident, problem solvers who are curious and independent thinkers while encouraging empathy
- **"Choose Your Battles" with Nurturing Discipline** - what are the lessons when children take risks, make mistakes, and test independence and how and when is it best for parents to create boundaries?
- **Am I Okay and therefore, Is my Child Okay?**
Managing Parental Stress in 2023

This program is relevant to all members with children, ages 0-18. Grandparents are welcome!

Register at tbebo.org/borba. For questions or more information contact Elinor Josephson at ejosephson@tbebo.org or 561-314-2833



Celebrate Shabbat! 2023



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

Endings & Beginnings



Friday, January 6, 6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

On this first Shabbat of 2023, we read the final Torah portion in the Book of Genesis which tells of Jacob blessing his offspring and then his death and burial. This evening we will explore the holiness we can find in endings and beginnings.

Pajama Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 13
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Pajama Tot Shabbat!
Beck Family Campus



It's Pajama Tot Shabbat! Dress in your most comfortable jammies, bring your favorite blanket, and enjoy a delicious pizza dinner & family-friendly Shabbat service. After the service and oneg, join Miss Mij, Master Storyteller, for a story time treat in our Kehillah Center!

Registration required. Please RSVP at tbeoca.org/shabbat.

Shabbat Celebrating Freedom with Hued Songs

January 13, 7:30 pm
Schaefer Family Campus

On this Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, we celebrate freedom with a musical service with the singing group Hued Songs. They celebrate culture through the lens of black music, artists, and history. We will also hear from Dr. Traci Baxley, professor of education at Florida Atlantic University, who will speak about Dr. King's legacy of confronting the world's problems with love and empathy.



Shabbat Unplugged: Camp!

Friday, January 20, 6:30pm
Beck Family Campus

Join us for a fun and lively camp-themed 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 “Preneg” with snacks, veggies and dips!

6:30 – 7:15pm Shabbat Unplugged

7:15 – 9:00pm Dinner and schmooze

BYOD! Bring your own dinner, and then hang out and schmooze with your friends. Please refrain from bringing pork or shellfish items.

For more information or to register, visit tbeoca.org/unplugged-january. Registration is required.

Shabbat Service: Celebrating Magen David Adom

Friday, January 20
7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

This Shabbat come celebrate the lifesaving work of MDA, and see a brand new Israeli ambulance. Joining us will be IDF Sgt. Benjamin Anthony, the founder of “Our Soldiers Speak”, a not-for-profit NGO that brings the proud truth of Israel's soldiers to college campuses and communities worldwide.



IDF Sgt. Benjamin Anthony

Benjamin Anthony is the founder of Our Soldiers Speak, a not-for-profit NGO that brings the proud truth of Israel's soldiers to the campuses and communities of the world. Benjamin also speaks annually on Capitol Hill and arranges briefings by senior IDF officers for members of the US Congress and their staffers. A Sergeant in the IDF reserves,

Benjamin is a veteran of service in: The Second Lebanon War, 2006; Operation Pillar of Defense, 2012; Operation Protective Edge, 2014

Shabbat Service: Pandemic of Loneliness

Friday, January 27, 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

The past few years have been a struggle for many of us as we were separated and suffered pangs of loneliness.

Rabbi Dan Levin will offer a sermon this Shabbat on the pandemic of loneliness and then we will join together for Birthday Blessings for anyone born in January.

Morning Minyan

One Saturday a month
Join us on January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.
10:45am

Schaefer Family Campus

Join Rabbi Elana Rabishaw and Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris for a monthly Shabbat morning experience, that combines the ancient words of our sages with the timeless power of music. This enlightening experience will bring spiritual nourishment through song, prayer, and the study of Torah.

JANUARY

Celebrate Shabbat! 2023

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Blue Jeans Shabbat Shira

The Sabbath of Song
FEATURING ELANA ARIAN

Friday, February 3, 6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

On this Sabbath of Song our clergy will be joined by Elana Arian, one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. Wear your comfy blue jeans and settle into your seat in our sanctuary with multi-instrumentalist composer, prayer leader and recording artist, Elana who inspires communities across the country with her soulful songwriting and spirit.



Shabbat Shira Dinner

Friday, February 3, 2023

Schaefer Family Campus

6:00pm Service

7:15pm Blue Jean and Traffic Man BBQ Dinner

After enjoying this special service, be sure to **sign up** for dinner for a great night with Traffic Man BBQ. There will be plenty to choose from - burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breasts, pre-ordered black bean burgers and more!

\$24 per adult, \$17 per child (4-10)	\$29 per adult, \$22 per child (4-10)
before Wednesday,	on or after
January 18, 2023	Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Register at tbebo.org/bluejeanshabbat.

Registration ends Monday, January 30, 2023

The Song of The Sea – A SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Saturday, February 4, 10:45am

Schaefer Family Campus

Led by our artist in residence, Elana Arian, Cantor Lori Brock and Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris, join us for a musical shabbat morning service in our chapel where we will “stand at the shores of the sea” as did the Israelites in this week’s Torah portion, Beshallah and contemplate the ideal of redemption.

Musical Artist in Residence Elana Arian

Elana’s music is part of Jewish life across the globe, and her compositions are sung in spiritual communities, summer camps, and synagogues from Louisville to London, from Chicago to the Czech Republic, and everywhere in between.



Raised on equal parts Mozart, Mingus, and Mitchell, Elana studied conducting and violin, jazz guitar, and songwriting at Yale. She has appeared on NPR’s Soundcheck, as well as on PBS’ Finding Your Roots.

Shabbat Unplugged with The Bible Players!

Friday, February 10, 6:30 | Beck Family Campus

Join us for a fun and lively Shabbat Service with the Bible Players 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! Open to all; geared for families with children.

6:00 – 6:30pm “Preneg” with snacks, veggies and dips!

6:30 – 7:15pm Shabbat Unplugged

7:15 – 9:00pm Dinner and schmooze

BYOD! Bring your own dinner and then hang out and schmooze with your friends. Please refrain from bringing pork or shellfish items.

For more information or to register, visit

tbebo.org/unplugged-february. Registration is required.



Shabbat Service: Jewish Disability Awareness Month

February 10, 7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

In recognition of Jewish Disability Month we welcome a speaker from Ruth and Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, who will share all the ways our local Jewish social service agency supports disability needs in our community. We will also offer a special Birthday Blessing to everyone who is born in February

Shabbat HaNefesh, Shabbat of the Soul WITH CANTOR ELIZABETH SHAMMASH

Friday, February 17, 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

As part of our Restorative Weekend, Cantor Shammash will co-lead services with our clergy, using beautiful melodies, meditations and chants to help us release the stressors of the week and enter Shabbat with peace of mind and an open heart. Cantor Shammash serves Congregation Adath Israel in Philadelphia and is on faculty at the Jewish Institute of Spirituality.

See page 16 for information on the weekend with Cantor Shammash



Tot Havdalah in the Garden

Saturday, February 25, 4:00–6:00pm

Delray Beach Children’s Garden

Join your Temple Beth El friends and indulge your child’s need for hands-on experience in a lush, natural, magical setting. This event is geared towards families with children 6 years and under. Older siblings are welcome. The \$35.00 price per immediate family includes a garden tour, besamim making (Havdalah spice pouch), light hors d’oeuvres for adults and children, Havdalah service, and a donation to the garden.

Register at tbebo.org. Please include the names of family members that are attending.

NIGHT OF 50 Shabbat Dinners

Friday, February 24, 2023, 6:00 pm

It’s time to celebrate Shabbat all around the town. Your choice – you can be a host or a guest and share Shabbat dinner with other Temple Beth El members.

SIGN UP NOW! HERE’S HOW:

BE A HOST: You decide!

- How many guests can you accommodate?
- Are there members you are inviting?
- Will you be dining inside or outside?
- Hosts receive a special ‘thank you’ gift from the Temple, generously sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

BE A GUEST: You decide!

- Is there a particular home you’d like to attend?
- Is there a person you’d like to attend with?
- Do you want to dine inside, outside or have no preference?

SHABBAT BLESSINGS ON ZOOM: Each host will receive a Zoom link for Shabbat blessings led by our clergy. Everyone will gather at their host’s location and at 6:30 pm participate in this interactive Zoom. For those on a slightly different schedule, view a specially recorded Shabbat video from our clergy at a time that works for you!

DINNERS: It’s Florida! Embrace the outdoors and enjoy dinner in people’s backyards/patios, or at a restaurant, park or clubhouse – wherever works best for you. As a host, you can cook, make it potluck, or order in.

There’s NO FEE to participate in this event.

Register to be a HOST or GUEST at tbebo.org/50-shabbats or contact Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbebo.org.

Deadline: February 15, 2023

There will be an abbreviated Shabbat service in-person at 5:30pm.



FEBRUARY

Parenthood Turns Our School into a Community



BY **RONNI GRAF**
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While the philosophy and goals of the Beth El Early Learning Center largely focus on the experience of children during the years they are in our care, there is no doubt that a significant component of our school's mission is the engagement of the entire family in our synagogue community. While there are several ways that we work to accomplish this, including offering Temple Beth El membership to all families with a student enrolled in our program, our most effective tool in engaging young families is our incredible Parenthood organization.

So, what is Parenthood?

Parenthood is a group comprised of Early Learning Center parents who are committed to enriching our school through planning special events, fundraising, volunteerism, social action, and social activities. Through

Members aim to build an interwoven community of Early Learning Center parents and grandparents with the hope that all involved will make connections, friendships, and memories to last a lifetime.

Parenthood's motto of "Talk-Join-Connect-Create a Legacy," members aim to build an interwoven community of Early Learning Center parents and grandparents with the hope that all involved will make connections, friendships, and memories to last a lifetime.

Parenthood runs all the typical things one would expect from a school's parent auxiliary including our room parent program, book fair, Family Fun Day, staff appreciation week, etc. that give individuals the chance to work together and forge relationships, but Parenthood goes further. In addition to the incredible support they give to our staff and students, they create social opportunities to bring parents together. Through themed Parenthood meetings and "Night Out" events, Parenthood provides a forum for parents to meet, talk, get to know each other and build relationships that will last well beyond when their youngest child graduates from our program.

Without a doubt, Parenthood is one of the things that sets our school apart from others. Our Parenthood auxiliary helps transform our school into a community. Looking to get involved? Email Parenthood@tbeboca.org for more information!

Parenthood Dates

- Wednesday, January 11**
Parenthood Meeting – 7:30pm
- Thursday, February 9**
Girls' Night Out
- Wednesday, February 15**
Parenthood Meeting – 7:30pm



ELC Registration Dates FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

- Monday, January 9**
Registration Opens for Current ELC Families
- Monday, January 23**
Registration Opens for Temple Beth El Members and 2022-23 Mommy and Me Program Participants
- Saturday, January 28**
New Family Application Opens to the Community
- Wednesday, February 8**
Last day of initial New Family Application Enrollment Period
- Monday, February 13**
Enrollment Decisions Emailed to New Families

Important Dates

- Monday, January 2**
New Year's Day (observed)
– no school
- Tuesday, January 3**
School Resumes
- Friday, January 13**
Wear Your PJs to School Day
- Monday, January 16**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
– no school
- Saturday, January 28**
Family Fun Day
- Monday, February 6**
Tu B'Shevat Holiday Program
School in Session
- Thursday, February 9**
PreK Graduation Portraits
- Tuesday, February 14**
Steven Brown Commemorative Bike Day – 4s
- Wednesday, February 15**
Steven Brown Commemorative Bike Day – 2s
- Thursday, February 16**
Steven Brown Commemorative Bike Day – 3s
- Friday, February 17**
Staff Development Day – no school

- Monday, February 20**
Presidents' Day – no school
- Friday, February 24**
Grandparents' Shabbat – 4s
- Saturday, February 25**
Havdalah in the Garden
Delray Beach Children's Garden
– 4:00pm
- Monday, February 27-
Friday, March 3**
Literacy Week



We Love Our Parent Tribes



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



Eating our vegetables, folding our clothes and treating others nicely in front of our children models behavior we'd like to see them emulate. Connection to our Jewish roots and community takes the same role modeling. Celebrating Passover, attending Shabbat and High Holy Day services (online counts!) are important. But don't underestimate the importance of participating in social events with Temple Beth El in your list of things to model! Many of our parents have already started doing this with our Parent Tribe events. Social programming planned by and for parents with religious school aged children. With two volunteer parents from each grade, monthly meetings focus on creating events for parents and sometimes families, to meet, mingle and deepen the bonds of our community.

Morning coffees after kids are dropped off at Religious School, dads watching football together, families hanging out in the backyard

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on a Sunday afternoon, moms heading to a show together in Ft. Lauderdale, the ideas are limitless. The second half of the year will see monthly Shabbat Unplugged highlighting various Tribes, morning yoga, Family Bingo and other opportunities to connect with other adults and show our children that Tribal Gatherings aren't just for the kids anymore!

If you have ideas for events or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Parent Tribe Co-Chairs, Kari Hoffman and Mandy Friedlander or call the Religious School Office at 561-391-9091.



Photo Credit: Give Kids the World

Volunteer At Give Kids the World

February 17-19, 2023
Learn more at: tbeoca.org/gktw23

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Program Partners:

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THE SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE COMES TO LIFE THROUGH THE TORAH

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Tribal Gatherings

January 8, 2023
Baking with Tribe Ephraim (1)
12:00 -2:00pm

January 22, 2023
Color War with Tribe Reuben (3)
12:00 – 2:00pm

January 29, 2023
Yoga with Tribe Kindergarten
12:00 2:00pm

February 5, 2023
Tu B'Shevat Planting with Tribe Benjamin (2)
12:00 – 2:00pm

February 25, 2023
Tie Dye with Tribes Simeon (4) and Judah (5)
6:00 – 8:30pm

Family Events

Shabbat Unplugged at the Beck Family Campus
January 20 – Camp-themed
February 10 – Shabbat Improv featuring The Bible Players

Family Bingo
Sunday, Jan 29 – 5-8pm
Beck Family Campus
\$36 per family
Includes dinner and prizes for adults and kids!

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B’nai Mitzvah



Samantha Levinson



Jordyn Ginnis



Charlotte Rosenfeld

Samantha Levinson
Daughter of Stuart and Jodi Levinson
January 7, 2023 @ 10:45am

Jordyn Ginnis
Daughter of Eric and Stefanie Ginnis
January 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Charlotte Rosenfeld
Daughter of Scott and Amie Rosenfeld
January 14, 2023 @ 9:00am

Max Cohen
Son of Michael and Ivy Cohen
January 14, 2023 @ 11:30am

Spencer Baer
Son of Jeffrey and Melissa Baer
January 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Daniel Pike
Son of Matthew and Michelle Pike
January 21, 2023 @ 9:00am

Miles Hall
Son of Tim and Jessica Hall
January 21, 2023 @ 11:30am

Jordan Elias
Son of Amanda Ratushny and Jason Elias
January 28, 2023 @ 9:00am

Max Farber
Son of Scott and Leslie Farber
January 28, 2023 @ 11:30am

Noah Benson
Son of Todd and Jill Benson
February 4, 2023 @ 11:30am

Maya Schneider
Daughter of Brett Schneider and Margo Jones
February 4, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Taylor Butler
Daughter of Rob and Danielle Butler
February 11, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Samuel Sorkin
Son of Jason and Melissa Sorkin
February 18, 2023 @ 9:00am

Bryant Barkan
Son of Aron and Lauren Barkan
February 25, 2023 @ 10:45am

Brooke Ellish
Daughter of Craig and Nora Ellish
February 25, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Cole Ellish
Son of Craig and Nora Ellish
February 25, 2023 @ 6:00pm



Max Cohen



Spencer Baer



Daniel Pike



Miles Hall



Jordan Elias



Max Farber



Noah Benson



Maya Schneider



Taylor Butler



Samuel Sorkin



Bryant Barkan



Brooke Ellish



Cole Ellish

★ PARENTHOOD PRESENTS ★

★ FAMILY FUN DAY 2023 ★

CARNIVAL IN THE BIG BACKYARD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

9AM- 1PM

BECK FAMILY CAMPUS

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.

REGISTER AT

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Sisterhood Update



BY **LISA WOLFE SWARTZ** AND **SUSAN JUSTER GOLDSTEIN**
SISTERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS
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Where would Temple Beth El be without Sisterhood? Small groups are good for sharing an interest: Sisterhood does that regularly with our programs. But what sets us apart as a small group is that we raise funds that contribute to Temple Beth El's goal to be a caring and concerned congregation.

A portion of our dues is allocated to WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism), an entity of more than 65,000 Jewish women worldwide that advocates for social justice, raises funds for charities and scholarships, and educates Sisterhood leaders. WRJ has always advocated for equal rights for women in Jewish learning and worship, bringing a unique, feminist perspective to Reform Jewish study and providing resources from which to learn and pray.

Moreover, our members knit and crochet

each Healing Blanket that the clergy gifts to our ailing and recuperating members.

We are responsible for having the Shiva platters ordered and delivered.

We prepare and send FREE college care packages to our college-aged congregants.

We staff and choose the merchandise for the Gift Shop, to meet your Judaica needs.

We have the delicious Onegs prepared.

We underwrite special ELC and Religious School programs.

When you join Sisterhood, it is important to have fun [and we do!!], but it is just as important to give back to the temple and the community. Join Sisterhood today and bring your unique perspective with you. We listen!

Upcoming Events

BINGACOLADA

Thursday, February 2, 2023

This fun night out featuring Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris and religious School's Melissa Marx as the bingo callers, is sure to be hilarious! Bingo, tropical drinks, purse bingo ... what else do you need for a fun Thursday night?

DR. PAULA BLOOM ON ZOOM

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Dr. Bloom is returning to help supply our Sisterhood members with the tools they need to maintain a healthy emotional, mental, and spiritual balance in life.



Three hundred women gathered for the Sisterhood Luncheon, "Women Leading Women", to celebrate strength, leadership and love. Mazal tov to two inspirational women who were honored for the contributions to Temple Beth El, Wendy Hoffman Walin and Shelley Marcus. Thank you to our leaders, our "sisters" and our to our inspiring speakers.



Brotherhood Update



BY **KEVIN ROMER** AND **JON LEVIN**
BROTHERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS
brotherhood@tbeboca.org

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second half of another great year with the Brotherhood. We already had so many great programs across our major themes including-Social, Cultural/Spiritual, Philanthropic, and Networking/Entrepreneurship each of which are making a big impact on the temple community.

Fasten your seat-belts as we race around the highlights of these past events. We kicked off the year with a Football Temple Tailgate Party and Gourmet cook-out with Chef Justin and current and new members. We welcomed our new Rabbi, Elana Rabishaw, with an educational breakfast as part of the Anti-Semitism Series. Following a successful first year Entrepreneur's event

conceived by our brother, Paul Weiner, we almost doubled attendance and diversified the panelists to captivate our audience. Thanks to our entertaining moderator, Greg Shugar, and our esteemed panelists, Jennifer Walzer Berkowitz, Dana Brown, Paul Mandel, and Ilya Shnayder. Next, we expanded on our annual major golf event

theme with an inclusive event honoring Rabbi Merle Singer titled "Living Fully with Parkinson's" where members of the Parkinson community played miniature golf, sang, and danced together. Special thanks to brother, Alan Klasfled, for creating this memorable experience. Lastly, we capped off the calendar year celebrating Hanukkah while making new friends and learning about the joys of Latkes, Rum

and Rugelach. Thanks to our brother, Jeff Coleman, and Rabbi Greg for leading us. On top of the programming, the Brotherhood comes together every month for a planning meeting and a poker game to socialize!

As we look ahead to the second half of the year, we will have major annual Golf Fundraising Event on January 16, 2023. We are so pleased to be honoring Bruce Moldow for his Temple and Industry leadership. Proceeds from the event will benefit Temple Beth El's *We've Got You Covered* campaign to provide a state-of-the-art shade structure and enhanced recreational space for the children of the *Beth El Early Learning Center*. Additional proceeds will support the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to assist vulnerable members of our community. Enjoy 18 holes of golf on the exclusive *Boca Rio Golf Course*, Gourmet Lunch, Cocktail and Awards. Brotherhood co-president, Jon Levin, is leading a strong committee effort to organize this awesome event. In February, we feature our second annual major networking event at the unique *Barrel of Monks* with craft beer and delicious casual dining. Thanks, Mike Sirowitz, for coordinating...Stay Tuned. We will be announcing many more exciting programs to wrap up the year including a group sporting event and celebrations of Passover and Mother's day.

Brotherhood is proud of the many things we do to contribute to the Temple community. We want to recognize that many of these efforts are more rewarding and impactful because of the partnerships that we have with other temple organizations, including the Sisterhood, Circles, and the Adult Programming Task Force under the Membership Committee.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 16, 2023

Golf Outing - TBEBrotherhoodGolf.com

Monday, February 6, 2023

Networking at Barrel of Monks



In honor of Rabbi Merle Singer, Temple Beth El Brotherhood was proud to sponsor a great afternoon of movement, singing and time on the mini-links with Boca Ballet Theatre and Temple Beth El of Boca Raton's Parkinson Choir. It was a beautiful afternoon!



Thank You to All Who Supported the 2022/2023 Temple Beth El Annual Appeal

There is still time to make your Annual Appeal gift to Temple Beth El. Visit tbeboca.org/annual-giving for more information.

ANNUAL GIVING 2022-2023 – *From July 1, 2022 to December 15, 2022.*

Jannette Abejean & Irving Friedman
Liliana Abramson
Rebekah Acosta
Julie Adelman
Marcia Adelman
Kenneth Adler
Lawrence Adler
Donna & Mark Adler
Theresa Allum
Philip Altland
Amy & Eliot Appel
Donna & Stephen Appel
Stuart Appel
Barbara Arnold
Staci & Kurt Aron
Marian Aronson
Debbie Gaines-Askowitz & Eric Askowitz
Debbie & Chas Averbook
Joan Bader
Edwin Baer
Melissa & Jeff Baer
Natasha Baker-Bradley
Jules Balkin
Ann Lois Ballon
Joan Baras
Dori Barenholtz
Robin & Neil Baritz
Barbara & Joel Barlow
Rachel & Joshua Baron
Leslie & Michael Baron
Marilyn & Stanley Barry
Hope & Jeff Barton
Bethann & Jack Baskies
Stan Bass
Louis Beck
Patty Beck
Morrie and Marcy Becker
Judith Beiner
Brenda Bello
Steven Belson
Eric Benyamini
Gary Berg
Margie Berg
Mike Bergbauer & Alex Paroulek-Bergbauer
Jill & Ian Berger
Linda & Bill Berger
Annie & Michael Bergner
Ariel Berman & Rachel Zissel
Sondy & Bob Berman
Mollye & Glen Berggard
Bobbie Bernheim
Nathan Bernstein
Paul Bernstein
Jamie Bilsky

Benjie Birnbaum
Judy Blackman
Barbara Blakeslee
Elsie & Jack Blanco
Betsy & David Blechman
Lauren & Roger Blinder
Betty & Stanley B. Block
Suzanne & Stephen Block
Susan Bloom
Marianne Bobick
Evelyn Boccanfuso-Swid
Laurie & Glenn Borden
Steven Bortner
Miriam Boshes
Liz Bowman
Jim Brachman
Marilyn & Mike Brahms
Amy & Robert Brand
Debbie Braunstein
Annie & Bernie Brickel
Suzy & Brian Broad
Cantor Lori & George Brock
Paul Brody
Dana Brown
George Brown
Jordon Brown
Murray Brown
Dorothy Bucksbaum
Dana & Max Bulbin
Freyda & Ed Burns
Avis Burwasser
Nancy & David Carver
Lisa & Brian Cauff
Lois & Dennis Charney
Judith Chason
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