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.

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.

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.
A MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

My Group

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.

I would like to tell you about our Board of Trustees. Our trustees give their time, energy, and valuable skill set to serving Temple Beth El. A significant policy decision impacting our temple will be able to enjoy a special Shabbat blessing from the Bima in their honor, welcoming phone calls, 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 yet not 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.

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

The New Member Meet & Greet is hosted by our Membership Committee and generously underwritten by Sisterhood and Brotherhood.
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/hヌma-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:

“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

“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

“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

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.

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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.

Music Groups

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

Rosh Chodesh Women’s Group — TIFERET (BALANCE)

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, and bringing music to those in memory care facilities, build musicianship skills and form strong bonds with others who have a passion for music!

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, come 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.

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 Bar/Bat 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!

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

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

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A SYNAGOGUE SACRED SPACE

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 EI. 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 EI community understand our philosophy and commitment to keep our community safe at the Schaefer and Beck Family Campuses.

Please know that 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 23 years in various leadership roles including as a Drill Instructor and Infantry Unit Leader. After returning 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 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 EI 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 to:

1. Identify the steps to survive an active threat incident: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT
2. Understand how to prepare for an active threat event
3. Know how to respond to law enforcement’s arrival
4. 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 EI 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/security.

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 EI 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
Scheuer 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.

Where Harry Met Sally: Jews and Deli

Schafer 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.”

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SHABBAT VAYINAFAST — 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.

Shabbat HaNeshama – Shabbat for the Soul
Friday, February 17, 2023 7:30pm | Schafer 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 | Schafer 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 Haneshama
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 tbeboca.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.
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AN EVENING WITH DR. MICHELE BORBA

Helping Children Thrive in an Uncertain World

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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 Schafer 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 generously underwritten by Jill Viner.

Thursday, January 12, 2023
7:00pm
Schafer Family Campus
and on Virtual Beth El

IN PERSON:
$18 per Temple Beth El member
$36 per Temple Beth El guest

VIRTUAL:
$18 per person
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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 tbeboca.org/shabbat.

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 tbeboca.org/unplugged-january. Registration is required.

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
Celebration of Freedom
Friday, January 6
6:30pm Dinner
6:45pm Shabbat Celebrating Freedom with Hued Songs
Schafter 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 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.

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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.

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Shabbat HaNefesh, Shabbat of the Soul
WITH CANTOR ELIZABETH SHAMMASH
Friday, February 17, 7:30pm
Schafer 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.

Shabbat Service: Jewish Disability Awareness Month
February 10, 7:30 pm
Schafer Family Campus
In recognition of Jewish Disability Month, we welcome a speaker from Ruth and Norman Rules 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.

Tout-Havdalah in the Garden
Saturday, February 25, 4:00–6:00 pm
Delray Beach Children’s Garden
Join your Temple Beth El friends and indulge in a lush, natural, magical setting. This event is geared towards families with children 6 years and under. Older siblings are welcome.

Esther's Table
Friday, February 3, 6:30 pm
Schafer Family Campus
Join us for a musical evening of joyful candle lighting and singing with Elana Arian and Cantor Jake Harris, as well as a festive meal on the Schaefer Family Campus.

Shabbat Service:
February 10, 7:30 pm
Schafer Family Campus
Join us for our annual Shabbat of the Sea – a special and unique Shabbat service! Cantor Shammash will lead a celebration of the redemption of the Israelites from Egypt andHighlighted are two important mitzvot – Shanah Tovah and Nitzavim – which we will celebrate at this special Shabbat service.

Blue Jeans Shabbat Shira
The Sabbath of Song
FEATURING ELANA ARIAN
Friday, February 3, 6:00 pm
Schafer 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
Schafer Family Campus
6:00 pm Service
7:15 pm 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!

Shabbat Unplugged with The Bible Players!
Friday, February 10, 6:30 | Beck Family Campus
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Schafer Family Campus
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Shabbat Blessings on Zoom:
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For those on a slightly different schedule, view a specially recorded Shabbat video from our clergy at a time that works for you!

Shabbat Dinner:.
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 tbeboca.org/50-shabbats or contact Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbeboca.org.
Deadline: February 15, 2023
There will be an abbreviated Shabbat service in person at 5:30pm.

Celebrate Shabbat 2023!
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.

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?

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EXPERIENCE A SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP
The Song of The Sea – A SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
Saturday, February 4, 10:45am
Schafer 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.

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Parenthood Turns Our School into a Community

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, volunteering, social action, and social activities. Through 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!

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**  
Family Fun Day

**Friday, March 3**  
Literacy Week

**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

**Parenthood Dates**

**Wednesday, January 11**  
Parenthood Meeting — 7:30pm

**Thursday, February 9**  
Girls’ Night Out

**Wednesday, February 15**  
Parenthood Meeting — 7:30pm

**E E L C R E G I S T R A T I O N D A T E S**
We Love Our Parent Tribes

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 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.

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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!
B’nai Mitzvah

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 @ 9:00am

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

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

Carnival in the Big Backyard

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 BETHEEARLYLEARNINGCENTER.TBEBOCA.ORG
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.

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!

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

BY KEVIN ROMEI AND JON LEVIN
BROTHERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS
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Brotherhood Update

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 Rabishure, with an educational breakfast as part of the Anti-Semitism Series. Following a successful first year Entrepreneur’s event conceived by our brother, Paul Wein, 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 Parkinsons” where members of the Parkinson community played miniature golf, sang, and danced together. Special thanks to brother, Alan Klasfled, for golf, sang, and danced together. Special thanks to brother, Alan Klasfled, for creating this memorable experience. Lastly, we capped off the calendar year celebrating Hanukah while making new friends and learning about the joys of Lathers, Rum and Rugelach. Thanks to our brother, Jeff Coleman, and Rabbi Greg for leading us.

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 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. Brotherhoood 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

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BINGACOLADA
Thursday, February 2, 2023
This fun night out featuring Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris and religious School’s Melissa Marx as the bingo caller, 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.

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 Raton’s Parkinson Choir. It was a beautiful afternoon.

We’ve had a successful first year of Entrepreneur’s events with a big impact on 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.
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 tbecoa.org/annual-giving for more information.

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