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# Living the Dream

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN dlevin@tbeboca.org

In 1860, French writer Ernst Laharanne, in a pamphlet called The New Eastern Question, wrote: "A great calling is reserved for the Jews ... You will come to the land of your fathers decorated with the crown of age-long martyrdom, and there, finally, you will be completely healed from all your ills! Your capital will again bring the wide stretches of barren land under cultivation; your labor and industry will once more turn the ancient soil into fruitful valleys, reclaiming it from the encroaching sands of the desert, and the world will again pay its homage to the oldest of peoples."

For centuries, the land of Israel was simply a dream. Imagine generations before us, lying in bed before

In celebrating the 75th anniversary of Israel's birth, we ask what it means for the State of Israel to realize our collective dreams...Will it be "a light to the nations," a country ever in pursuit of innovation, invention, progress, and hope?

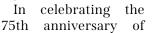
falling asleep on a Shabbat evening. From their homes in Babylon, Persia, Yemen: Alexandria, Tunis, Marrakech; Granada, Cordoba, Toledo, Barcelona; Izmir, Salonika, the Carpathians; Hungary, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania; Germany, France, Britain, Australia; Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru; the United States and Canada – Israel? A dream.

When someone asks me how is life in Boca Raton. I often answer: "Living the dream!" And for the past 75 years, since the birth of the modern State of Israel, the Jewish people have been living a dream.

It is a dream born from so many nightmares – of quashed revolts, crusades, inquisitions, expulsions, pogroms, and the Holocaust. An unyielding hope and faith led people whom Haman described as "scattered and dispersed among the other peoples" to be gathered from the four corners of the earth and return home to Jerusalem.

It is a dream captured in a Zionist poem transformed into Israel's national anthem: "L'hyot Am Chofshi B'Artzeinu – to be a free people in our own land."

The past 75 years have been a journey of national self-discovery, exploring what it means to be "living the dream." This journey has shown us the horrors of war and loss, and how to defend ourselves. It has shown us the challenges of thirst, and how to make the desert bloom. It has exposed deep-seated animosities, ignorance, and prejudice, and asked us to imagine how we might create a glorious mosaic of Jewish life and culture.



Israel's birth, we ask what it means for the State of Israel to realize our collective dreams. Will Israel hold fast to its democratic principles? Will it be a homeland for all of the Jewish people, one in which the grand spectrum of Jewish religious expression is appreciated and welcomed? Will it be a homeland in which all of Israel takes responsibility one for another, and seeks peace and pursues it? Will it be "a light to the nations,"

progress, and hope? Our annual ritual calendar invites us to retrace our people's wanderings through history. From Passover we march for fifty days through the wilderness to arrive at Sinai. Along that journey, as Rabbi Karyn Kedar instructs, we follow a path that leads us through an ever-evolving process of decision, discernment, choice, hope, imagination, courage, and prayer.

a country ever in pursuit of innovation, invention,

Temple Beth El will be hosting a number of wonderful events this spring and in the coming year to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Israel's birth, and to explore what it means for all of us to be "living the dream."

And as we consider our own personal dreams and journeys, I encourage everyone to join in our congregation's spiritual Omer practice to discover how we can live lives of real meaning, purpose, intention, and holiness. (Pages 14-15)

May our individual dreams be woven into the tapestry of our people's yearnings and visions, and may their realization inspire us to "live the dream."

# Am Yisrael Chai!



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

Israel – our Jewish homeland. In the Bible it was promised to the Jewish people, and when the state of Israel was formed in 1948 it was assured to be a refuge from antisemitism for **all** Jewish people. We are welcomed to make Aliyah, to move to the land of Israel. We're welcomed to visit, to travel to historic, holy, and cultural sites and to feel at home.

But there are times our Jewish homeland doesn't quite seem like home for Reform Jews. The new Israeli government includes some lawmakers who have demonized the liberal, non-Orthodox strains of Judaism and denigrated the LGBTQ+ community. The Western Wall, Judaism's most sacred site, and a holy symbol for the Jewish people, is separated into distinct sections for men and women to pray. The Orthodox community

# *But there are times our Jewish homeland doesn't quite seem like home for Reform Jews.*

continues to be unrelenting regarding reversing this policy despite equality in other aspects of Israeli society, like serving in the army and prohibiting discrimination based on gender in other things like employment and wages.

Women of the Wall is an organization that I think about often and support fully. They believe that Jewish women in Israel, whether citizens or travelers from the States or around the world, should have the same rights that we have here on the bima at Temple Beth El – to wear a tallit, read from the Torah, and pray equally.

I am also grateful for the work of The Israel **Religious Action Center (IRAC).** They strive to strengthen Israel's democracy by ensuring recognition for Reform and Conservative Rabbis, protecting the rights of converts and immigrants, and promoting equality for all Israelis.

Although it is a time of protest for many Israelis because of their new government, we are still grateful that, in Israel, people have the right to protest. Israel is a democratic state which allows for free speech as a fundamental human right. I've recently heard some say they are "upset with Israel" but my response is to consider that you may be upset with their current government and their proposed policies but not the land and its people. Am Yisrael Chai!

# A Message for Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu

David Friedman, Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, was the third guest speaker in Temple Beth El's "Antisemitism Series" on December 1, 2022.



Rabbi Levin led the conversation with Ambassador Friedman, and covered topics from anti-Zionism and antisemitism on college campuses, to the Abraham

Accords, to the impact of far-right leaders in the most recent Israeli election. They discussed the rise of antisemitism – on the right and the left – and what should we as American Jews do to combat antisemitism and help heal the rifts in American life.

The message was clear that we need to get the politics out of fighting antisemitism. Whether on the left or the right, Democrat or Republican, all Jews Whether on the left or the right, Democrat or Republican, all Jews need to come together to ensure the future of the Jewish people.

should come together to ensure the future of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Levin shared that in Boca Raton, we are a united Jewish community who admire and respect one another, even though our Jewish affiliation – Reform, Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, etc. – may be different. Rabbi Levin further assured Ambassador

Friedman that our congregation and Reform Jewish community has a love of Torah and tradition, and a love for the State of Israel and the Jewish people. He ended the evening with a message for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



Scan QR code to view the video with Rabbi Dan's message.

# **CELEBRATE ISRAEL**

# Blue & White Shabbat

# YOM HA'ATZMAUT

# CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 75<sup>TH</sup> AND OUR VOLUNTEERS!

# SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Friday, April 28, 2023 Schaefer Family Campus

6:00pm A joyous Israeli themed musical celebration of our Jewish Homeland

# 7:30pm Delicious Israeli inspired dinner, catered by Artisan Foods

Wear your blue jeans and blue and white and rock out to an Israeli themed service! Join with our singing groups, clergy, Early Learning Center children, and great musicians to celebrate our Jewish homeland. We will honor our volunteers, lay leaders, and confirmation class with a special blessing.

Register for dinner at tbeboca.org/blueandwhite. Registration closes Tuesday, April 25

# Members:

Adults: \$38 per person

Children 5-10: \$20 per person

Children 4 and under: No charge

**Guests:** Additional \$5 per person

All prices increase April 19, \$5 per person

Sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood.





# **CELEBRATE ISRAEL**

Visit tbeboca.org/circles for more information about joining a Beth El Circle.





# Israel Circle

Do you want to know more about Israel? Whether you have been to our homeland or not, the Israel Circle explores the Israel of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Guest speakers will guide deep discussion and topical engagement about a land that has one foot in the ancient past and one in the limitless future and is always in the news. Speakers include some of our very own members who have experiences and knowledge about Israel and opportunities in the community.

# Conversational Hebrew Circle BRUCHIM HA-BAIM (WELCOME)!

Shalom chaver (friend)! If you have a solid reading level and some basic vocabulary, but want to work on your conversational skills, then this Circle is for you! From small talk to big topics, these gatherings will help you build confidence with your Hebrew alongside other members who share a love for the language. This Circle is facilitated by our cantorial associate, Kira Melamed-Vainberg. For more information, email Kira at kvainberg@tbeboca.org



# Israeli Cooking Class

Sunday, March 12, 2023 4:00pm – 6:30pm Beck Family Campus Members only \$50 per person Space is limited! Have your children recently left the nest? Join with other empty nesters for an enjoyable night out!! Chef Yaniv Boussiba offers us the opportunity to enjoy a fun and delicious, authentic Israeli cooking class along with other members of Temple Beth El. Together we'll create a 3-course meal with wine and when it's ready, everyone will enjoy the amazing feast they helped create. You'll learn fun and useful cooking tips from Chef Yaniv. It's a blast!

Everyone should bring their favorite apron or dish towel and be prepared to tell the group why it is your favorite. Participants will also need to bring a cutting knife, paring knife and cutting board. Register at **tbeboca.org/israeli-cooking**. For more information, contact Elinor Josephson, Director Engagement and Programming at 561-314-2833 or **ejosephson@tbeboca.org**.



# STORE TO ISRAEL JUNE 5-18, 2023 WITH RABBI DAN LEVIN AND ELINOR JOSEPHSON!

This trip is ideal for first-timers AND for those who have traveled to Israel before. Explore Israel's rich history, modern culture and stunning landscapes. Our updated itinerary includes Market tasting tours, a Druze home hospitality experience with a cooking workshop and meal, a meeting with Tal Shalev - the chief political correspondent for the leading Israeli web portal Walla News. Have you watched Shtisl? – We will walk through the streets of the ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods, get to know the people, the food, and feel the vibrations of this life. These are only a few of the new and exciting stops in our two-week adventure. For more information contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming at 561-314-2833 or **ejosephson@tbeboca.org.** 

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The All Star Clergy and Choirs Monday, March 6 • 7:00 pm Schaefer Family Campus. Open to All

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Join us for a Rockin' 50's Purim featuring your favorite melodies from Grease! That's right, Achashveros is slicking his hair back to win over Esther in her poodle skirt! Join your clergy and congregants for a traditional, festive megillah reading followed by a side-splitting spiel.

Stay for a Rock Around the Hamantaschen Oneg featuring our live band playing music from the fabulous 50's while you enjoy nifty treats and a little vino!

Open to the congregation and community. Costumes are encouraged for all!

Please RSVP at tbeboca.org/purim-2023.



# WITH RABBI DAN LEVIN AND CANTOR LORI BROCK

# THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT 5:30 PM **IN-PERSON AT THE SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS**

For Temple Beth El members and their guests

Join Rabbi Dan and Cantor Lori for a second night Seder with fun for all ages. Join us as we retell the Passover story and enjoy a wonderful meal catered by Artisan Foods.

Enjoy a delicious Seder meal, filled with holiday favorites.

# Members:

Adults: \$90 Children: \$55 (ages 4-10) Children: \$25 (ages 3 and under)

# **Guests:**

Adults: \$105 Children: \$60 (ages 4-10) Children: \$35 (ages 3 and under)

RSVP at tbeboca.org/passover-2023 by Monday, April 3 at 12:00pm. All prices increase \$10 per person on Wednesday, March 29.

Sponsored by Sisterhood.

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# SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S PASSOVER EXPERIENCE

The Stories We Tell

Featuring Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Jennifer Senior Tuesday, April 11, 2023 **Schaefer Family Campus** 

7:00pm Speaker, Jennifer Senior Followed by Passover-friendly dessert, coffee and schmooze with your sisters

Members of Temple Beth El: \$25, includes a copy of On Grief by Jennifer Senior Guests: \$36, includes a copy of On Grief by Jennifer Senior

"Striking. And haunting," is what Oprah Winfrey calls Jennifer Senior's new book On Grief. The same words could be used to describe the Passover story, the movement of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom. Through the lens of Passover words and songs, and Jennifer's take on the stories we tell, we will see the ancient story come alive in a beautiful, spiritual evening.

On Grief was originally published in The Atlantic under the title "What Bobby McIlvaine Left Behind" and was the winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing.

RSVP at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE WITH YIZKOR April 12 at 10:30 am Schaefer Family Campus



## About Jennifer Senior

Jennifer Senior is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*. Prior to joining The *Atlantic*, she spent five years at The New York *Times*-first as one of its three daily book critics, then as a columnist for the Opinion page. Before that, she spent eighteen years as a staff writer for New York Magazine, writing profiles and cover stories about politics, social sci<mark>enc</mark>e, and mental health. Her book, All Joy and No Fun: The Paradox of Modern Parenthood, spent eight weeks on The New York Times Best Seller list





# MARCH

# MARCH 3

# Shabbat Evening Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going

# AN EVENING WITH RABBI SERGIO BERGMAN PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

- 🕙 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services
- ☉ 7:15pm Shabbat Dinner and Keynote Speaker
- **Schaefer Family Campus**
- ✓ Registration required at tbeboca.org/sergio-bergman
- Registration closes Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- **\$** Dinner Price: **\$50** per person (members only)

Rabbi Bergman will speak briefly during Shabbat evening services and more extensively during our Shabbat dinner. We will explore how Israel's new hard-right government will impact progressive Jews and Judaism — in Israel, in America, and around the world and the extraordinary stories of how progressive Jewish communities in Ukraine are coping with the horrors of the war with Russia.

Rabbi Sergio Bergman is one of the most dynamic and fascinating Jewish leaders in the world. Formerly Argentina's Minister of the Environment, Rabbi Bergman, leads the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international organization supporting Reform and Progressive congregations in more than 50 countries.

# About Rabbi Sergio Bergman



Rabbi Sergio Bergman serves as President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), representing two million Jews affiliated with 1,200 communities in more than 50 countries. The World Union supports the work and inspires the growth of Reform and progressive Jewish communities around the world. Rabbi Bergman was an admired political leader in his native Argentina. Between 2015 and 2019 as Argentina's Minister of the Environment he was responsible for the creation of six new National Parks and the first Marine Protected Areas in Argentina. In 2019, Apolitical named him as one of the hundred most prominent people worldwide in the fight against climate change.

He is the author of seven books, including The Civic Manifesto, Argentina Citizen with Biblical Texts, (with a foreword by Pope Francis), and Kabbalah, a GPS to the soul.

# Community Pride Shabbat

Friday, March 31, 2023 6:00pm Beifield Auditorium at the Levis JCC, 21050 95th Avenue S., Boca Raton Join Beth El Pride, Temple Beth El's LGBTQ+ community as we celebrate Community Pride Shabbat! The Jewish community of South Palm Beach County will be marking Pride Shabbat, celebrating the LGBTQ+ members of our community. This Shabbat experience will be led by Temple Beth El's own Rabbi Greg Weisman and Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris, bringing together Visit tbeboca.org/shabbat for a detailed service schedule including in-person and online viewing options.

# MARCH 10

# Shabbat Unplugged: Beatles!

- 🕑 6:30pm
- Beck Family Campus
- Registration required at tbeboca.org/unplugged-march

Geared towards families with religious school students, this fun and lively Beatles-themed experience will be 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, or purchase food, and then hang out and schmooze with your friends. We ask that you refrain from bringing pork or shellfish items. Join us in person at the Beck Family Campus.

# Shabbat: Keeping the Faith © 7:30pm

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This week we read the Torah portion, Ki Tisa, which describes how the Israelites lost faith and built a golden calf. In a world with so many temptations — some good and some bad — how do we keep our faith and stay on the right path? This Shabbat, we will explore how our Torah and traditions guide us to the good.

Jews and Jewish organizations from around the community, including the Jewish Federation, Keshet, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the ADL, and the other local synagogues. RSVP at **tbeboca.org/communitypride-shabbat**, and for more information contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at **gweisman@tbeboca.org.** 

# MARCH 17

# Tot Shabbat March Madness

- 🕑 6:00pm
- Beck Family Campus
- Registration required at tbeboca.org/shabbat

March Madness Tot Shabbat will begin with a delicious pizza dinner, followed by a fun & family-friendly Shabbat service. Next, your children will work on their sports skills with professional coaches from Kidokinetics in our Big Backyard. Remember to wear your favorite sports jersey!

# Shabbat– Building our Inner Tabernacle © 7:30pm

# Schaefer Family Campus

In order for God's presence to dwell in the community, the Torah teaches us this week that we need to build a sanctuary – a mishkan. On this Shabbat, we will reflect on how Jewish spiritual practice guides each of us to build an inner sanctuary where God will dwell in us. We will also join together for Birthday Blessings for anyone born in the month of March.



# MARCH 24

# Alternative Service: Kol HaNeshama

◎ 6:00pm

# Schaefer Family Campus

Welcome Shabbat with a different type of worship experience. While sitting in the round in the chapel, through the use of niggunim (wordless melodies) we will deepen our connection to ourselves, to each other and the Holy One so that we may welcome Shabbat with a peaceful mind and an open heart.

# Shabbat Service: The Blessings of Sacrifice

⑦ 7:30pm

# Schaefer Family Campus

In this week's Torah portion, Vayikra, we begin the book of Leviticus by recalling the sacrifices the Israelites made to the Temple. What does it mean to sacrifice, and how does sacrifice bring meaning to our lives?

# MARCH 31

# Shabbat HaGadol



# Schaefer Family Campus

Shabbat HaGadol, the Sabbath that immediately precedes Passover, guides us to prepare for the celebration of our liberation. This Shabbat, we introduce Temple Beth El's Omer Practice, a sevenweek spiritual progression of spiritual self-discovery and liberation leading to the celebration of the gift of Torah on Shavuot. We will explore how Rabbi Karyn Kedar's seven themes of the Omer can guide us in our own introspection and reflection: Decide, Discern, Choose, Hope, Imagine, Courage, and Pray.

# **APRIL**

# APRIL **7** Beginning the Omer: Decision

🕑 6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus



Our first Shabbat of the Omer will focus our attention on the one element that makes us human: our capacity for thoughtful, deliberate, moral decisions. As we begin to

count the Omer, we will reflect on the spiritual power that comes from our liberating capacity to decide who we will be and what we will do.

# APRIL 14

# Shabbat Unplugged: Taylor Swift!

- 🕑 6:30pm
- Beck Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/unplugged-april Geared towards families with religious school

students, this fun and lively Taylor Swiftthemed experience will be 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, or purchase food, and then hang out and schmooze with your friends. We ask that you refrain from bringing pork or shellfish items.

# Shabbat Service: Counting the Omer: Discern © 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

One of the most important aspects we develop in our moral core is the ability to discern — to navigate the complex and conflicting values and choices we face throughout our lives. This helps find our way to meeting God in our hearts and in our world.

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Visit tbeboca.org/shabbat for a detailed service schedule including in-person and online viewing options.

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Beth El

# APRIL 21

# Tot Shabbat – Israel

- 🕑 6:00pm
- **9** Beck Family Campus
- Register for dinner at

### tbeboca.org/shabbat

Celebrate Israeli Independence Day with your ELC friends and community. First, we'll enjoy a delicious pizza dinner in our Breezeway, then we're off to a fun & family-friendly Shabbat service in our Kehillah Center.

# Yom HaShoah Shabbat: Remembering Through Music

# 🕑 7:30pm

# Schaefer Family Campus

We will commemorate the memory of the Six Million with inspiring music that expresses the power of faith and hope, and how our choices determine how we move through life's greatest challenges.

# APRIL 28

# Blue and White Shabbat Celebrating Israel's 75th

- 🕑 6:00pm
- Schaefer Family Campus
- Register for dinner at
  - tbeboca.org/blueandwhite

Wear blue jeans and Blue and White to celebrate Yom Haatz'maut – Israel's 75th Independence Day! Join us to rejoice in the miracle of our ancient and modern homeland.

See page 5 for information on Blue and White Shabbat Dinner!

# STUDIO Jews and Journalism

ENJOY SHABBAT DINNER WITH FRIENDS WHILE HEARING FROM THOSE WITH THE INSIDE SCOOP ON THE WORLD OF JOURNALISM

Friday, April 14, 2023

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- snacks and schmooze
- 🕑 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
- 😳 6:45pm Dinner and Panel
- Schaefer Family Campus



### Sarah Ponczek

Before becoming a financial advisor, Sarah analyzed and reported on financial markets for Bloomberg News, included hosting a weekly podcast called "What Goes Up." Sarah holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) designation from the Investments & Wealth Institute through Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, and enjoys working with clients on investment and portfolio analysis. Sarah graduated with high distinction from the University of Michigan, and appears frequently on Bloomberg, CNBC and Fox Business and in Barron's.



### Bill Siegel

Bill Siegel is General Manager of WPTV, the E.W. Scripps-owned NBC affiliate in West Palm Beach. He's spent more than 20 years in local television, as a journalist and station manager, including as General Manager of WSFL in Miami, and from 2015-2019, as senior director of content strategy. Prior to joining Scripps in 2015, Siegel spent four years as executive news director at WWL, CBS affiliate in New Orleans. He also worked as assistant news director at WISN in Milwaukee, executive producer at KMOV in St. Louis, executive producer at KENS in San Antonio, Texas, and as a producer at KESO in Palm Springs, California.



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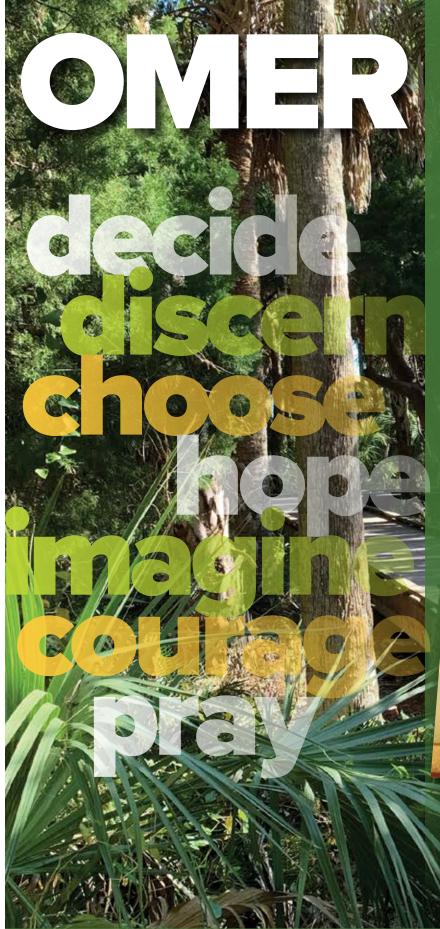
tbeboca.org/shabbat-studio

Members only. Space is limited.

**Registration closes April 11** 

Register at

Lois K. Solomon Lois Solomon has been a reporter for the Sun Sentinel for over 20 years. She spent most of this time covering education but has also reported on city and county government, crime, courts and religion. She writes the Sun Sentinel's "Essential South Florida" weekly newsletter and answers guestions about South Florida life in her "Ask Lois" column.



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The Omer is the 49-day period between the celebration of Passover and the Festival of Shavuot. Beginning with Passover's celebration of our liberation from Egypt, it became the custom to count the 49 days of the grain harvest leading to Shavuot, marking each step in our journey to Mount Sinai to receive the gift of Torah and revelation.

Temple Beth El will mark the counting of the Omer this year through the wisdom of Rabbi Karyn Kedar's book *Omer: A Counting.* Each of the seven weeks of the Omer will focus on a theme related to growing our spiritual awareness and liberating ourselves from all that keeps us from feeling a sense of spiritual wholeness.

1. Decide

4. Hope

- 2. Discern 3. Choose
- 5. Imagine 6. Courage 7. Pray



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# TEMPLE BETH EL'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY

Exercise your spiritual muscle as our annual counting creates for us a pathway to God's presence in our individual and collective journeys.

## Shabbat HaGadol – the "Great Shabbat" Friday, March 31

Shabbat HaGadol immediately precedes Passover. Join us for a Shabbat evening as we explore the spiritual process of commemorating the counting of the Omer.

# Lunch and Learn Tuesdays at 12:00pm April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23

Each of our Lunch and Learn sessions in our Omer Series will explore the weekly theme with traditional and modern texts along with questions for personal introspection and reflection.

# Following The Path Thursdays at 7:00pm April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18

Join together by Zoom for a guided exploration of each weekly theme with members of our clergy team.

# Weekly Email – Daily Practice

Each week, we will send an email that will provide you with daily intentions around the weekly theme. These weekly emails will provide discussion questions for you to explore with your family, along with daily intentions for your own meditation or journaling or simply to consider as part of your day.

# Celebrate the culmination of our Omer Journey

SHAVUOT ON MAY 25-26, 2023 WITH SPECIAL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI KARYN KEDAR



# Lunch &Learn

# MARCH Spiritual Preparations for Passover

Rabbi Amy Pessah & Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates Tuesdays, March 14, 21 & 28 (no class March 7, Purim) 12:00 – 1:00pm

# Virtual Beth El/ Zoom

Gefilte fish at the supermarket is not the only sign that Passover is coming. There are texts and traditions and mindsets that can help us prepare for the Seder and the celebration of the movement of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom. Join us for a three-part exploration of a spiritual Passover preparation.

# APRIL Omer: A Counting

Tuesdays April 4, 11, 18, 25 (continues into May) Rabbi Dan Levin 12:00 – 1:00pm In Person and Zoom

The spiritual journey of the Omer, the period between the end of Passover and the Shavuot, has been re-imagined to make it both meaningful and accessible for the 21st century. Omer: A Counting provides a spiritual guide for a personal journey through the Omer toward meaningful and purposeful living. Beautiful and evocative readings, matched with the Omer blessing, offer a transformative path from Passover to Shavuot.



# **TEMPLE BETH EL OF BOCA RATON PRESENTS**

# **Bret Stephens** The State of the Jews as the Jewish State Celebrates 75

Schaefer Family Campus Wednesday, May 3, 2023

7:00pm

\$36 General Admission

\$180 Reserved Seating and Meet and Greet with Bret Stephens at 5:45pm

What do the changes in Israel's government mean for American Jews and Diaspora Jews around the world? How is the uptick in global antisemitism related people's perception of Israeli politics and Israeli leadership? How are we as Reform Jews supposed to feel about Israel? Join Bret Stephens in conversation with Rabbi Dan Levin to explore these important questions as Israel celebrates it's 75th year of independence.



Bret Stephens is an Op-Ed columnist writing about foreign policy and domestic politics for the New York Times.

Bret came to the Times in 2017 after a long career with The Wall Street Journal, where he was most recently deputy editorial page editor and, for 11 years, a foreign affairs columnist. Before that, he was editor-in-chief of The Jerusalem Post, a position he assumed in 2002 at age 28.

In addition to his work at the Times, in 2021 Bret became editor-in-chief of Sapir (sapirjournal.org), a Jewish quarterly published by the Maimonides

Fund. The mission of Sapir is to offer ideas for a thriving Jewish future. He is also currently at work on a book about the future of the free world.

Bret was raised in Mexico City and holds a B.A. from the University of Chicago and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics. He sits on numerous academic

advisory boards and was a co-founder, with Garry Kasparov, of the Renew Democracy Initiative, an organization dedicated to advancing democratic principles throughout the world.

This event is underwritten by Project Nuremberg and Friends of Music and the Arts.

Art All Day: Miami Art Trip

Open to Temple Beth El members only.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:15am – 5:00pm (approximate return)

\$72 per person

Includes round-trip bus transportation, breakfast, lunch, and all admissions.

Bus leaves from Schaefer Family Campus

STOP 1 Miami Holocaust Memorial

> STOP 2 Rubell Museum

STOP 3 Lunch at The Spice Detective

STOP 4 Holocaust Documentation and Education Center

Register tbeboca.org/art-all-day

Join us for this unique and rare opportunity to spend the day examining local treasures in art with expert art historian Amy Herman, graffiti artist Serge Touissant, and retired physician and artist Dr. Wilma Siegel.

Amy, well-known for her Ted Talk on *Perspective and Art* with nearly a million views, will be with us for the day as we start at the Rubell Museum, one of the biggest private contemporary art collections in the world. After that we will

visit the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach and meet graffiti artist Serge Touissant to examine the concept of Exodus and Refugee. We will conclude our journey with the "Hope, Resilience and Remembrance" exhibit at the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center in Dania Beach, Fl. Artist Dr. Wilma Siegel will guide us through her paintings of Holocaust survivors. This promises to be a unique and powerful day.

Cosponsored by Friends of Music and the Arts, Sisterhood, Brotherhood. and Project Nuremberg. Temple Beth El's Project Nuremberg, underwritten by Jay and Marilyn Weinberg, provides programming that explores the Holocaust, Law and Ethics.



# The Future of Democracy – What We Need to Know

# WITH MICHAEL J. ABRAMOWITZ, PRESIDENT OF FREEDOM HOUSE, IN CONVERSATION WITH RABBI GREG WEISMAN Thursday, March 16, 2023 • 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus Register at tbeboca.org/freedom-house

Join Temple Beth El to welcome Freedom House President Michael J. Abramowitz for an evening of discussion and inquiry into the state of freedom and democracy around the world,

including the United States, Israel, Iran and Russia/Ukraine. With the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, democracy appeared destined to spread freedom throughout the world. But

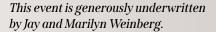
in recent years, it seems like commitments to democratic ideals have begun to wane. With the rise of authoritarian leaders in young democracies like Hungary, to the threats to democracy we see in America and in Israel, we come together to discuss the future of democracy – here and around the world.



**About Michael Abramowitz and Freedom House** Freedom House is a non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting democracy around the globe. They help freedom flourish through research, advocacy, and empowering people to hold their governments accountable.

Prior to his work with Freedom House, Michael Abramowitz directed the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Levine Institute for Holocaust Education, and the museum's genocide prevention efforts. He spent the first 24 years of his career at The Washington Post, where he was national editor and White House correspondent.

This program is generously underwritten by Mason Slaine.



TEMPLE BETH EL OF BOCA RATON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND LYNN UNIVERSITY PRESENT THE

# PROJECT NUREMBERG LAWYERS LUNCHEON



# PERSPECTIVES ON THE NUREMBERG PROSECUTION & THE IMPACT OF PERSPECTIVES ON YOUR PRACTICE

Friday, April 28, 2023 • 12:00pm – 2:00pm Schaefer Family Campus RSVP by April 20, 2023 at tbeboca.org/project-nuremberg

# HONORING

The Honorable Samantha Schosberg Feuer and Lynn University Professor Sindee Kerker

# FEATURING

Lawyer and Art Historian Amy Herman

AND EXHIBITING THE ART OF NATHAN HILU "Illustrations from the Nuremberg Trials" visual memory of a Nuremberg Trial guard

# PRICES

**CHIEF JUSTICE SPONSOR \$3,600 (two available)** Table of 10, special recognition with on screen ad and priority seating.

# **SUPREME COURT SPONSOR \$1,500**

Table of 5, special recognition with on screen ad and priority seating.

# **CIRCUIT COURT SPONSOR \$750**

Two tickets, special recognition with on screen ad and priority seating.

# LUNCHEON TICKET ONLY \$72

FREE to attendees of the Nuremberg Lawyers Luncheon Two complimentary

Luncheon Two complimentary tickets to "Nathan-ism" Documentary Premier Screening (see opposite page)

## Amy Herman, Keynote Speaker

Jay and Marilyn Weinberg Rule of Law Award Recipient Amy Herman, a lawyer and art historian, uses works of art to sharpen observation, analysis, and communication skills. By showing people how to look closely at painting, sculpture, and photography, she helps them hone their



visual intelligence to recognize the most pertinent and useful information as well as recognize biases that impede decision making. For 14 years, Herman has been our nation's secret weapon--providing leadership training to top officers in the United States military, law enforcement, medicine, education, and industry.

### Professor Sindee Kerker, J.D.

Jay and Marilyn Weinberg Rule of Law Award Recipient

Professor Kerker has taught graduate and undergraduate courses at Lynn University for over 20 years. In 2010, Kerker created a one-of-a-kind



Nuremberg Trials class, using original documents from the trial (*The Blue Series*) donated to Lynn University by the League for Educational Awareness of the Holocaust (LEAH). She has presented on the Nuremberg

Trials at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, for local community groups, and to over 1,500 middle school and high school students.

# Learn more about Project Nuremberg at tbeboca.org/project-nuremberg



On display is The Blue Series, the record of the trials of the Nazis at Nuremberg after World War II. These documents, traced to Justice Robert Jackson and housed at Lynn University, were saved from destruction by Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates. They are an enduring testament to the good that lawyers and judges can do.

Thanks to a generous donation by Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, all attorneys who are parents of current Beth El Early Learning Center and Religious School students will attend the luncheon at no cost.

Temple Beth El's Project Nuremberg, underwritten by Jay and Marilyn Weinberg, provides programming that explores the Holocaust, Law and Ethics.

Application for Florida Bar Association CLE Credits pending.

# The Honorable Samantha Schosberg Feuer

**Civility Award Recipient** 

Samantha Schosberg Feuer attended Tufts University and University of Florida Law School. Learning the importance of giving back to the community at a young age from her mother who was a teacher,



Samantha returned to South Florida after law school and advocated for victims of violent crime as a prosecutor. In the summer of 2020, Samantha served as an associate judge at the Fourth District Court of Appeal. In 2022, she was awarded the *Jurist of the Year* from both the Palm Beach

County Justice Association as the American Board of Trial Attorneys. Samantha is active in the *Florida Association for Women Lawyers* (FAWL) and has served for the past 8 years as the Chair of the *Pro Bono Circuit Committee for Palm Beach County.* 

# PROJECT NUREMBERG SPECIAL EVENT

"Nathan-ism"



Documentary Premier Screening with Filmmaker, Elan Golod & Producer and Jewish Story Partners Founder, Nancy Spielberg in Coversation with Rabbi Jessica Mates

Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:00pm Schaefer Family Campus \$18 per person, general admission Students free

## Register at tbeboca.org/project-nuremberg

At 18 years old, Nathan Hilu, a Syrian Jew from New York, received an assignment from the US Army that would grow to define his life - to guard the masterminds of the Holocaust at the Nuremberg trials. This experience fueled a lifetime of artistic inspiration for Nathan, a virtually unknown "outsider" artist, who spent the next 70 years obsessively creating a visual narrative from his memories. But what happens when those memories take on a life of their own?

"Nathan-ism" explores Nathan's relationship with his own stories, and the compulsion he has to share them with a world that doesn't always listen.

## **About the Filmmakers**

Steven is not the only Spielberg in the film world. His baby sister Nancy has been a trailblazer in making sure Jewish stories are told on the big screen. Returning for her third visit to Temple Beth El, this time it's personal. Seven years ago, Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates developed a



friendship with Nathan Hilu, by then in his 90s. At the age of 19, as a young American soldier, Nathan was sent to guard the Nazis at the Nuremberg trials and spent the rest of his life doing only two things - working in a book store and drawing again and again and again the most evil men in the world, the Nuremberg defendants. Come



to hear about Nancy's founding of Jewish Story Partners with her famous brother and why Elan Golod's "Nathan-ism" is such an important film to help us never forget the Holocaust.

This event is underwritten by Marilyn and Jay Weinberg through Project Nuremberg and the Friends of Music and Arts.

The art of Nathan Hilu z"I will accompany this event.

# Gleaning Saturday, March 4, 2023 8:45am – 12:00pm Delray Beach, Florida

Gleaning is helping to collect unharvested crops to be donated to help our community's hungry and poor. Join the Temple Beth El Social Action committee for this hands-on opportunity to support those in need. We are going to be out in the fields bending and lifting, so those who want to participate need to be able to do so comfortably, lifting as much as 30 pounds. Children can participate in this mitzvah with their parents!

More information about the exact location will be shared with those who register.



RSVP at tbeboca.org/social-action or to Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900.

# The March of the Living, Then and Now

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND INTERVIEW WITH PRODUCER, SUZANNE LASKY GERARD, FORMER ANCHOR, CHANNEL 7 NEWS MIAMI Wednesday, March 29

7:00pm \$10

Schaefer Family Campus

### Brought to us by Bonnie & Jamie Schaefer

In 1988, a brave group of teens and adults flew behind the Iron Curtain to commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) by visiting Holocaust and Heritage sites in Communist Poland. They then traveled to Israel to celebrate Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel's



independence Day). This was the very first March of the Living program. This Emmy-award-winning documentary shares the stories of several of the original participants, today in their 50s, talking about how their lives were changed by the March.

Register at **tbeboca.org/social-action** For information contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming at 561-314-2833 or **Ejosephson@tbeboca.org** 



# Our Teens went to Washington







# L'taken Teen Social Justice Seminar

In January, six of our teen leaders went with Rabbi Greg Weisman to Washington, D.C., for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's L'taken Teen Social Justice Seminar. Joined by 300 of their peers from around the country, they spent the weekend celebrating Shabbat including Havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial, visiting national landmarks like the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and MLK Memorial, and most importantly learning about issues facing our society today. The seminar highlight was each teen having the opportunity to go to Capitol Hill to speak to the staff of our elected officials, advocating their vision for a better world. The issues that our teens individually chose to advocate for included: gun violence prevention measures, climate solutions, reproductive rights, and LGBTQ+ rights. We included a discussion about Israel with all of the elected officials, as well.

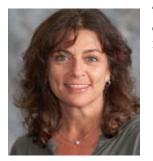




Teens: Madeline Barenboim, Phoebe Housenbold, Jakob Lusskin, Rylie Cohen, Nathaniel Kehrberg, Sean Goldsmith

Offices visited: Sen. Marco Rubio, Sen. Rick Scott, Rep. Lois Frankel, Rep. Jared Moskowitz

# We've Got You Covered



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

There is so much research about the importance of outdoor play for young children. There are so many benefits including:

- It invites children to learn science.
- It creates opportunities for social interaction and collaboration.
- It promotes physical health.
- It invites new contexts for learning.
- It promotes better sleep.
- It gives children a chance to take appropriate risks.
- It supports STEM skills.
- It anchors children to the real world.

In beautiful South Florida, where we can enjoy the outdoors 12 months a year, we can prioritize outdoor play opportunities for our students. The Beck Family Campus was constructed to enable our children to engage in the natural world around us, but as our Early Learning Center has grown, there was a need to build an additional outside play space to be sure that we could adequately meet our needs.

Three years ago, we were fortunate to open our new "Natural Themed Playground" in our Big Backyard to provide just that space. The children love its climbing structures, musical instruments, sand box and play house, but there is something missing. We do not have a shade structure to keep our students protected from the harsh Florida sun. And it gets hot out there!

To fill this great need, the Beth El Early Learning Center launched our first ever fundraising campaign in January! The goal of the "We've Got You Covered" initiative is to raise \$75,000, the estimated cost of the

estimated cost of the new shade structure. There are many different opportunities to support this effort at many different levels. We are hoping to get as close to 100% participation as possible.

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We are very grateful to Brotherhood for helping us reach our goal and encouraging others to help as well. Brotherhood is using proceeds from its annual Golf Tournament to make a very generous matching gift of \$25,000 in honor of this year's honoree, Bruce Moldow!

Temple Beth El and the Beth El Early Learning Center community is like no other. We are an amazing group of congregants, parents, grandparents, students, and staff who create the most incredible synagogue and learning community for the children we love so much! With your love and support we can meet our goal! Please reach out to me at **rgraf@tbeboca.org** with any questions you may have and to learn more about the shade structure.

# Parenthood Dates

Thursday, March 9 Guys' Night Out

Wednesday, March 15 Parenthood Meeting 7:30pm

**Wednesday, April 19** Parenthood Meeting – 7:30pm

Saturday, April 29 Parents' Night Out Details at tbeboca.org/elc-calendar



# EARLY LEARNING CENTER

# **Important Dates**

Friday, March 3 Grandparents' Shabbat – 3 years old classes - 10:00am

**Tuesday, March 7** Purim Celebration – Students Only

Friday, March 10 Grandparents' Shabbat – 2 years old classes – 10:00am

**Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24** Spring Break for Early Childhood Students Childcare is in Session

Wednesday, March 29 Passover Seder – 2 years old classes

Thursday, March 30 Passover Seder – 3 years old classes

**Tuesday, April 4** Passover Seder – 4 years old classes

**Wednesday, April 5** Erev Passover – Noon Dismissal

**Thursday, April 6** First Day of Passover – No School

**Wednesday, April 26** Yom Ha'atzmaut Program – School in Session

**Friday, April 28** Parent Teacher Conferences – No School

# Tot Shabbat

# March Madness Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 17

March Madness Pizza Dinner – 6:00pm March Madness Tot Shabbat – 6:30pm





**Israel Tot Shabbat** Friday, April 21 Israel Pizza Dinner

Israel Tot Shabbat 6:30pm

6:00pm





# Israel Comes to Us



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

Relational Judaism is a common buzzword heard in professional Jewish circles. Our educational team is very intentional about providing opportunities for students to connect with one another, their teachers, clergy and entire Temple Beth El community. Following this idea, the South Palm Beach County Jewish Federation has provided some fantastic ways for our Temple Beth El students to meet and engage with Israelis from Zichron Yaacov, Boca Raton's twin city in Israel.

In 2019, Dr. Ora Meles, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and I went to visit Zichron Yaacov with the Federation to meet educators from the Keshet Democratic School. Since then, some of our students have had the opportunity to get to know Keshet students through Zoom meetings in class or online interactions where they introducing themselves and comparing similarities and differences between the two countries. They love sharing about their hobbies, pets, families and how they celebrate various holidays.

This year, we have a Shinshin, a representative from Israel who is here for a year before starting army service. We have been lucky enough to be

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partnered with Rotem who comes to share about





her life in Zichron Yaacov with our  $2^{nd}$  grade students on Sunday mornings and with our  $9^{th}$  graders and Beyachad Teen program. Learning games and songs from her childhood and trying out new Hebrew words are just some of the highlights our students experience when getting to know Rotem better.

Finally, we will be hosting 14 high school leaders in early March who will be hosted by Temple Beth El families and touring both



chron Yaakov welcomes our friends from t wish Federation of South Palm Beach Cour

# **CELEBRATE PURIM**

Religious school students will see the Spiel during Religious School on Sunday morning. This afternoon spiel is a chance for the whole family to attend!

# ESTHER A PERSIAN MUSICAL

FEATURING THE STUDENTS OF TEMPLE BETH EL Sunday, March 5, 2023 4:00pm Schaefer Family Campus Esther: A Persian Musical is a hilarious, timely, and authentic Purim spiel that reframes the story of Esther, Mordechai, King Ahashverosh, and Haman (boo!) through the lens of one of the most relevant and inspiring musicals of our time — Hamilton! Featuring the students of Temple Beth El Religious School and directed by Barclay Performing Arts.

Open to the congregation and community. Groggers and hamentaschen make the celebration complete. Costumes are encouraged for all!

the Jewish and secular parts of Boca Raton alongside our teens. Our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will join these Israeli teens for an overnight Shabbaton at the Beck Family Campus when they will get to know each other more, what leadership looks like here and in Israel, comparing preparation for high school vs. the Israeli army as well as everything else that comes up in conversations with teens.

Celebrating Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence for our students will feel extra special as we continue to foster these relationships between Temple Beth El and Zichron Yaacov students. Am Yisrael Chai!

# Taking The Parent Tribes Out To The Ballgame!

Join fellow Religious School families to cheer on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 16 after Religious School. Tickets are \$22 per person, available on our website. Can't wait to see you there!



Sunday, April 16 1:40pm at LoanDepot Park \$22 per person

Tickets available on our website

Beth El



BASEBALL GAME OUTING A Religious School Family Event







# Tribal Gatherings

Drive in Movie Night Saturday, April 15, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm Tribes Reuben (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Simeon (4<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Minute 2 Win It

Sunday, April 23, 2023 12:00pm -2:00pm Tribe Benjamin (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

## Splash into Summer

Sunday, April 30, 2023 12:00pm-2:00pm Kindergarten Tribe and Tribe Ephraim (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

# B'Nai Mitzvah



Hallie Lichtenstein



Jacob Smolka



Ava Gold



Justin Renard



Jocelyn Finston



Micha Grossman



Jacob Grunbaum



Liora Tenenboim



Aiden Rudnick



Benjamin Wisot



Charlie Goodman



Layla Jaffe



Cade Stern



Spencer Klasfeld

Jacob Grunbaum Son of Adam and Jerilyn Grunbaum March 18, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Liora Tenenboim Daughter of Uri Tenenboim and Izabela Tenenboim Carstens March 25, 2023 @ 11:30am

> Aiden Rudnick Son of Allison Harman April 3, 2023 @ 10:00am

Benjamin Wisot Son of Jeff and Victoria Wisot April 15, 2023 @ 9:00am

Charlie Goodman Daughter of Scott and Zoe Goodman April 15, 2023 @ 11:30am



Addyson Rosenwasser

Chase Kaplan Son of Justin and Dana Kaplan April 20, 2023 @ 10:00am

Layla Jaffe Daughter of Matthew and Renee Jaffe April 22, 2023 @ 11:30am

> Cade Stern Son of Brent and Sarah Stern April 22, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Spencer Klasfeld Son of Jared and Beth April 29, 2023 @ 9:00am

Addyson Rosenwasser Daughter of Ron Rosenwasser April 29, 2023 @ 11:30am

Hallie Lichtenstein Daughter of Sue Lichtenstein March 4, 2023 @ 9:00am

Jacob Smolka Son of Alexander and Caroline Smolka March 4, 2023 @ 11:30am

Ava Gold Daughter of Jason and Jodi Gold March 4, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Justin Renard Son of Craig and Natalie Renard March 11, 2023 @ 9:00am

Jocelyn Finston Daughter of Kimberly Finston March 11, 2023 @ 11:30am

Micha Grossman Son of Tracey and Michelle Labgold Son of Gabe Grossman March 18, 2023 @ 10:45am

# **BROTHERHOOD UPDATE**



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

# Upcoming Events

World Baseball Classic – Team Israel vs. Washington Nationals – Ballpark of the Palm Beaches – Party Deck 3/9/23

Brotherhood Softball vs. Beth El Teens 4/23/23

Mother's Day Brunch 5/14/23

**End of Year Celebration** 6/8/23

The Temple Beth El Brotherhood continued to hit its stride this winter as our programming engages and strengthens the bonds that make our Brotherhood so special. The Golf Outing, our largest annual event and fundraiser, honored Bruce Moldow for his service to the Temple's Board of Trustees and greater community. The outing hit new heights with over 130 golfers and exceeding past financial marks. The proceeds from the outing will benefit Temple Beth El's We've Got You Covered campaign to provide a state-of-the-art shade structure

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In February, the Brotherhood united our brethren at Barrel of Monks in Boca. Our second annual major networking

# Brotherhood Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:00am - 1:00pm Schaefer Family Campus event helped create many connections and continued to strengthen the foundational bonds of brotherhood. The libations and food courtesy of Cheffrey Eats (Home of the best Burger in Boca) were second to none.

The Brotherhood continues to engage and lead the Beth El community. Our upcoming events have something for everyone. On March 9th, we re-live every Jewish boy's dream to play professional baseball or maybe watch others play some ball. The Brotherhood will enjoy a Thursday night Spring Training Game between the Washington Nationals and the World Baseball Classic - Team Israel. If this is not enough, we will suit up and face off on April 23rd for a softball game against our very own Beth El Teens coached by Ross Glinkenhouse and Isabelle Shapiro. In May, Brotherhood continues the tradition of hosting our Mother's Day Brunch creating an amazing space away from the crowds of Downtown Boca and Delray to honor the women in our lives.

We encourage anyone looking to make connections, have some fun, and do some good for the Beth El Community to come out to one of our monthly board meetings or events and be part of the best kept secret at Temple Beth El.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Brotherhood is excited to once again host our always popular Mother's Day Brunch. Come join us for great food, music & family time to celebrate the most important lady in our lives!! It is the best deal in town and it will sell out so don't wait to register.

Adults and young adults 13 and older: \$36 Children 6-12: \$18 Children 5 and under: Free

Prices increase by \$5 starting May 1.



# SISTERHOOD UPDATE



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

It's Springtime, which can only mean one thing: THE SISTERHOOD PASSOVER EXPERIENCE! Please join us on Tuesday, April 11 for another memorable celebration of Passover, from a woman's perspective. (See page 8.)

We have a few more surprises in the planning, such as another Dinner & Movie night out; a Girls' Night Out;

Here at Temple Beth El, we believe strongly in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Sisterhood has some dedicated members who express Tikkun Olam in every stitch they knit or crochet as they make the Healing Blankets that our clergy then deliver to congregants in their time of need.

Some of these Sisterhood members (called the "Knit & Nosh" group) have been creating blankets for over twenty years! At one point, they set and met the goal to deliver 1,000 lap blankets

Sisterhood has some dedicated members who express Tikkun Olam in every stitch they knit or crochet as they make the Healing Blankets that our clergy then deliver to congregants in their time of need. to a local Senior Living Community. More recently, they are supplying blankets solely for our ever-growing congregation. This effort is BY members FOR members. These blankets show that Beth El cares; that when you are given a blanket, it is a cozy reminder



that you are part of a community that genuinely cares about you.

The Knit & Nosh group is gearing up to resume monthly knitting get-togethers. If you knit and you can help, please contact Amy LaGala at 561-445-1121. If you don't knit, you can help by designating "Healing Blankets" when you make tribute donations to Sisterhood at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

Bingocolada was a fun night for all!



# Sisterhood Passover Greetings

Chag Sameach! Debbie and Chas Averbook Chag Sameach from Ann Lois Ballon and Brian Sindel Chag Pesach Sameach to everyone from Patty Beck A zissen Pesach from Judith Beiner Chag Sameach from Barbara Blakeslee Chag Sameach from Betsy and David Blechman Happy Pesach from Marlene and Richard Bluestein The Brickel family wishes everyone a meaningful and blessed Passover Chag Sameach and many blessings from Judith Chason Wishing everyone a Chag Sameach, Robin Eisenberg and Andy Broido Happy Passover from Dr Merrill, Irene, Jennifer & Melissa Epstein Happy Pesach from Nancy-Jo & Alan Feinberg Sue and Steve Feldman wish everyone a sweet Pesach **Zissen Pesach from Aline Fisher** All our good wishes for a Happy and Healthy Passover! Sheryl and Marty Fromowitz and family Have a Zissen Passover from Clarice and Mark Goldstein Chag Sameach and many blessings from Susan and Richard Goldstein Happy Passover from the Gottsegen family Wishing our TBE family a Chag Sameach Pesach! Love, Herb and Debi Jackman With gratitude for the freedoms we all enjoy. The Kalmansons Chag Sameach from the Kornitsky family

Chag Sameach Pesach from Margaret Kottler Chag Sameach and many blessings from the Lerner family! Zissen Pesach to our TBE family! Jan and Allen Lev A sweet Passover from Barbara and Jerry Lewin Chag Pesach Sameach from Sarina and Jerry Lind Chag Sameach and many blessings from Stephanie, Nathaniel, Rachel, Rebecca, and Jacob Lowen Chag Sameach and many blessings from EJ and Steve Manton Chag Sameach from Shelley and Larry Marcus! Wishing everyone a sweet Passover. Pam Nadler and Mark Sickles Chag Pesach Sameach from Barbara Orville Wishing a sweet Passover to all. Natalie Pelavin Zissen Pesach from Andrea and Mark Platt Happy Passover! Margie and Maurice Plough May your Seders be filled with inspiration and joy! Susan and Barry Podolsky Warm wishes for Happy Passover from **Roberta Presser and Alex Bruner** Chag Sameach and many blessings from Ellie Rassler and family Chag Sameach and many blessings from the Romer family Happy Passover, Debbi, Larry, Ally, and Megan Rosenblum Chag Sameach from The Schloss family Happy Passover to you and yours! The Schmier family Chag Sameach from Sharyn and Bob Schneiderman Chag Sameach from Hanita and Morty Schreiber Exodus ... a reminder that we are free to emerge into someone with new possibilities. Susan Schulz Happy Pesach. Love the Schwamm family Chag Sameach, wishing good health and many blessings from Mimi and Bob Spitz and family Happy Passover from Janet and Allan Sussberg Chag Sameach from Lisa Swartz and Mitch Gross Chag Sameach from Evelyn and Bayla Swid The Taub family wishes everyone a Zissen Pesach! Chag Sameach! Wendy and Steve Walin

> Wishes for a sweet Passover with love from The Weiner family - Jill, Paul, Josh & Stephanie

> > Chag Sameach from our family to yours! Lisa, Andrew, Amanda and Ian Zwick

# **Our Congregation Mourns**

Harriet Belson, mother of Steven Belson, grandmother of Jaclyn and Carly Belson

Stephanie Benamou, grandmother of Stephanie Licht

Myra Benrubi, mother of Richard and Karen Benrubi, grandmother of Joshua and Michael Benrubi

Theodore (Ted) Davis\*, husband of Edythe Davis

Sandra Dickerman, wife of Allan Dickerman

Gloria Einbinder, mother of Amy and Martin Segel, grandmother of Danielle and Jason Segel

Joseph Ellis, stepfather of Stephanie and Evan Manevitch, stepgrandfather of Ari and Ava Manevitch

Mike Gonzalez, grandfather of Cindy Pellach, great-grandfather of Amanda and Logan Pellach

Estelle Goodman, mother of Scott and Zoe Goodman, grandmother of Charlie Goodman

Doris Hecht Gordon, grandmother of Coley and Steven Rosenfeld and Jessica Sheriff and Steven Kobrin, great-grandmother of Ben and Max Rosenfeld and Rae and Cam Kobrin

Marcia Gross, mother of Mitchell Gross and Lisa Swartz

Jack Hudson, father of Lynne Singerman

Toby Isaacson, grandmother of Danielle and Zachary Lessman, great-grandmother of Zoe and Lev Lessman

Marcia Jacobson, mother of Harriet Pioquinto

Helene Kirschner, mother of Nancy and Barry Sinrod and Ellen and Abby Kirschner, grandmother of Naomi Weissman and Jamie Kirschner

Randy Lazarus\*, wife of Peter Lazarus, mother of Stephanie Lazarus

Reuben Margulis, father of Lisa and Seth Grossman, grandfather of Aiden Grossman

Georgia Meyer, granddaughter of Bernie and Annie Brickel

Roberta Mondres, sister of Samuel and Rhonnie Leder

William B. Plough, brother of Maurice and Margie Plough

Sue Reiner, wife of Rabbi Robert Reiner

Melvin Schwartz\*, Past President of Temple Beth El, father of Judy and Leon Tenenbaum and Steven and Cathy Schwartz

Martin Stein, father of Steven and Amy Stein

Jack Wolf, father of Marla and Jonathan Swartz, grandfather of Cameron, Harrison and Landon Swartz

\*Laid to rest in the Beth El Mausoleum

# Mazel Tov To

Derek Turesky and Karen Estrine on the birth of their daughter Remi Raine Turesky, big sister Ellie

Beth and JB Gordon on the birth of their daughter Abigail Moon Gordon

Angela Salmon and Scott Stone on the birth of their son Asher Daniel Stone

Ellen and Steven Gottsegen on the engagement of their son Chad Gottsegen to Carly Fisher

Carly Gorodetzky and Alex Horowitz on their marriage

Terri and Stephen Chetek on the birth of their grandson Wesley Lev Brackman

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