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TEMPLE BETH EL OF BOCA RATON PRESENTS PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST

BRET STEPHENS

THE STATE OF THE JEWS
AS THE JEWISH STATE CELEBRATES 75

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 | 7:00PM S C H A E F E R F A M I L Y C A M P U S

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

\$36 General Admission

Register at tbeboca.org/bret-stephens

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.

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 to 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 its 75th year of independence.

Essential Questions

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN dlevin@tbeboca.org

What makes a human being - human?

In many ways – this is a question that answers itself.

Human beings ask questions.

Questioning is rooted in the very core of what makes us human. Ever notice that the basic questions of life are the shortest of words? Who? When? Where? Why? How?

It's the same in Hebrew: מה – who? מה – what? איר – how?

For human beings – questions are primal. Asking and answering questions defines us – it's how we live in the universe, it's how we grow and learn, it's how we seek to understand ourselves, our lives, our mission, and our purpose.

Each episode of our new podcast will pose an essential question and invite a conversation with remarkable people in the Jewish world and in our community to consider what those questions and answers mean.

Jewish law evolves through a similar process – what we call שאלות ותשבות – She'elot U-Teshuvot: questions and answers. Judaism is a tradition of dialogue surrounding the posing and answering of questions, both mundane and sublime.

At the core of Jewish tradition is a simple question: "What am I supposed to do now?" Jewish law guides us in nearly every facet of our lives, directing us toward the right and good and holy in every possible situation.

What do I do if I find a lost object? How do I settle business disputes? What happens if someone damages my property?

Then there are questions of Jewish ritual life. How do I keep Shabbat and the Holy Days? Is this Kosher? Do I light the candles from left to right or right to left? When is Dad's Yahrtzeit? What symbols do we put on our seder plate?

Then there are other questions we encounter in the course of our lifetimes. What am I supposed to teach my children? How do I get married? How do I get divorced? What do I owe my parents as they age? What do I do when my friend gets sick? How do I heal from loss?

But beyond the questions of daily living are the essential questions that drive us. Some of those questions are rooted in existential curiosity: For whom am I responsible? When does life begin? What is my purpose? Do I have to



believe in God? How do I know if I'm good?

Others may be about understanding ourselves in the world. What is the intersection between science and religion? What is my duty in confronting the changing climate? How do I profess a love for the State of Israel if I don't always agree with what her government does? When should someone's voice be silenced?

What makes us human is our capacity to consider essential questions – to wrestle with the challenges they pose and to grapple with the answers and what they mean for our lives. What makes us Jewish is how we weave the collective wisdom of our texts and tradition into the conversation.

This is why I'm so excited to begin a new initiative at Temple Beth El – a podcast we are titling: *Essential Questions*. Each episode of our podcast will pose an essential question and invite a conversation with remarkable people in the Jewish world and in our community to consider what those questions and answers mean.

Ihope you will listen and share in the conversations surrounding the essential questions we all confront in the course of our lives. I look forward to learning together with you as we engage in this series of fascinating and intriguing dialogues.

Embedded in questions is the word "quest". The process of questioning carries us forward on our individual and collective journeys in life, our quests for wisdom and understanding as we discern the paths we can follow in life that will lead us to meaning, righteousness, fulfillment, and peace.

My Essential Question that Keeps Me Up at Night



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

How do we ensure that Temple Beth El will remain financially healthy and continue to meet the many diverse needs of our congregants? This is the big question that is always on my mind when I wake up in the middle of the night and contemplate my job as President of Temple Beth El.

The first thing that I reflect upon is how fortunate we are to have an outstanding clergy team and exceptional staff, all of whom are 100% committed to making Temple Beth El the best it can be. Then I think about our Board of Trustees who are also 100% committed to the same. We have an organization filled with bright, inspirational leaders. We also have wonderful volunteers who work on committees, task forces and advisory groups offering their time, wisdom and dedication to our synagogue.

The next thing that I consider is the openness of these leaders to consider and listen to each other and, most importantly, all our congregants. We strive to be flexible and change course when need be. We pride ourselves on being innovative when solving problems. We certainly evidenced this when Virtual Beth El was created due to the

pandemic. When we returned to inperson worship, we listened and created alternative worship

> experiences for all ages. Shabbat Unplugged is just one example of this.

We recognize that people's lifestyles and communication delivery has changed also. We are excited to showcase a new podcast series with Rabbi Dan so you can hear and learn from our Rabbi while you are taking a walk, exercising, or driving.

Good is not good enough at Temple Beth El. Our new strategic plan is all about enriching people's lives through exceptional Jewish experiences.

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So, when I finish reflecting on all of this, I'm able to turn over and go back to sleep knowing that our temple's future is very bright.

New Membership Year starts July 1, 2023

We appreciate your membership at Temple Beth El, and look forward to providing many new opportunities in the coming year to learn, to connect, to participate in acts of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and to grow spiritually. Additionally, you can engage with other members through Beth El Circles (over 40 affinity groups to choose from), Beth El Chavurot (friendship groups), Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Parenthood, Youth Engagement and more.

NEW FOR THE 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP

YEAR, your Congregational Commitment includes membership to Brotherhood and

Sisterhood. Previously, membership in these affiliate organizations required you to pay additional fees. This builds upon steps previously taken to simplify and enhance the value of your membership, including eliminating both the Building Fund and Bar/ Bat Mitzvah fees.

Look for your membership renewal email later this month. For more information about membership and Congregational Commitment, contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming, at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833

PODCASTS 0

BY RABBI JESSICA SPITALNIC MATES

RIGHT Rabbi Jessica Mates with her favorite podcast. ith the launch of Rabbi Dan Levin's podcast, "Essential Questions", we thought this was a great opportunity for a little podcast 101. Coined around 2004, the word "podcast" is a mashup of the words "iPod" and "broadcast".

If you have never listened to a podcast, we encourage you to follow the directions to download "Essential Questions." And if you are a regular listener to podcasts like I am, subscribing to Rabbi Levin's podcast will enhance your library tremendously.

The most important 15 minutes of my morning has become the "Times of Israel Daily Briefing" podcast. I had the privilege of speaking to Amanda Borschel-Dan, the podcast's producer and the voice I hear daily on my morning walk.

I spoke to her in Israel on the day Ben Gurion



airport was shut down as part of the protests in Israel happening at the time of writing so she only had a few minutes.

I learned from her that the



That is one of the fabulous things about the nature of podcasts - Some deal with the most upto-date information and others like Rabbi Levin, give us the luxury of delving into a topic that is timeless.

Ever since the biblical figure Ezra instituted the public reading of Torah not just on Shabbat but on the ancient market days of Monday and Thursday, the public exchange of information has been essential to the Jewish people, so Jewishly oriented podcasts make sense. In addition to



"Essential Questions", there are a huge variety of Jewish podcasts from "Verses", a podcast that takes a song from a Broadway musical and matches it with a verse from Torah to give further insight into both the song and the text, "Unorthodox", a quirky, conversational podcast on what they call "the news of the Jews" and "Streetwise Hebrew", a concise and culturally abundant Hebrew lesson to

name a few.

Congregant Dawn Graubert who runs her own broadcast feels like her work and podcasts at large provide the lesson that everyone has something to say. And if you let people speak their truth, positive things can come out of that. How lucky we are to add Rabbi Levin's voice to our libraries with "Essential Questions". Can't wait for a listen!





STAFF PODCAST PICKS

Executive Director Steve
Kaufman enjoying
"Freakonomics Radio".

If you are interested in
behavioral economics, how
things work, social dynamics, business
stuff, or a myriad of other interesting
topics from crypto currency to the fine
art market to the problems with colleges
and universities to how airports work,
this podcast is an incredible source
of knowledge and thought-provoking
questions and interviews.

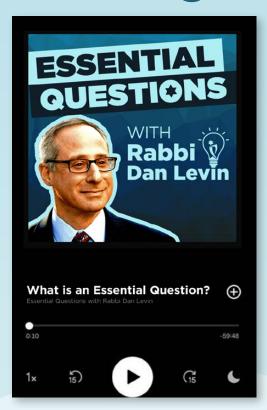
An informal staff poll found

susan Stallone's favorite is "The All In Podcast" at the intersection of business, politics and tech. Her favorite Jewish podcast is "Rise & Shine" with Adrienne Gold Davis. She finds the tenminute positive message geared towards women, based in Jewish values and steeped in teachings from the Torah a great way to start the day.

Rabbi Amy Pessah loves
Dr. Kate Bowler's podcast
"Everything Happens"
because it is honest and
real about how hard life is.

Kate's podcast is not about finding a quick-fix or telling us that everything happens for a reason. With a healthy dose of humor and irreverence, Kate, a Christian theologian and professor at Duke Divinity School, shows us what it means to be human, and how through God, faith, love, and human connection, we can move through our lives with greater ease.

Listening to Podcasts is Easy!



BY **AMANDA BRENSEL**DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

First, you'll want to decide *how* you want to listen. Do you want to listen through your phone while you're on a walk? In the car on the way to work? On a desktop computer?

If you want to listen via your phone, you can either:

- Listen on a podcast app you are already familiar with, such as Spotify or Apple Podcasts
- Or download the Podbean app.
 Podbean is an app specifically for podcasts, and it is where Essential Questions with Rabbi Dan Levin is hosted!

Once you've chosen an app and you have an account, you will be able to search for "Essential Questions with Rabbi Dan Levin" 2:16

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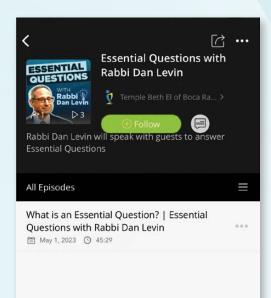
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and then follow our podcast! When you follow the podcast, on any of the apps listed above, you will be notified when we post new episodes so you can be among the first to listen.

If you want to listen on a desktop or laptop computer, you can go to **tbeboca.org/essential-questions.** All of our episodes are listed here, and you can listen whenever you want.

We hope you enjoy listening to Essential Questions with Rabbi Dan Levin!

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Susan Stallone. Special thanks
to Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris
for original music and Izabela
Tenenboim for original artwork.

Rabbi Greg Weisman
loves "WorkLife"
with Adam Grant.
This show is a great
exploration of how our
minds handle challenging
or exciting situations. It's
centered around being at
work, but it applies to life!





Benvenuti all'incontro annuale e alla cena del 2023!

Welcome to the 2023 Annual Meeting & Dinner

THURSDAY JUNE 1 | 2023
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Annual Meeting in Social Hall

Join us as we mangia a Tuscan feast that includes eggplant parmigiano, chicken piccata, pasta, salad, and more.

Then, celebrate the past year at Temple Beth El as we confirm the slate for the 2023-2024 Board of Trustees, present the 2023-2024 Operating Budget, and honor our outstanding volunteers and professionals!

Dinner: \$29/adult and \$16/child under 12 Prices go up after May 25, 2023: \$34/adult and \$19/child under 12 RSVP at

beboca.org/annual-meeting



Jessica Weintraub **ROBIN L. EISENBERG LEARNING AND LIVING AWARD**

Jessica Weintraub has been an early childhood educator for over 10 years and is truly passionate about her chosen profession. She received her Bachelor's Degree from FAU with a focus in Elementary education and joined the Beth El Early Learning Center Team in 2021. Since then, she has served as an exceptional Lead Teacher in the Creative Caterpillars classroom. In recognition of her incredible leadership skills, she was selected to serve as a Team Lead this year and she has

exceeded our expectations in this role. Jessica embodies the qualities that are important for an early childhood teacher...kindness, compassion, and empathy. She is a constant support to her students, families, and co-workers, often going out of her way to help others be successful. Her skills in classroom management, child observations, and curriculum planning make her a teacher to emulate. We are so blessed that Jessica chose to join our team as she is such an incredible asset.

Elinor Josephson John Rogers Staff Award for Exemplary Professional Service

Elinor joined the Beth El staff in 2015, but she and her family have been active members of the Temple since 1999. Prior to joining our staff,



Elinor held numerous leadership positions at Beth El including serving on the Board of Trustees.

In her role as Director of Engagement & Programming, Elinor's primary responsibility is to recruit, retain and engage members.

When Elinor joined our staff, the Temple had 1,413 member households. Today that number is over 1,800 which is a testament to the recruitment and engagement efforts of Elinor and her team.

Elinor is the Temple's best cheerleader and ambassador. Her deep love of Judaism, Israel and Temple Beth El shine brightly in her daily interactions with other staff and our members. She is also remarkably enthusiastic, energetic and a tireless worker.

Each year a valued staff member is presented this award for demonstrating consistently superior performance and a willingness to go above and beyond what is asked of them.

We are so grateful for Elinor's years of dedicated service. Congratulations Elinor on this welldeserved award.

Aline L. Fisher JOSEPH Q. KLINE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

Originally from Ohio, Aline moved to Boca Raton in 1997 after living in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 20 years. Aline has been a member of Temple Beth El for over 23 years, holding various positions on its Board: Trustee; Chairperson of the Membership and Religious Activities Committees; VP of Congregational Activities; Co-Chair of the Temple's Torah Project with Tracey Labgold, Chairperson of the Clergy Search Committee, and a member of Women of Reform Judaism. Aline's first volunteer position at the Temple was a greeter, which she did every week for 5

years. It is so appropriate for Aline to win the Joseph Q Kline Award, since Aline was trained by Joe Kline himself, and took over as Bima/Ritual Coordinator from him.

Aline has held regional and national leadership positions with Israel Bonds and is a Life Member of Hadassah. A self-employed credentialed life and health insurance broker and a registered securities representative with a bicoastal practice in South Florida and Northern California, Aline's hobbies include golf, gardening, needlework, reading, and being a dog owner.





A Taste of Judaism

3-SESSION FREE PROGRAM TAUGHT BY TEMPLE BETH EL CLERGY

Tuesdays, May 16, 23 and 30, 2023

In-person at the Schaefer Family Campus and on Zoom

Register at tbeboca.org/adult-education

Join Temple Beth El's rabbis for A Taste of Judaism®. This 3-session free program is all about showing people what is delicious about Judaism, our faith, our customs and our community. Designed for "beginners" from any religious background, no previous knowledge of Judaism is required. Interfaith couples, in-laws of Jews, unaffiliated Jews, individuals exploring conversion, and anyone seeking more knowledge about Judaism will find this course a good beginning. Please spread the word to friends and family members who may be interested!

There is no enrollment fee, but pre-registration is required at tbeboca.org/adult-education. Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org with any questions.



Lunch&Learn IN PERSON

MAY

Omer: A Counting (continued from April) **Tuesdays May 2, 9, 16, 23** (No Class May 30) Temple Beth El clergy 12:00 - 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Zoom

The spiritual journey of the Omer, the period between the end of Passover and Shavuot, has been re-imagined to make it both meaningful and accessible for the 21st century. Rabbi Karyn Kedar's 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 and will culminate on the holiday of Shavuot with Rabbi Kedar.

JUNE

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What I Learned on Sabbatical Tuesdays June 6, 13, 20 and 27 Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates 12:00 - 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Zoom

Back from a two-week sabbatical in Washington, DC, Rabbi Mates will share the topics she examined and her experience at a weeklong seminar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and her own study of the lives and deaths of Yitzhak Rabin and

WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between December 1, 2022 and March 27, 2023. Additional members not listed at the time of printing will be included in our next list! For help getting involved, please contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming, at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.

Hannah & Richard Akawie
Barbara & Terry Bachow
Deborah & Alan Bender
Paris & Benjamin Blumenthal &
their children, Cash & Knight
Ellen Bogdanoff
Matthew & Jenna Caflun
Nena & Mel Chudnof
Sondra Crain
Shara Cristol

Marc & Elizabeth Edelheit & their children, Isabella, Juliana & Amelia Allison Shusterman &

Allison Shusterman & Michael Eisenberg

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Sandi & Ed Fried

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Sandy Soifer & Paul Goldner

Wendy & Barry Goodman

Gary & Marla Greenspan

Maxwell Gross & Anna Urdaneta Gross & their child. Lorenzo

Paulette & Alan Gruskin

Ben Guralnick & his children, Marisa & Michael

Joyce & Norm Harvey

Richard & Vivian Herman

David & Sylvie Heyman

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Helen & Leonard Hodes

Jerry & Laura Horn

Ellen & David Horowitz

Jen Hubert & her children, Zachary & Danny

Rebecca Hutt

Shari & Howard Jablon & their children, Aaron & Jacqueline

Lorraine Kaplowitz

Robert Karpeles & Emily Fine & their child, Kobi

Eric & Tsivya Kirschner & their child, Gemma

David & Fran Krathen

Charles & Stephanie Krobot

Stephanie & Peter Lazarus

Celine Geck & Andrew Lerner

Jonathan & Shira Macagon & their children, Gabriel & Daniel

Zilvinas & Marissa Mardosas & their child, Elias

Gloria Gray & Mel Markowitz

Jim & Lisa Miller

Sydney Morris

Bob Nadelberg &

Bracha Horovitz

Lily Yurchyshyn & Alex Pepper Ellen Pollack & her children,

Jonathan & Jeffrey

Lori Regent

Barbara Rossef & Robert Roseff

Ron Rosen & Laura Winter Linda & Jay Rosenkranz

Ginny & Jeff Roth

Sheldon & Cynthia Rubin

Gail Sack

Jordana & Steven Sarrell & their children, Lilah, Levi & Jacob

Kari Selenow

Samriti Nayyar-Seltzer & Scott Seltzer & their children, Ravi & Raj

Arthur Sevren

Celia & Rick Sherman

Aaron Slawsky & Arielle Salasky & their children, Aviah & Levi

Ryan & Rebecca Stone

& their child, Emma

Iris Avizemer & Michael

Swietanski

Robert & Irene Tramontano

Steve Tucker & Ellen Glantz-Tucker

Fred Walker

Barbara & Floyd Warkol

Stephanie Bloom-Washofsky

& Michael Washofsky & their child, Chloe

Steve Weiss & Andi Panock

Henry Wolff

Naomi & Joel Young

Lisa Zisserson

Sababa

To learn more about Sababa, the new 20's – 30's Young Jewish Professionals Group in Boca Raton, visit tbeboca.org/young-jewish-professionals.

Or email Rabbi Elana Rabishaw at erabishaw@tbeboca.org to be added to the WhatsApp Group.







MAY

MAY 5

Counting the Omer: Imagine

- Schaefer Family Campus

On this Shabbat, as we continue to count the Omer we will reflect on the spiritual power that allows us to imagine a EARLY better world, a place where we

can dream and become the best versions of ourselves and our community.



MAY 6

Shabbat Morning Minyan

- 10:30am
- 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.

MAY **12**

Tot Shabbat: Volunteer Recognition

- **⊙** 6:00pm
- Beck Family Campus
- Please RSVP at

tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat

This special Tot Shabbat is all about thanking our amazing Early Learning Center volunteers for their hard work and efforts throughout the year!

Join us for a tasty pizza dinner, followed by a family-friendly Shabbat Service with our clergy and an Oneg complete with yummy ice cream treats and toppings. Oneg sponsored by Fabulous Foodies (110), Rainbow Fish (111), Shining Stars (112), Mighty Manatees (124) & Proud Pandas (125).

MAY **12**

Counting the Omer: Courage

- 7:30pm
- Schaefer Family Campus

This Friday, in our Torah portion, we read the words, Chazak Chazak v'nit Chazeik - "be strong, be strong and may you be strengthened." Courage is our theme this week for counting the Omer and we will reflect upon the virtue of courage as we hear from our inspiring, courageous graduating high school seniors.

MAY **19**

Alternative Shabbat 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. We will also celebrate May birthdays.

Counting the Omer: Pray

- Schaefer Family Campus

On this last Shabbat of the counting of the Omer we turn to prayer. Prayer allows us to grow our spiritual awareness and connection to the holy one with a sense of awe and wonder. Prayer can help to liberate ourselves from all that keeps us from feeling whole.

MAY **26**

Shabbat Service featuring noted scholar, Rabbi Karyn Kedar

followed by optional Shabbat Dinner

- **○** 6:00 NEW TIME
- Schaefer Family Campus
- ✓ RSVP at tbeboca.org/karyn-kedar

See opposite page.





Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Lessons of Life's Journey

WITH RABBI KARYN KEDAR

Thursday, May 25, 2023

7:30pm

Beck Family Campus

RSVP at tbeboca.org/shavuot

Rabbi Karyn Kedar will help us explore what we have learned from our seven-week journey through the Omer. We will explore how our engagement with the seven principles of Decide, Discern, Choose, Hope, Imagine, Courage and Pray helped us to gain a greater sense of awareness of our inner selves, and who we strive to be. We will consider how our spiritual practice through the Omer inspired us to embark on a journey of transformation, and how we can tether ourselves to God's commandments to make our new realities real.

The program will be followed by a dairy oneg.

Shabbat Service featuring noted scholar, **Rabbi Karyn Kedar**

FOLLOWED BY OPTIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

MAY **26**

The Sh'ma

A New Interpretation: How Do We Begin To Listen To Our Inner Voice?

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

RSVP at tbeboca.org/karyn-kedar

There is a choir of voices inside of us: a rational voice, telling us what to do, a psychological voice filled with story and emotion and a spiritual voice which guides our path. We live our fullest life when we are attuned to all aspects of ourselves, and when those voices are in alignment, guiding and supporting us in our spiritual unfolding. Together we consider how to blend the many voices into a chorus rather than cacophony.

Join us for a discussion with Rabbi Kedar at dinner following services.

7:15pm Dinner

Dinner: \$31/adult member; \$36/guests

Prices go up after May 16, 2023:

\$36/adult member; \$41/guests

Register at tbeboca.org/karyn-kedar

or contact Ilyssa Smiley at ismiley@tbeboca.org

Registration closes Wednesday, May 24, 2023

About Rabbi Karyn Kedar

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. She is a Certified Spiritual Director, an ordained rabbi, and a teacher of mindfulness practice. Her books include Amen: Seeking Presence with Prayer, Poetry, and Mindfulness Practice; God Whispers: Stories of the Soul, Lessons of the Heart; and The Bridge to Forgiveness: Stories and Prayers for Finding God and Restoring Wholeness.



JUNE



JUNE 2

Blessings

⊗ 6:00pm

♀ Schaefer Family Campus

In this week's Torah portion, Naso we read the words of the Priestly Blessing – the blessing that God gave Moses and Aaron and that lives on in our tradition. What does it mean to be blessed and to be a blessing?

JUNE 3

Shabbat Morning Minyan

№ 10:30am

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.

JUNE 9

Pride Shabbat

⊗ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family

Campus

This Shabbat we celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and the holiness of love. See opposite page for more information.

JUNE 16

Splish Splash Tot Shabbat

⊗ 6:00pm

Beck Family Campus

✓ Please RSVP at

tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat

Bring your swimsuits for a super exciting and wet Tot Shabbat! Join us for a pizza dinner at 6 pm, followed by a family friendly Shabbat service in the Kehillah Center. Then, it's time to head out to the Big Backyard for super splish splash fun on the splash pad and bounce house water slides! Join the fun and don't forget to bring your towels!

Shelach L'Cha

№ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

In this week's Torah portion, Shelach L'Cha, we read about the spies who Moses sent into the land of Israel. This

evening we will hear from
Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic
Mates about her two-week
sabbatical in Washington,
DC and the how she saw
things from a different
perspective like the spies.
We will also celebrate
June birthdays.





JUNE 23

Israel's Leadership

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

In this week's Torah portion, Korach, we learn what happens when leaders abuse their power. This evening we will hear from Rabbi Dan Levin on leadership in Israel after recently returning from our Temple's Israel Trip.

JUNE 30

Chukat

№ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

In this week's Torah portion, God commanded Moses to speak to the rock and instead Moses strikes the rock out of anger. In this service we will explore the idea of not giving in to our emotions, listening to a higher power and recovering from our mistakes.

PRIDE Shabbat Service

with Gay Meu's Chorus of South Florida







- **⊙** 7:30pm
- Schaefer Family Campus

We welcome the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida who will join our clergy in leading a Shabbat service celebrating love and inclusion. Their mission is to sing so that LGBTQ+ people can live their truth through quality music experiences. They hope their music will inspire audiences, open minds, change hearts, and affirm our common humanity. They believe in a diverse world united, and are dedicated to creating a better future for all people. Being a member of the Chorus is not just about singing. It is also about being good role models for youth, giving back to the community, and offering a helping hand to those who need one.



The Giving Tree BY LAUREN GROSS AND JENNIE KREGER, THE GIVING TREE CO-CHAIRS

Over this past year, while continuing to provide backpacks and school supplies to children in need, holiday



gifts for families and seniors, and filling caseworker requests for basic necessities, The Giving Tree has also been busy transitioning its leadership team to the next generation of leaders! Lauren Gross and Jennie Kreger have been working hard as the new Giving Tree co-chairs, however they are not new to temple leadership! Lauren Gross has been a temple member for 12 years and has served as the VP of the Early Learning Center on TBE's Board of Trustees. Jennie Kreger has been a temple member for over 40 years and has served as one of the founding presidents of Parenthood. Together, they plan on continuing the amazing work The Giving Tree does to help our community, one need, one life, one day at a time.

The Giving Tree was founded by Myra Singer z"l (of blessed memory) over 30 years ago. We can only hope to make the Singer family proud by continuing her legacy and finding a way to say "yes" to those in need while having fun along the way. Thank you to Leslie Steinberg, Judy Gordon, Linda Berger and Suzy Broad who have passed the leadership responsibilities to us. We are grateful for all the work you have done and all the wisdom you will continue to provide as Giving Tree Emeritae! Just as we have said "yes" to leading The Giving Tree, we hope you will help The Giving Tree thrive by saying "yes" and visiting www.thegivingtreeboca.org to find out how you can help make a difference in our community.

Stonewall Pride Parade in Wilton Manors

Saturday, June 17, 2023 3:00pm Street Festival 6:00pm Meet for the Parade



The Stonewall Pride Street Festival begins at 3:00 pm, and the parade will start at 7:00 pm. Temple Beth El will be walking as a group and following behind our decorated vehicle (with music). All walkers must arrive by 6:00 pm. Anyone who registers in advance may purchase a Beth El Pride t-shirt (\$15) to wear during the parade! Register at tbeboca.org/social-action.

Seasons of Love: L'dor VaDor

Choir Concert Featuring the Music Ensembles of Temple Beth El

Sunday, June 4, 2023 2:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

FREE and open to the community! Register at

tbeboca.org/choir-concert

Join us for the first ever concert featuring the fantastic music ensembles of Temple Beth El. The performance will include timeless classics from Broadway favorites that have stood the test of





time. The whole Temple Beth El community is invited to this this special event! A "show-neg" reception will follow after the concert.

This afternoon is generously underwritten by Margie & Maurice Plough.



Israel 75th Anniversary Special Performance

THE BATTLE OF MY LIFE
A Theatrical Experience on
the Front Lines of Battle with
the IDF With Nir Rubin
Temple Beth El of Boca Raton
Schaefer Family Campus
Sunday, May 7, 2023
7:00pm



A week before being discharged from the IDF and getting married, Nir had no way of knowing the fight of his life was about to come — the battle of Bint Jbiel.

On Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm, you can hear his story of courage, faith, dreams and challenges that will inspire and amaze you.

The event is FREE. RSVP at **tbeboca.org/battle**

It's Graduation Month



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

The Early Learning Center celebrated Purim



While May is a time when much of Boca Raton slows down as the temperature rises and the snowbirds head back north, here at the Beck Family Campus it is a time of great excitement and change. This is graduation month when we celebrate both the culmination of a child's journey at the Beth El Early Learning Center and the beginning of their next chapter in elementary school.

Many of the graduates have been in our care since infancy. We are blessed with the honor of watching them grow from babies into young children. Even those that join us as toddlers undergo a tremendous transformation in their time with us. For anyone that has had children,

you understand the miraculous changes that occur during the first five years of life. We hope that the work we do each day serves to make a difference in each of their lives and sets them on a path of success, not only cognitively, but social-emotionally, spiritually, and a sense of a strong Jewish identity.



On Sunday, May 21 this year, our amazing graduates will be welcomed onto the Bima at the Schaefer Family Campus for the first time to celebrate their PreK graduation. We look forward to seeing them again on that very same Bima for many milestones in the future. Mazel toy!!

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Important Dates

Monday – Friday, May 1- 5 Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 9

Woman in My Life Celebrations – 4 years old classes

Wednesday, May 10

Woman in My Life Celebrations – 2 years old classes

Thursday, May 11

Woman in My Life Celebrations Childcare classes

Thursday, May 11

Woman in My Life Celebrations – 3 years old classes

Thursday, May 18

Last Day of School for Early Childhood

Sunday, May 21

PreK Graduation - SFC

Friday, May 26

Summer Adventure Camp Camper Visiting Day

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - BFC Closed

Tuesday, May 30

Summer Adventure Camp Session 1 begins

Friday, June 16

Summer Adventure Camp Session 1 ends

Monday, June 19

Summer Adventure Camp Session 2 begins

Parenthood

Wednesday, May 17

Parenthood Meeting - 7:30pm



Tot Shabbats

Volunteer Recognition Tot Shabbat Friday, May 12

Splish Splash Tot Shabbat Friday, June 16



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

A Look Back at Religous School 2022/2023



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Beyachad – our family learning program chalked t'fillah in the courtyard















Don't miss out on the learning and fun in 2023-2024.

We have many options to choose from, so enroll now! Register at **tbeboca.org/religious-school**

Sundays at Beck 9:00am-12:00pm Kindergarten through 5th grade

Sundays at Schaefer 9:00am-11:30am Kindergarten through 6th grade

Tuesdays at Beck 4:00-6:00pm 1st grade through 5th grade

Middle School Tuesdays at Beck 7:00-8:30pm

6th grade (weekly) 7th-8th Grade – Every Other Week High School Tuesdays at Beck 7:00-8:30pm

10th Grade Confirmation – weekly 9th, 11th-12th Grade – every Other week

Beyachad Teen* Various Sundays — at Schaefer 5:30-7:30pm

8th-12th grade Teens and Parents Together

*Optional Civil Rights Trips in December – not included in tuition

B'nai Mitzvah

Charlotte Grayson Daughter of Jordan and Lauren Grayson May 6, 2023 @ 9:00am

Zachary Fisher Son of Michael and Hannah Fisher May 6, 2023 @ 11:30am

Davynn Martinoff Daughter of Richard and Shayna Martinoff May 13, 2023 @ 10:45am

Charles Grayer Son of Jonathan Grayer and Kelly Grayer May 20, 2023 @ 10:45am

Elizabeth Friedlander Daughter of Amanda and David Friedlander May 27, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Saul Beck Son of Seth Beck and Szu-Huey Lee June 3, 2023 @ 10:45am

Emma Gerstein
Daughter of William and Dori Gerstein
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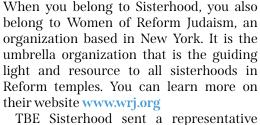


Emma Gerstein

Sisterhood Update



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



to the recent WRJ Southeast Regional Conference in Tampa, Florida. Our region consists of Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and North & South Carolina. There were approximately 100 women, brimming with enthusiasm and open friendship.

This gathering of Sisterhood presidents was filled with activities that represented the Three Pillars that make up the Mission Statement of WRJ: Sisterhood, Spirituality, and Social Justice

The entire weekend was incredibly energizing and filled with new ideas, new

Three Pillars that make up the Mission Statement of WRJ: Sisterhood, Spirituality, and Social Justice



Women's Passover













Meanwhile, summer is right around the corner, but TBE Sisterhood won't be taking a hiatus. We will continue to offer opportunities for you to gather with other like-minded women seeking a sense of belonging, spirituality, and social justice. This past year has been wonderfully successful in bringing our Temple women together. Let's keep the momentum going! Watch your inbox for the Sunday update of Sisterhood events and be sure to join us. We're waiting for you!

Brotherhood Update



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

We are all still amazed how wild and crazy the March Madness basketball tournament was. In the same spirit, the Brotherhood leveraged sports themes in many of the great programs in the first quarter of 2023. Thanks to the leadership of Larry Hotz, we united the community with a Superbowl Pool and a March Madness 50/50 bracket competition where the proceeds were split between lucky winners and important temple programming.

So, with football and basketball covered we needed to add baseball. No problem thanks to the efforts of Joe Gudema who arranged for Brotherhood members and guests to attend the Ballpark of the Palm Beaches and cheer on the Israeli National Team during a Major League exhibition game around the thrilling World Baseball Classic while enjoying great food, beverages and networking.

You can never get enough networking opportunities, so we reproduced a favorite February event at the Barrel of Monks, with craft beers, burgers the size of the Beck Family Chapel, and great chances to connect around professional and personal interests.

As we look forward to the final part of the 2022-2023 year, there is no loss of momentum!

Forget spectator sports, our Brotherhood is bringing "game" to a battle for, and across the ages. Look out Beth El Teens as the Brotherhood competes for bragging rights during the Softball Game of the Century on April 23 at Countess de Hoernle Park / Spanish River Athletic Facility Park 1000 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL

On a personal note, from Kevin, "It has been a real honor and privilege to serve as Co-President of the Brotherhood for the past two years in partnership with Jon Levin, his predecessor Carlos Romero, and the rest of the leadership team. We are proud of what we have accomplished and cherish the friendships that have developed along the way."

Brotherhood Annual Meeting & Celebration

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 | 6:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

FREE! RSVP at tbeboca.org/brotherhood by Tuesday, May 31, 2023

What a year it has been! Please join us to celebrate with food, beverages, great conversation and plenty of laughs while we:

- · Review the past year's accomplishments
- Discuss plans and participation for next year (we want to hear what programs and projects excite you most).
- Recognize the current leadership and update our slate of future leaders as part of our succession planning process (there are many ways for you to be a leader including board, committees and programs).

Thank our outgoing co-President Kevin Romer, with some good-natured roasting. We are looking for several people to share their funniest and fondest brotherhood memories with Kevin.



Brotherhood Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:00am - 1:00pm Schaefer Family Campus 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.

Our Congregation Mourns

Bethann Baskies, mother of Jeffrey and Nancy Baskies grandmother of Jessica and Jon Baskies

Beverly Berger, father of Ian and Jill Berger, grandmother of Danielle and Jessica Berger

Sylvia Cristol*, mother of Shara Cristol

Leonard Dopkins*, husband of Lois Dopkins

Honey Feinstein, grandmother of Brian and Stacy Feinstein and Meredith and Marc Hirsh, great-grandmother of Matthew, Brooke and Emma Feinstein and Ethan, Dalton and Benjamin Hirsh

John Fryer, father of Lottie and Erik Nilsen, grandfather of Douglas and Joel Nilsen

Benjamin Garfinkle, son of Rani Garfinkle

Kenny Gershon*, husband of Barbara Gershon

Beth Ann Goldman, mother of Jason Goldman, grandmother to Evan and Ryan Goldman

Hillary Gottlieb*, wife of David Gottlieb

Louis Green, step-father of Lauren Saldsman

Corrinne Greenberg, mother of Linda z"l and Robert Nagler, grandmother of Jeffrey Nagler

Donna Grubman, mother of Jeffrey and Diana Grubman

Marsha Guralnick*, mother of Benjamin Guralnick

Karyn Henry, mother of Sarah and Evan Waldman, grandmother of Naomi and Caleb Waldman

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Susan Meyers, beloved member

Linda Nagler*, wife of Robert Nagler, mother of Jeffrey Nagler

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Eileen Press, mother of Jeff and Karen Press

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Josh Pumphrey, step-brother of Brett Schneider, uncle of Riley and Maya Schneider

Judith Ripps*, beloved member

Seymour Robbins*, step-father to Jan Fine and Maddi and Wes Finch, step-grandfather to Tracey and Michelle Labgold, stepgreat grandfather to Noah, Asher, and Micha Grossman

Gladys Carolyn Rothbaum, mother of Suzanne Hayward and mother-in law of Howard Zabner, grandmother of Olivia and Audrey Hayward

Daniel Shack, father of Steven and Jourdan Shack, grandfather of Noah Shack

Elaine Smith, mother of Karen Smith, grandmother of Morgan, Marina, Harley and Boden Fowler

Elaine Taule*, mother of Jennifer and Marc Bell, grandmother of Rachel and David Bell and Anthony Anzalone

Howard Wexler*, brother of JC and Martin Meyers

*Laid to rest in the Beth El Mausoleum

Mazel Tov To

Lauren Gooding and Matthew Grobstein on the birth of their son Axel Love Grobstein, big brother Maverick

Kyra and Ian Grutman on the birth of their daughter Gianna Noy Grutman, big brothers Theodore and Raffaele

Ellie and Martin Lifton on the birth of their granddaughter Blair Lifron

Jennifer and Phillip Marshall on the birth of their daughter Avery Michelle Marshall, big sister Olivia

Trashaud Nixon and Jennifer Blackshear on the birth of their son Tamari True Nixon

Marcy and Barry Schultz on the birth of their grandson Ryan Lincoln Schultz

Nicole and Jeff Stark on the birth of their son Oliver Graham Stark

Susie and Mark Tabor on the birth of their granddaughter Avery Sutton Tabor

Shelly and Ed Turetzky on the birth of their grandson Evan Reid Turetzky

Monica and Callahan Walsh on the birth of their son Beau Callahan Walsh, big brother Declan

Brooke and David Lukes on the engagement of their daughter Sophi Lukes to Sam Rubenstein

Amy and Eliot Appel on the marriage of their son Josh Appel to Mara Iserson

Robin and Ken Bresky on the marriage of their daughter Ariella Bresky to Alex Glassman

Jenna Rhein and Matthew Caflun on their marriage

Dawn and Charles Graubert on the marriage of their son Aaron Graubert to Ashley Arana

Myra and Michael Halle on the marriage of their grandson Arron Graubert to Ashley Arana

Lisa and Alan Kirschenbaum on the marriage of their son Lance Kirschenbaum to Samantha Cowen

Amy Berger and JC Lingelbach on their marriage

Lisa and George Ponczek on the marriage of their daughter Sarah Ponczek to Danny Van Camp

Andrea Atencio and Jason Sherman on their marriage

Iris Avizemer and Michael Swietanski on their marriage



What a night! From cocktails, a nail-biting finish for our FAU Owls, to dinner, a compelling program, desserts and dancing, it is our sincerest hope that the night met and even exceeded your expectations.

Your most generous support of the Beth El Bash surpassed our goals for the evening... we were able to exceed an ambitious goal by over \$250,000! That is simply amazing. YOU are simply amazing.

Thank you again to all our incredible sponsors, event committee, attendees and substantial contributors to the fundraising efforts during the evening.

Your generous support for the Beth El Bash will enable us to complete the refurbishment of our sacred space, the Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary. Our plans for our renovations are underway, and we look forward to the summer of 2024 when we will commence our renovation work. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating many milestones, life-cycle events and occasions in our refurbished sanctuary.







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ON SACRED GROUND

BY **ILYNE MENDELSON**MAUSOLEUM TASK FORCE

The Beth El Mausoleum, located at Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, is unique. Some synagogues have in-ground cemeteries within or adjacent to their synagogue property and others own or use a portion of a community mausoleum with other congregations. But, as far as we know, the Beth El Mausoleum is the only mausoleum on synagogue property in the United States.

The idea for the Mausoleum was conceived in 1994 by Rabbi Emeritus Merle Singer and Temple Board Member Alvin Cohen. They envisioned a place where members of Temple Beth El could share a final resting place, something to provide care and comfort to our members and to the greater Jewish community. State and local law did not permit the use, but Rabbi Singer

Rendering of Phase 4 of the Beth El Mausoleum



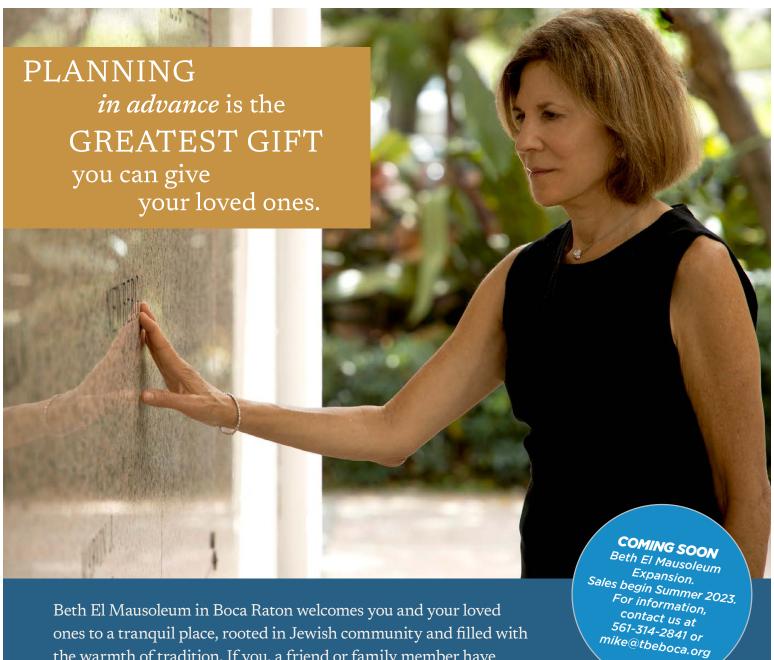
and Mr. Cohen felt that there should be an alternative. They drove to Tallahassee and successfully came to an agreement with the Florida legislature to allow it to be built on the Temple property.

Temple Beth El is a thriving Reform congregational community. It has grown to more than 1800 member households. It is renowned for clergy, innovative programming, spirituality, and outreach to its members. Its Mausoleum is an integral part of the totality of life cycle events that take place at Temple Beth El. Early on the question of Jewish burial in a Mausoleum, as opposed to in-ground, was raised. Rabbi Dan Levin notes the in-ground ritual was a European tradition but that "our Mausoleum embraces the Reform tradition of respecting personal choice especially as it relates to end-of-life traditions."

Phases 1 and 2 are single story open air buildings housing crypts and niches and were completed in the mid-1990s with approximately 700 crypts. Phase 3, a 2-story building with crypts and niches inside air-conditioned space and on the outside walls, contains 1944 crypts along with niches. Although the Beth El Mausoleum was originally built for Temple members, the wider Boca Raton Jewish community now comprises a significant number of clients. Nonmembers who purchase space in the Mausoleum receive a complimentary one-year membership, and many who did not anticipate being members of a synagogue find themselves connected with Temple Beth El and renew their membership.

Because of the increasing demand for Jewish endof-life locations, Phase 4 is now in the planning stage and will likely break ground in 2024. Pre-sales will start later this year. Phase 4, slightly bigger than Phase 3, will have a wide array of crypts and niches.

Beth El Mausoleum is the final resting place for those in our congregational community and the wider Jewish community. It completes the circle of life events that take place at Temple Beth El. Those who are interred in the Mausoleum know they are surrounded by their loved ones, their fellow congregants, and the embrace of the surrounding Jewish community for all time.



Beth El Mausoleum in Boca Raton welcomes you and your loved ones to a tranquil place, rooted in Jewish community and filled with the warmth of tradition. If you, a friend or family member have been considering making plans for the future, our clergy and staff are here to help guide you. Serving the needs of our Temple Beth El congregation and the greater Jewish community of South Florida, the Beth El Mausoleum is privately owned and on the grounds of Temple Beth El, providing the highest standards of quality care.

Contact our Mausoleum Director, Mike Sirowitz at 561-314-2841 or mike@tbeboca.org to set up an appointment.

For information including photos and videos, please visit our website at bethelmausoleum.org or by scanning the QR code below.





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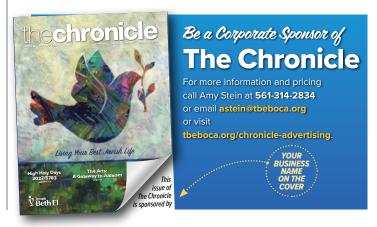
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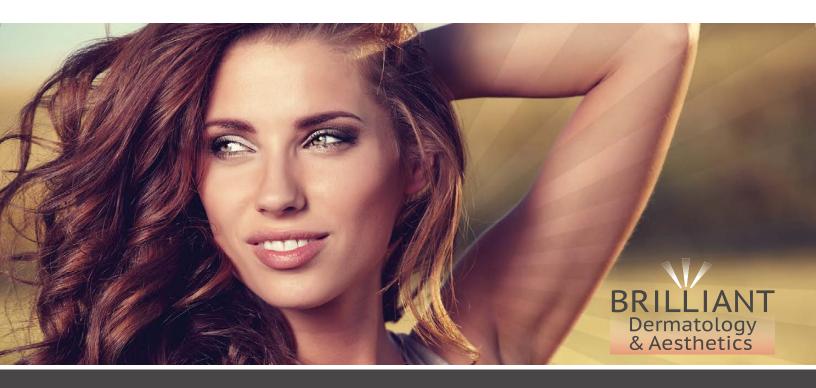


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