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TEMPLE BETH EL OF BOCA RATON



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All About Me...

Currently a 3rd & 4th-grade religious school teacher, I have worked with children my entire life as a Home Instruction Teacher and tutor of Kindergarten through 6th-grade students. I enjoy watching students understand the concepts from my examples and connections. I look forward to all their Aha! moments.



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Rockets to Roses

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN dlevin@tbeboca.org

Living in the small town of Yated, just a few kilometers from Israel's border with Egypt and Gaza, Yaron Bob was a computer teacher and a blacksmith. In 2008, in the midst of repeated missile attacks from Gaza, Yaron would often find the burned out husks of the crude Qassam rockets lying around the community.

He remembered the famous words of the book of Isaiah: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks." And then something welled up from inside him.

Yaron began to take the shells of Qassam rockets, and patiently bent and twisted the metal into beautiful roses and pieces of Judaica.

"I take the Qassam, the instrument of death," he said, "and I change it. I transform it into something beautiful."

It's hard to imagine anything beautiful coming out of the Otef Aza, the area known as the Gaza envelope. The massacre of more than 1,300 men, women, and children by Hamas on the morning of Simchat Torah, and the war that has followed, has desecrated that beautiful region with bloodshed, destruction, and grief.

For many years, I have spent time in Otef Aza. We have brought many tour groups from Temple Beth El and I have visited as part of Federation Missions.

My last visit to the area was in June of 2021. A small group

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of rabbis went to offer a "Hibbuk" – a hug to our Israeli sisters and brothers who bore the brunt from the missile attacks the month before.

We visited a man who was beginning to rebuild his house after a missile tore through his kitchen while he and his children sheltered in their safe room. We visited a group of mental-health counselors trying to provide support to hundreds of people who had endured thousands of rocket attacks and days in bomb shelters.

And we spent half a day at Kfar Aza, a beautiful kibbutz just a few kilometers from the border. Chen Kotler, who had lived there for many years and raised her family there, showed us the "souvenirs" that had landed in her front yard – pieces of Hamas missiles and remnants of the "Iron Dome". We met Ofir Liebstein, the regional mayor, who was working to build an industrial zone that would offer opportunities for Israelis and Palestinians to work and grow the region together.

Someone from our group asked why they live there, given the constant threat of rocket attacks. Chen looked at us and said, "Why wouldn't we live here! It's beautiful here. No one locks their doors, our kids can run



around and everyone takes care of everyone. It's paradise."

Ofir was killed in the first minutes of the war, defending Kfar Aza. Thankfully Chen was out of the country and her family all survived.

Recently, Chen spoke on a Zoom call of their efforts to sustain the survivors of K'far Aza and their mission to rebuild their Kibbutz. She has not let go of her vision, and not let go of her dreams.

The massacre of Simchat Torah was the worst attack on the Jewish people since the Holocaust. The echoes of pogroms, like Kristallnacht, ring in our ears. But just as our people found ways to commemorate the horrors of the Shoah, and just as Yaron Bob found ways to turn Rockets to Roses, so must we lift our downcast eyes in hope and faith that from the wreckage of war, and the heartbreak of grief, we will find our way forward to life and to peace.

Years ago, during a visit to Yaron Bob's studio, Mara and Michael Shapiro purchased for Temple Beth El a Chanukiah fashioned from burned out Qassam rockets. More than ever, as we kindle the lights of this remarkable Chanukiah, we will hold fast to Isaiah's

vision, and pray that this war will vanquish those whose hands are stained with our blood, and whose hearts are corroded with hatred.



ON THE COVER: Michael and Mara Shapiro, Erik and Jenna (Shapiro) Modansky and their son Jeremy with the Rockets to Roses menorah (detail above) that is on display at the Schaefer Family Campus



A MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

From Broken to Beautiful: Nurturing Growth and Connection at Temple Beth El



BY WENDY WALIN TEMPLE BETH EL **PRESIDENT**

In this issue of The Chronicle, we explore the theme "From Broken to Beautiful." While our Temple remains a strong and vibrant community, we recognize that there are always opportunities for growth and improvement. At Temple Beth El, our commitment to continuous improvement takes many forms, from strategic planning to leadership development and the creation of circles of connection.

Strategic Planning: Shaping Our Future

Strategic planning is the compass that guides us toward a better tomorrow. It allows us to take a step back, assess our strengths and areas for growth, and chart a course for the future. Our recent strategic planning efforts reflect our dedication to fostering positive change within our Temple community.

With the strategic plan as our roadmap, we envision a future where Temple Beth El continues to be a place of inspiration and support for every member. Our plan includes initiatives that promote personal and spiritual growth and strengthen our connections through exceptional Jewish experiences. As we implement this plan, we are moving from strength to strength, continually enhancing community.

Leadership Development: Nurturing Potential

Leadership development is the cornerstone of our progress. We recognize that effective leaders are vital to the well-being of our Temple. Through leadership development programs, we empower our members to take on leadership roles and guide our community toward a brighter future.

Our commitment to leadership development is an investment in the potential of every individual within our congregation. It fosters a culture of shared responsibility and encourages diverse voices to contribute to our collective success. As we nurture the leadership skills of our members, we move from a place of strength to a place of even greater strength.

Building Circles of Connection: Healing and Support

Our Temple isn't just a place of worship; it's a community that cares for one another. In times of hardship, when members may feel broken, we are here to help them heal. We understand the power of connection, and our circles of connection initiatives provide a network of community, support, and care.

These circles are a testament to our commitment to one another. They remind us that even in moments of vulnerability, we can find strength in community. As we build these circles of connection, we transform moments of brokenness into beautiful opportunities for healing and growth.

While Temple Beth El is not "broken," we are always striving to make things better, to strengthen our bonds, and to deepen our connection to Jewish life and each other. As we embark on this journey from "broken to beautiful," let us do so with open hearts and a shared commitment to our community's continued growth and well-being.

As this issue of The Chronicle goes to print, Israel is embroiled in a horrific war against Hamas. We pray for the safety of all the people of Israel, and for the quick end to this conflict.

Avinu SheBaShamayim, Tzur Yisrael V'Goalo, Barech Et Medinat Yisrael, Reishit Tz'michat Geulateinu.

> אָבִינוּ שֵׁבַּשָּׁמֵיִם, צוּר יִשִּׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֵלוֹ, בָּרֶךְ אֵת מִדִינַת יִשִּׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גִּאָלְתֵנוּ

O Heavenly One, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, send your blessing to the people and the State of Israel, the first flowering of our redemption, in these dark and difficult days.

Temple Beth El Stands With Israel.

If you would like to contribute and help, visit tbeboca.org/israel



WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between July 25, 2023 and September 26, 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.

Lisa & Brian Baker & their children, Jacob & Ian

Lisa Basch & her children, Rom & Lee

Michele & Simon Becher & their child, Emily

Warren & Casey Becker & their child, Henry

Mark Berkowitz

Lynne Boxenhorn

Kate & Josh Bramnick & their children, Sophia & Jackson

Laura Brandys

Sharon & Adam Brown & their child, Ryder

Emily Burns

Allyson & Aaron Bush

John & Mij Byram

Roberta Caplan

Paula & Michael Citron & their child, Tyler

Dana & Steve Clarfield

Nancy & Barry Cohen & their

children, Sam & Alex Daniel & Barbara Cohen

Rachelle Cohen

Stephen Cohen & Dana Abrams

& their child, Mason

Barry & Lois Davis & their child, Jason

Ruth & Ralph Delman

Joanie Deutsch

Joanne Douma

Elaine Epstein

Jill & Jason Evans & their children, Charley & Drew

Samuel & Samantha Feder

& their child, Mattheo

Todd & Julie Fine & their children, Lauren, Samantha & Halle

Melissa & David Fox & their children, Henry & Simon

Debbie Fried

Andrew & Allison Friedman & their children, Riley & Dylan

Randi Gellibert & her children, Lily & Louis

Jarett & Nathan Goldman-Schloss

Helen Goldson

Rachel Goldstein & her child, Elijah

Greg Goodman

Jason & Tracy Gould & their children, Tyler & Madison

Sharon Steinacker & John Gross

Lauren Henry

Suzanne Hochberg

Debby Hofmann

Harris & Sloane Howard & their

children, Logan & Noah

Scott & Alexandra Huff & their children, Miles, Damon & Hudson

Michael & Deborah Jacobs & their children, Matthew, Hillary & Mitchell

Sharon & Eddie Jampol

Christine & Bob Jampol

Claire Matzek & Nathan Janes

Carol & Paul Jellinger

Jamie & Paul Kahn & their children, Nicole, Jayden & Liam

Seth & Linda Kaminsky

& their child, Miles

Kelly & Adam Kayce & their children, Ariana, Jordan & Camila

Judy Kaye

Sue & Steve Kessler

Arleen Kratz

Lauren & David Lappin

Laurie & Scott Lasner &

their child, Lucas

Judith Lazev

Simone & Scott Leffler

& their child, Lily

Sara Imershein & Mark Levine

Laurie & David Lieberman

Melissa Lindman & her children, Jordan, Ashley & Hailey

Diane Lindner

Frederico Lourenco & Jessica Saks & their children, Leonardo & Emilia

Douglas & Danielle Manolakos & their children, David,

Alex, Ryan & Lauren

Tracey Marcus & her child, Mollie

Irene & Les Martin

Ora Meles

Justin & Lisa Nazarian

& their child, Ellie

Scott & Ida Novack

Ellen & Ronald Osceola

Tesla Godoy & Cary Perlman

& their child, Jonah

Susan & Ron Phillips

Richard & Michaele Pollack

Adam & Erica Price & their children,

Holden, Nexon & Savannah

Anthony & Shana Reh & their children, Jacki & Sam

Joel Bernstein & Janet Rosen

Marlene Rubin

Rose Safir & her children,

Elia, Ava & Izak

Victoria Salem-Zlatkiss

Barbara & Howard Schnoll

Jeremy & Sabrina Segermeister

& their child, Harper

Stacey Shapiro & her child, Jackson

Harvey Silverstein & Sherry Schneider

Sandy Simon

Eva Singer

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

Donna Slotnick

Donna Stein

Jayson & Julie Stern & their

children, Ella & Jack

Jeremy & Melissa Stone & their

children, Sydney & Gavin

Alyson & Jason Thomas & their children, Riley, Ryan & Rexton

Terry Tierney & Bea Stark

Leslie Viselman

Hillary Watter

Daniel & Sherry Weinberger

Arlene & Michael Weingast

Sarah Weiss-Poland & her children.

Samson, Gabrielle & Eve

Suellen & Mark Winer

Orna & Larry Wiseman



TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT WRICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

STARRING TEMPLE BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BARCLAY PERFORMING ARTS



SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023 3:00PM MUSICAL

Followed by Chanukah Candle Lighting with Temple Beth El Clergy

SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

From the musical genius of Andrew Lloyd Weber (Phantom of the Opera) and Tim Rice (Beauty and the Beast) comes one of the most popular musicals of the last 50 years. This telling of the biblical story of Joseph and his brothers from the book of Genesis is filled with great music, costumes, laughter, joy, and heart. Utilizing many different styles of music from pop/rock to country to musical comedy this sparkling show follows young Joseph as he faces adversity and triumphs through his dreams and his strong, unwavering faith.

FREE and open to the community!

Please register at tbeboca.org/joseph-musical-2023



REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE {November}

his month, as we commemorate
Kristallnacht and celebrate Thanksgiving,
we will focus on how precious is the
gift of life. Memory allows us to bring forward
pain from our past, so that we learn to treasure
the present and build for the future. Gratitude
enables us to savor the blessings that constantly
surround us, and to cultivate the strength and
resilience to move through life's challenges with
renewed joy and appreciation.

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS (December)

ewish tradition teaches us the power of תקוה – Tikvah - Hope. For centuries, Hope was the fuel God provided for us to endure and persevere, even in the darkest of times. This month we will look at different resonances of hope. As we celebrate Chanukah, we recall the hope that drove the Maccabees to win our people's liberation, and how the Festival of Lights inspires us to renew our dedication to build a world of light.

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Shabbat Service

- **6:00pm**
- Schaefer Family Campus

DECEMBER 8, 2023

Chanukah Celebration Shabbat

- **6:00pm**
- Schaefer Family Campus

Let's celebrate Chanukah together! Our youngest children, our teens and our adults will join together with our bima band and rockin' clergy to spread the light of Chanukah! Stay for our special oneg featuring family friendly and yummy Chanukah treats. Register for the celebration at tbeboca.org/chanukah-2023

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Tot Shabbat: B'Thankful

⊗ 6:00pm

Beck Family Campus

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

Registration required at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat.

Please bring along yoga mats or towels for your family to use.

Shabbat Evening Service — Remembering Kristallnacht

№ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

On this Shabbat, we remember Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, which was a pogrom against Jews carried out by the Nazi party. We will hear from our congregant Howard Guggenheim who survived this horrific event and will share his story. (See following page.)

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Kol HaNeshama Service in the Round

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

○ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Shabbat Service & November Birthday Blessings

⊘ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus



DECEMBER 15, 2023 DECEMBER 15, 2023 Kol HaNeshama **Shabbat Evening Service** Service in the Round **⊘** 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus 6:00pm **Schaefer Family Campus DECEMBER 22, 2023** Welcome Shabbat with a different type **Shabbat Evening Service and** of worship experience. While sitting in **December Birthday Blessings** the round in the chapel, through the use of niggunim (wordless melodies) we will deepen our connection to ourselves, to Schaefer Family Campus each other and the Holy One so that we **DECEMBER 29, 2023** may welcome Shabbat with a peaceful mind and an open heart. **Shabbat Evening Service ⊘** 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus



KRISTALLNACHT

A SERIES OF PROGRAMS COMMEMORATING
THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF **KRISTALLNACHT** – *The Night of Broken Glass*

In 1938 in Germany and parts of Austria, the Nazi Party carried out a pogrom that destroyed synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses, and saw Jews deported and killed.

Shabbat Services with Kristallnacht survivor Howard Guggeheim

Friday, November 10, 2023 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

On this Shabbat, we remember Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, which was a pogrom against Jews carried out by the Nazi party. We will hear from our congregant Howard Guggenheim who survived this horrific event and will share his story.

Shabbaton Morning of Learning

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Schaefer Family Campus

Featuring the film "Killing Kastner" and Yad Vashem's Mordecai Paldiel on the tragic loss of Hungary's Jews

9:15am – 9:45am | Bagels and Schmooze 9:45am – 10:30am | Mordecai Paldiel 10:30am – 12:30pm | Killing Kastner film screening Open to the Community

Registration required at tbeboca.org/kristallnacht-morning

What happens when a Jew saves only his family and a few others during the Holocaust and then comes to the defense of a Nazi after the war? Ultimately, he makes Aliyah after the war and in 1957 is assassinated. We will hear from Mordecai Paldiel, a survivor and head of the Righteous Gentiles department at Yad Vashem and a world famous Holocaust scholar, and then watch the film "Killing Kastner." We will question whether he collaborated or acted honorably as best as circumstances warranted.



Farewell Mr. Haffmann

FILM AND DISCUSSION
Sunday, November 19, 2023 • 4:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Open to the Community
Registration required at

tbeboca.org/kristallnacht-film

Made possible thanks to the generosity of Fran and Art Siegel and Judy Levis Krug of The Boca Raton Film Festival.

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FRIENDS OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS PRESENTS

World Famous Author Naomi Ragen and Dr. Efraim Zuroff In Conversation

THE MURDERERS NEXT DOOR... AND THE SCOURGE OF HOLOCAUST DISTORTION

Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:00pm Schaefer Family Campus

\$36 Priority Seating and book
The Enemy Beside Me

\$10 General Admission

Free for Temple Beth El Friends of Music and the Arts

Register at

tbeboca.org/holocaust-author



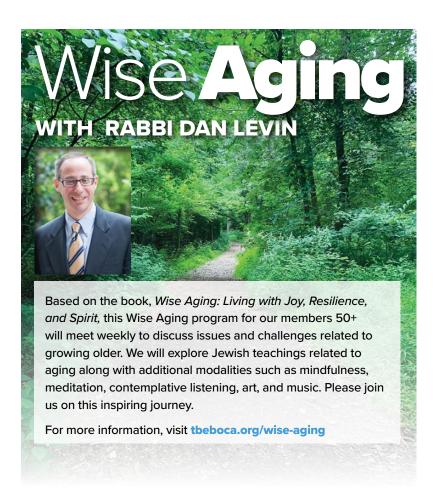
How could 212,000 of the 220,000 Jews in Lithuania have been slaughtered during the Holocaust when only 1,000 German troops and SS were stationed in the country? The answer: Nazi collaborators.

It is a history that Lithuania and other countries have been eager to ignore, deny or dismiss out of hand.

Exposing that truth to force national reckonings is at the heart of the work of Holocaust historian Dr. Efraim Zuroff, the Simon Wiesenthal Center's chief Nazi hunter, and bestselling author Naomi Ragen's new novel, *The Enemy Beside Me*.

Dr. Efraim Zuroff, a historian leading the efforts against Holocaust distortion, is the chief Nazi hunter of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Director of the Center's Eastern European Affairs and its Israel Office in Jerusalem

Naomi Ragen is an American-born novelist, playwright and journalist living in Israel. She is the author of the play Women's Minyan, currently being performed at Israel's National Theatre. She has written thirteen novels, including a number of international bestsellers. Her novel Jephte's Daughter was listed among the 100 Essential Books for Jewish Readers. She is a feminist Orthodox Jew and women's rights activist and a beloved speaker at Temple Beth El.

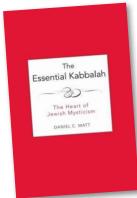


Essential Kabbalah

RABBI AMY PESSAH Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 and 30 7:00pm In person at the **Schaefer Family** Campus Register at

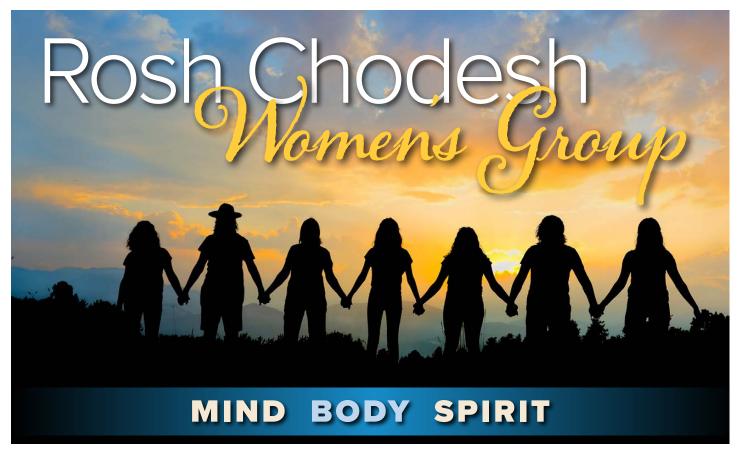


tbeboca.org/kabbalah-2023



Join Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah as she guides us through Dr. Daniel Matt's book, Essential Kabbalah. Together, we will explore mystical teachings from Kabbalists throughout the ages. Completion of Temple Beth El's Introduction to Kabbalah class or previous study of Kabbalah are required for enrollment.





Sunday Mornings 9:15-10:45am NEW LOCATION! South County Park, Cypress Pavilion

Mind, Body, Spirit - it's all about balance! Take a little time to focus on yourself, to breathe and to bond with other incredible women in our community. We will use Brene Brown's Book, *The Gifts of Imperfection,* as an anchor for meaningful and interactive discussions framed with Jewish Wisdom. This program will be led by Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen and Rabbi Amy Grosblatt Pessah. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

Please register at tbeboca.org/rosh-chodesh

November 12 - Kislev

Cultivating a Resilient Spirit: Letting Go of Numbing and Powerlessness

December 10 – Tevet

Cultivating Gratitude and Joy: Letting Go of Scarcity and Fear of the Dark

January 21 – Sh'vat

Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith: Letting Go of the Need for Certainty

February 11 - Adar I

Cultivating Creativity: Letting Go of Comparison

March 10 - Adar II

Cultivating Play and Rest: Letting Go of Exhaustion as a Status Symbol and Productivity as Self-Worth

April 14 - Nisan

Cultivating Calm and Stillness: Letting Go of Anxiety as a Lifestyle

May 19 - Iyar

Cultivating Meaningful Work: Letting Go of Self-Doubt and "Supposed To"

June 2 - Sivan

Cultivating Laughter, Song, and Dance: Letting Go of Being Cool and "Always in Control"

Bereavement Groups forming now

Healing from loss is hard. We are proud to partner with Ruth & Norman Rales JFS to provide comfort and counseling to those in our congregation and community who have lost loved ones.

Current groups include:

- Mondays at 11:30am, Schaefer Family Campus
- Tuesdays at 7:15pm, Beck Family Campus
- Widow(er)s Group for those in their 30s/40s/50s (Details coming soon.)

Groups will be facilitated by Danielle Greenblatt, LCSW or one of her colleagues from JFS. If you are interested in joining a bereavement group, please fill out an interest form at **tbeboca.org/bereavement** and Danielle will match you with a group to meet your needs.



The Giving Tree

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

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

- Pick a wish list(s) from our virtual trees. Visit our website: thegivingtreeboca.org/fill-a-holiday-wishes/
- Prefer not to shop? Visit tbeboca.org/giving/the-giving-tree to donate now and we will shop for you
- Organize a wish fulfillment drive at your place of work, community or other social group. If interested, contact us for more information thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com
- · Spread the word and share this information to your network of friends and family





The Giving Tree Gift Delivery

Saturday, December 24, 2023, Dixie Manor



Join The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El and the Dixie Manor community for our annual holiday gift distribution!

We will host a holiday street party with festive treats and surprises and time to celebrate with our neighbors, as we deliver the gifts from The Giving Tree.

Register at tbeboca.org/giving-tree-delivery

Lunch &Learn

Art, Antiquities and the Jewish Experience

Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates, **Judith Beiner and others**

Tuesdays,

November 7, 14, 28 (No class 11/21), **December 5, 12, 19 (No class 12/26)**

12:00-1:00pm

In celebration of The Beiner Collection of Antiquities that will grace our lobby, we are delving into the impact of the Jewish experience, and the art that came from that experience and the art collected by Jews even as we were ever wandering. We will look at the impact of war, persecution, peace and the modern Jewish experience. If you are able, please join us for a special in-person tour of the Beiner Collection following the conclusion of the session.





This Financial Report Card provides an overview of the Temple's financial results for the 2022-2023 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2023. Financial transparency is very important to us. You deserve to know how your Temple is doing and how your money is being spent.

This Report does not include detailed financial statements, but rather a high-level summary of our financial results for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The Temple hires independent auditors from an outside accounting firm each year to conduct a thorough audit of our books and financial controls. The results of the audit are presented to the Finance Advisory Group and the Board of Trustees. We want our members to feel comfortable that we are operating at the highest level of financial integrity.

A BALANCED BUDGET

We finished the 2022-2023 fiscal year with a balanced budget for the eleventh consecutive year. Revenues from operations actually exceeded operating expenses primarily as a result of multiple rounds of government Covid stimulus grants we received during the year. The excess funds from last year will be transferred to operating reserves and capital reserves which we anticipate needing in the future to complete major maintenance projects (like roofing, painting, and air conditioning replacements). We are also setting aside excess cash to use as a down payment for the Mausoleum Phase 4 construction loan. More on that below.

REVENUE

Membership Commitments	3,666,400	22%
Religious School Fees	754,370	4%
Early Learning Center	5,706,394	34%
Fundraising	1,787,917	11%
Facilities Rentals	619,893	4%
Program Fees & Other Income	938,641	6%
Pandemic Relief: Tax Credits	954,760	6%
Pandemic Relief: ELC Grants	658,230	4%
Mausoleum Sales	1,527,629	9%
Transfers from Other Funds	202,453	1%
 Total Income	16.816.687	

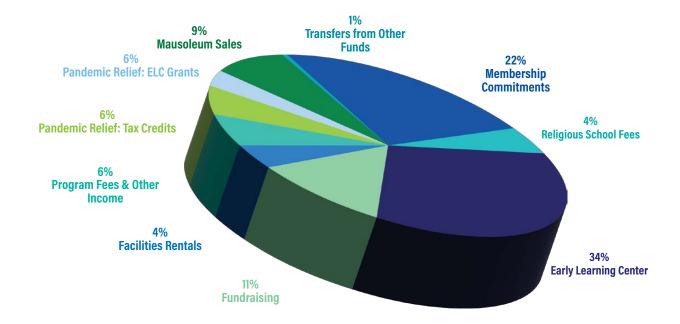
EXPENSES

Net Income

Fundraising and Project Expenses	783,441	5%
Administration and General Fundraising and Project Expenses	1,974,344 783,441	12% 5%
Transfers to Other Funds	2,507,490	15%



Revenues



Our largest source of revenue is Early Learning Center ("ELC") tuition, which makes up just over 34% of total operating revenues. Operating an infant day care program and preschool is highly labor intensive primarily because of the required teacher-student ratios. Roughly 88% of ELC operating expenses go towards salaries and benefits for ELC teachers and administrators. Another 6% of the ELC total expenses goes towards debt service from the 2018-2019 Beck Family Campus expansion project.

After many years of increasing enrollment, we are at full capacity at the ELC with waiting lists for most grade levels. We finished the 2022-2023 school year with 318 students enrolled, which is maximum capacity. The Beth El Early Learning Center is critically important to the long-term viability of the Temple because it serves as a pipeline for young families to experience Beth El and hopefully form long-lasting connections which continue long after their children graduate.

Another unique source of revenue for the Temple is the Beth El Mausoleum. The Mausoleum provides roughly 9% of our total operating revenue. The Mausoleum is not only an important part of our identity spiritually, but also an important source of financial stability.

Fundraising donations are also critical to our financial health. Voluntary contributions made up 11% of total operating revenue last year. We are blessed to have so many extraordinarily generous donors who support the needs of the Temple and its members. There are far too many contributors to name individually in this report. For a complete listing of all voluntary giving during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, please visit **tbeboca.org/impact**.

Last year we raised \$491,000 in our annual High Holy Day Appeal which exceeded our budget goal by \$66,000. The Annual Appeal is instrumental in helping Temple Beth El provide meaningful experiences to all of its members and the local Jewish community. Funds raised from the Annual Appeal also ensure that no one is ever turned away from the Temple because of their financial circumstances.

In April of 2023 we hosted an incredibly successful Beth El Bash to raise funds for a refurbishment of the Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary. The 2023 Beth El Bash generated approximately \$600,000 in net proceeds that we will use to renovate the Sanctuary in the summer of 2024. Additional proceeds from the Bash also provide financial support for individuals, children and families that

need scholarships in order to afford membership and school tuition. About one in five Beth El households receive some level of scholarship assistance.

For most Temples in America, about two-thirds of total annual operation revenue comes from membership dues. Temple Beth El is different. The percentage of overall operating revenues that come from Congregational Commitment at Beth El is only 22% because we have many diversified revenue streams. A lower reliance on Congregational Commitment makes Beth El less susceptible to financial distress should we experience an economic downturn.

Temple Beth El also generates substantial revenue from facility rentals. Our facility rental revenue has two main components: (a) event rentals and catering, and (b) leasing activity from the Somerset Academy Charter School. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Temple generated \$148,000 from event rentals and catering, and another \$465,000 from Somerset Academy Charter School lease payments.

Expenses

Like most service organizations, our largest expense is our people. Approximately \$9.5 million was spent on salaries and benefits last year across the organization's 174 full time and part time employees, representing 61% of total operating expenses.

Number of Employees by Department				
Clergy	10			
Administration	27			
Facilities Maintenance	14			
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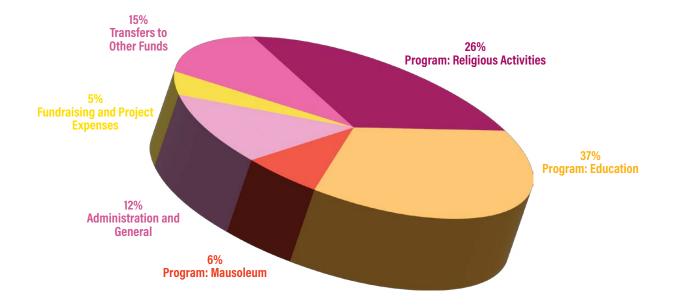
Early Learning Center93
Religious School27
Mausoleum3

Total Employees174

Due to high inflation which drives up wages, a substantial escalation in insur-

ance premiums and an ongoing labor shortage, the Temple's cost of salary and benefits has increased materially over the past few years. Our people are our most valuable asset and so we are doing all that we can to recruit and retain the highest level of talent across the organization.

From June 2022 to June 2023, inflation in the United States, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, was 3.0%. However, in our metro area (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) that same figure was 6.9%, more than twice the national average. This phenomenon is attributable to several factors including exceptionally high increases in property insurance premiums coupled with a shortage of residential real estate, both of which have dramatically driven up the cost of housing in South Florida.



Improvements

Last fiscal year saw the completion of two significant construction projects at Beth El. At the Schaefer Family Campus, we completed an approximately \$450,000 perimeter security project. The scope of work included a seven-foothigh fence around the entire 10-acre property, vehicular and pedestrian access control gates, additional site lighting and additional surveillance cameras. The project was funded in part by a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security and a generous donation from the Temple's Brotherhood.

We also completed an air conditioning system overhaul at the Beck Family Campus. This project cost the Temple approximately \$650,000 and involved the replacement of the entire air conditioning system originally installed in 2009.

Pandemic

Relief

In September 2022, the Temple applied for an Employee Retention Tax Credit ("ERTC") from the IRS. This is a payroll tax refund for eligible employers from the U.S. Government as part of the Covid-19 relief package. The amount of the tax refund was \$954,760 (including interest) and the Temple received the funds in June 2023.

Last year we also applied for, and received, several rounds of grants specifically for the Early Learning Center as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"). The Federal Government provided support, in the form of approximately \$24 billion in grants that states could subgrant to qualified child care providers to help them sustain operations as they weathered the pandemic and a critical shortage of early childhood educators. The Beth El Early Learning

Center received a total of \$658,230 over several rounds of ARPA grants last year which we are using to attract and retain ELC teachers and administrators.

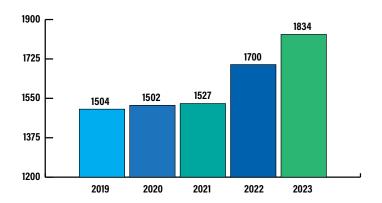
As a result of these pandemic relief programs, the generosity of our benefactors and members, and swift action to control costs, we have successfully weathered the Covid-19 storm. We are an even stronger congregation now than we were prior to the pandemic shutdowns in 2020. Our membership numbers have bounced back, our Religious School and ELC enrollment numbers are even higher than they were in 2019, and we are looking forward to a bright future ahead.

Membership

The Temple's membership in terms of number of households, has increased steadily over the past five years. We finished the fiscal year on June 30, 2023 with 1,834 member households, compared to 1,700 in 2022 (7.9% increase).

One reason we are growing despite national trends to the contrary, is that our Engagement and Programming team, along with many dedicated volunteers, work hard to foster individual relationships through small group interactions. Through our Chavurot (Groups of Friends) and Beth El Circles programs, we provide many avenues for members to connect with each other and Temple Beth El in non-traditional ways. Our member resignation exit interview research suggests that the number one reason people resign from a temple is that they "don't feel connected". We believe our member retention success is due in part to intentional efforts to create meaningful connections with other members, with the Clergy, and with other ELC and Religious School parents.

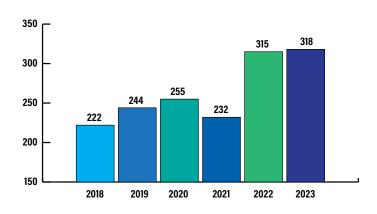
TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS



Early Learning

Center

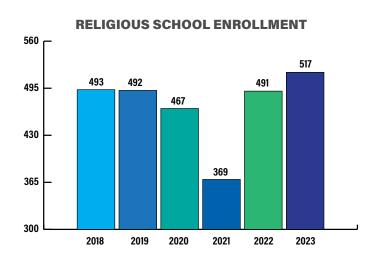
EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT



Early Learning Center ("ELC") enrollment at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 academic year was 318 students, compared to 315 students at the same time in the prior year. There was virtually no change in the enrollment numbers because we are at full capacity, with waiting lists for all grade levels. We have increased tuition prices materially over the past two years, mostly to keep up with rising labor costs. Yet the demand for the services we provide is stronger than ever. This, we believe, is the result of several factors including migration to our area from other states. It is also a testament to the wonderful staff at the Early Learning Center who provide an environment where children thrive in an atmosphere of friendship, curiosity, self-esteem, Jewish values, joy and respect.

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

Religious School



Religious School enrollment at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 academic year stood at 517 students. From 2012 to 2018 we experienced a consistent decline in student enrollment, most notably in the post bar/bat mitzvah age groups. We are pleased to report that the downward trend has reversed and our enrollment last year was back to levels we have not experienced since 2017. Our efforts to provide creative, flexible, non-traditional learning models aimed at satisfying the needs of modern Jewish families is working. In fact, we are out of space on Sunday mornings at the Beck Family Campus. We are therefore offering Sunday morning classes at the Schaefer Family Campus again, and mid-week evening classes at the Beck Family Campus so that we don't have to turn away families who want to enroll their children. This is a "good problem to have" (although still a serious problem) and something we have not experienced in many years.

Note: In 2021 there were no Religious School classes in-person due to Covid-19 so enrollment decreased significantly.

We are also putting additional attention and resources to our Religious School Parent Tribe initiative which aims to build social connections and school involvement for parents of Religious School students. If you would like to learn more about all of the exciting things happening at the Religious School, please visit **tbeboca.org/religious-school**.

Beth El Mausoleum

The Beth El Mausoleum creates an eternal connection to the Temple for many of our members and for unaffiliated Jews in the broader local community. Gross sales revenue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was \$1,693,621 compared to \$1,461,304 in the prior year. This represents a 15.9% increase year-over-year. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year we completed 96 sales transactions and in the prior fiscal year we completed 77 sales transactions (25% increase).

20% of all Mausoleum sales revenue is set aside in a restricted fund designated for the perpetual care of the Mausoleum

building and grounds. This perpetual care fund ensures that the Mausoleum buildings and grounds will always be properly maintained, even if the Temple ceases to exist far in the future. As of June 30, 2023 the balance in the Mausoleum Perpetual Care Fund was approximately \$3.7 million, which will continue to grow over time through market appreciation and additional deposits from future sales.

We have run out of the most desirable inventory at the Mausoleum which puts us at a competitive disadvantage. We are therefore planning to build a new Mausoleum building similar in size to the ex-

isting two-story indoor/outdoor mausoleum building constructed in 2006. Three phases have been built so far. This new building would be the fourth.

Final construction plans for Mausoleum Phase 4 are complete and have been submitted to the City of Boca Raton for approval. We are now going through the arduous building permit process at the City. We plan to break ground on the new mausoleum building in 2024 and the project should be complete and open in 2026. We anticipate starting preconstruction sales for the new phase in late 2023.

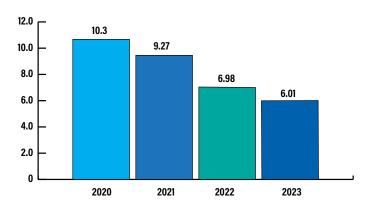
Construction and Debt

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

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

The next major construction project is Mausoleum Phase 4 (see previous section for more information). We anticipate this proj-

OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE (\$ Millions)



ect will cost approximately \$8.5 million. We will secure bank debt to fund the construction costs as we have done with the first three phases of the Mausoleum. The money to repay the debt will come from future Mausoleum sales. We do not anticipate combining the existing loan with the Mausoleum expansion loan since the cash flow streams used to repay the debt are distinct and each project should financially stand on its own.

Interest rates are high right now which means the cost to borrow money for Mausoleum Phase 4 will

be expensive. As a result, we are conserving as much cash as possible from operations to use towards a down payment on the construction loan so that we can borrow as little as possible. By way of example, if the interest rate on the construction loan is 7.0%, we will incur \$70,000 per year in interest expense for every \$1 million we borrow. If we can conserve cash and put down \$3 million (for example) as a down payment, then we save \$210,000 per year in interest expense, which is a substantial amount of money for the Temple.

Conclusion

Very few temples in the country are enjoying the success we are experiencing at Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, thanks to the ongoing support of our members, the generosity of our benefactors, and the hard work of our incredible staff.

We weathered the Covid-19 storm and have come out even stronger on the other side. Also, we are proud that we have maintained our long-standing policy of never turning away any individual or family who want to be a part of our community but cannot afford to pay the full Congregational Commitment or tuition rates. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to another successful year.

Should you want more information about the Temple's finances, you are welcome to contact Cindy Chieffo (Chief Financial Officer) at **cchieffo@tbeboca.org** or Steve Kaufman (Executive Director) at **skaufman@tbeboca.org** and we will gladly answer your questions.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Your Child is Not Broken



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

Mistakes are an inevitable part of life. They hold a special place in the journey of personal growth and development, especially for young children. While it is natural for parents and teachers to want to shield children from errors and failures, it is important to understand that mistakes are valuable learning experiences.

One of the most significant benefits of allowing young children to make mistakes is the development of resilience. When children are shielded from failures, they may not develop the necessary coping mechanisms to deal with setbacks later in life. By experiencing mistakes at a young age, children learn that it's okay to fail and that they have the capacity to bounce back and try again. This resilience is a valuable life

skill that can help them face challenges with confidence as they grow.

Mistakes can also be a breeding ground for creativity. When children are encouraged to explore without the fear of making mistakes, they are more likely to think outside the box and come up with innovative solutions. Creativity often flourishes in an environment where errors are not shunned, but celebrated as opportunities to discover new possibilities. This mindset can have a lasting impact on a child's ability to think critically and problem-solve effectively.

Mistakes offer a unique opportunity for self-reflection. When children make a mistake, they have a chance to analyze what went wrong, why it happened, and how they can do better next time. This process of self-reflection not only helps them learn from their errors but also encourages them to take ownership of their actions and decisions. Over time, this skill becomes an essential part of their personal and academic growth.

Mistakes are not something to be feared or avoided, especially for young children. Instead, they are valuable learning experiences that can help children build resilience, foster creativity, and promote self-reflection. Parents can help this process by encouraging their children to embrace mistakes as an integral part of their journey toward becoming confident, capable, and adaptable individuals.





PJ Library Community Chanukah Event

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 5:00-7:30 pm Boca Center 5150 Town Center Circle

Join Temple Beth El, PJ Library, and the entire South Palm Beach County Jewish community for this fun, kid-oriented Chanukah celebration! There will be music, crafts, latkes, a menorah lighting, and a PJ Library story reading. For more information, contact Elana Ostroff at elanao@bocafed.org.





Tot Shabbat

B'Thankful 6:00pm Beck Family Campus

B-Thankful and join us for a fun evening as we usher in Shabbat with a familyfriendly service, followed by the amazing techniques of Yoga Yeladim (Children's Yoga). Registration required at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat. Please bring along yoga mats

or towels for your family to use.

Important dates

Tuesday, November 7Man in My Life (4 years old classes) – 9:30am

Wednesday, November 8
Man in My Life (2 years old classes) – 9:30am

Thursday, November 9Man in My Life (3 years old classes) – 9:30am

Wednesday, November 15Photo Make-up Day

Wednesday – Friday,
November 22-24
Thanksgiving Break –
School Closed

Monday – Friday, December 11-15 Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, December 12 Chanukah Show (4 years old classes) – 10:00am

Wednesday, December 13 Chanukah Sing-a-long (2 years old classes) — 10:00am

Thursday, December 14
Chanukah Show (3 years old classes) – 10:00am

Monday, December 18
Parent-Teacher Conferences –
School Closed

Monday-Friday, December 25-29 Winter Break – School Closed

Parenthood

Wednesday, November 15Parenthood Meeting – 7:00pm schmooze/7:30pm meeting

Saturday, December 2Parents' Night Out – TBD

Wednesday, December 20
Parenthood Meeting – 7:00pm schmooze/7:30pm meeting

Layers of Beauty



HEATHER EREZ, RJE
DIRECTOR OF
YOUTH AND FAMILY
EDUCATION AND
ENGAGEMENT
herez@theboca.org

On the first day of school in August 2019 the Religious School had 437 students enrolled. After RS180 in 2020, the year we pivoted 180 degrees to bring Religious School fully online, it felt as though we were starting the school from the ground up. Upon our return to in-person school in 2021, we not only had to navigate new faculty, but also new benchmarks which brought our spiral curriculum and #OnwardHebrew program to the next level, and ever-changing covid and social distancing protocols. It was rewarding, but an incredibly hard two years.

This year 2023, we started school with 517 enrolled students and every week we're adding more. We are very excited to have reopened a weekly Sunday program at the Schaefer Family Campus in addition to Sundays at the Beck Family Campus. Luckily, we added Religious School on Tuesdays at the Beck Family Campus because we had to close registration for our weekly Sunday program and start a waitlist, something we have never had to do!

We are also thrilled with our volunteer

Parent Tribe groups, which were relaunched last year. So far there are have been 5 Sunday brunches to welcome parents back this fall, and we are excited to add more opportunities for family and parent-only programs throughout the year.

While I have never seen our school as broken, I am amazed daily at the layers of beauty we are able to add on with the partnership of our faculty, volunteers and Temple Beth El staff. What a wonderful position we are in to continue enhancing our school as we continue to reach new heights.



Support when you Need It



Tali Abrahami

A little girl misses her mom who is out of town.

A teen opens up about things happening in middle school that bother him.

A teacher finds out her daughter has cancer and needs surgery.

A new student is anxious about starting Religious School.

A teen tells a table of friends about the recent passing of her parent.

A teacher needs advice on how to best engage a student with ADD.

The Religious School's partnership with the Ruth and Norman Rales Jewish Family Services has already provided opportunities for meaningful conversations within our school community in a way that makes us wonder how we ever existed without it. Our two social workers, Tali and Morgan, have made themselves available to students and teachers alike, sometimes by validating feelings and at other times by providing resources to additional services. They are on both of our campuses whenever we are in session to connect with the students.

This helps to foster an open and caring environment, allowing an easier pathway to conversations and engagement.

With support from our clergy and parents, the Religious School team continues to meet the needs of our students, both during and outside of school hours. This partnership, with experts in our community, enables us to elevate our mission in not only providing students a Jewish education, but by increasing our ability to create a safe and healthy place, where one can be their authentic self.

Beth El **Teens**



Giving Tree Gift Wrapping

5:00pm-7:30pm | Grades 7-12 Wednesday, December 13 Monday, December 18 Come out and help wrap and sort gifts for the Giving Tree Holiday Drive.

Register at tbeboca.org/gtw2023



Miami Heat vs Indiana Pacers

Bus leaves Beck Family Campus at 6:00pm | Grades 8-12 Saturday, December 2

Come out for our annual trek to cheer on our Miami Heat. Register at **tbeboca.org/heat23**



Senior Brunch

12:15pm – 1:45pm | Graduating Seniors Only Sunday, November 5 Beck Family Campus All graduating seniors are invited to a brunch with Rabbi Elana and Ross to catch up and begin planning our

Graduation Shabbat in May.

Register at tbeboca.org/senior2024

Visit **tbeboca.org/teen** to learn more.

College Caravan

Grades 10-12

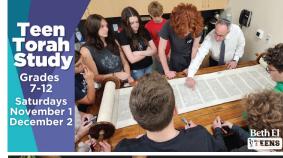
Thursday, November 9 – Saturday, November 11 Tour 5 Florida colleges with teens from all around South Florida. Celebrate Shabbat with students at the University of Florida Hillel.

Register at tbeboca.org/cc2023

College Caravan November 9-11, 2023 Grades 10-12 Pertners: Pertn

Teen Torah Study

12:00-1:00pm | Grades 7-12 Saturdays November 4 and December 2 Schaefer Family Campus Join Rabbi Elana and dive deep into the text of the Torah.



College Lunch

12:30pm – 1:30pm | Schaefer Family Campus Thursday, December 21 All college students who are home on break are

All college students who are home on break are welcome to catch up with their clergy and temple staff over a delicious lunch.

Register at tbeboca.org/collegelunch2023



Banned Book Club

12:15pm – 1:45pm Grades 7-12 Sunday, November 12 For those who say NO to book censorship! Learn more and register at tbeboca.org/teen.

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Important dates

November 5 - Tribal Gathering for Kindergarten - Makerspace

November 9 - Rugelach Making Class for the Parent Tribe

November 12 - 4th Grade Family Day at the Giving Tree

November 12 - Tribal Gathering for Menashe (1st grade) -Scavenger Hunt

November 19 - through November 26 - No Classes

November 19 - Barclay rehearsals at Barclay Performing Arts

November 26 - Barclay rehearsals at Barclay Performing Arts

December 2 – Tribal Gathering for Tribes Reuben (4th grade) and Simeon (5th grade) - Chanukah STEM

December 17 - Tribal Gathering for Tribe Benjamin (3rd grade) - Colorwar

December 24 – January 7 – No classes

January 14 - No Sunday Religious School



B'nai Mitzvah



Remi Kornhaber



Gaia Melzer



Zack Rosenblatt



Jack Leidner Son of Gregory and Allison Leidner

Son of Adam and Elizabeth Shonson November 18, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Daughter of Ari and Beth Kornhaber November 4, 2023 @ 10:45am

Daughter of Brian and Marni Melzer November 4, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Son of Evan and Hallie Rosenblatt November 11, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Zachary Balfour Son of Jeff and Karyn Balfour December 2, 2023 @ 11:30am

November 25, 2023 @ 5:00pm

Remi Kornhaber

Zack Rosenblatt

Davis Shonson

Gaia Melzer

Charles Kreger Son of Laurence and Jennifer Kreger December 2, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Molly Ravinoff Daughter of Paul Ravinoff and Jessica Goldberg December 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Emily Remis Daughter of Michael and Allison Remis December 16, 2023 @ 5:30pm



Davis Shonson





Zachary Balfour



Charles Kreger



Molly Ravinoff



Emily Remis

Sisterhood Update



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

When you hear the words, "November, December, and Sisterhood", typically two things pop into your mind: first, it's time for Chanukah, and second, that it is LATKE TIME! Sisterhood will once again team up with ELC to sell the delicious frozen, easy-to-heat-up latkes, so look for registration soon and order your latkes for your family and friends!

But Sisterhood has something even more exciting in store for you. This year the Sisterhood Luncheon is on Sunday, December 17th and our theme is Battle of the Bakers! The Challah Prince, aka Idan Chabasov, and The Kosher Baker, aka Paula Shoyer, are known for elevating their breadmaking/baking skills to another level, bringing them an international fanbase. We will have these two talents, who are also friends, share their secrets with us! Additionally, the luncheon will feature

vendors, a Silent Auction, and many ways to sponsor this worthy cause that raises funds for Sisterhood so that we may continue to send shiva platters, college care packages, and healing blankets, among other important projects, that are all free to our Beth El members.

Prior to the luncheon will be a Girls' Night Out, held at Interiors by Brown on Thursday, November 2nd. The price of admission is a \$25 gift card (or two, or three) that will be used in some of the Sisterhood Luncheon fun. There will be light bites served while we stroll the gorgeous, newly renovated showroom, all the while being inspired by the latest in home and commercial designs. Brown's is renowned for their creativity and design principles and has been in business for forty years.

Sisterhood is experiencing the most wonderful changes! For example, we had so many incredible volunteers, both familiar faces and new, when we decorated the Sukkah. And you had better act fast when registration opens for any of our latest events because our events completely sell out. Now that every woman in TBE is automatically a member of Sisterhood there are even more opportunities to make new friends when you attend an event or volunteer. And just like the oil of ancient times that miraculously lasted for 8 days and nights; our Sisterhood thrives and grows even as other sisterhoods are shrinking or closing. Temple Beth El is proud to sponsor Sisterhood!



Decorating the Sukkah

DESIGNING FASHION TRENDS

BROWN CREATIVE. INTERIOR. DESIGN.

INTERIORS BY BROWN 4501 N. Federal Highway Boca Raton

Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Admission: A \$25 to \$50 gift card Lite Bites, Wine and Beverages by Interiors By Brown

Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

In order to get battle ready for this year's Sisterhood
Battle of the Bakers luncheon in December (see page
29), join us for a beautiful evening at Interiors by
Brown. We will learn about design trends, schmooze
and help gather gift card prizes for the luncheon. This will
be a fabulous evening to get the most up-to-date information
from the world of design, enjoy an evening with your Beth El
Sisterhood and pave the way for a fabulous luncheon in December.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT &

Celebrating Community and Tradition: A New Chapter for Temple Beth El Brotherhood



BY JON LEVIN AND JOE GUDEMA **BROTHERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS** brotherhood@tbeboca.org

The Temple Beth El Brotherhood has kicked off an exhilarating year, melding tradition and modernity while fostering a vibrant sense of community. Our recent kickoff event was a grand affair. Watching the Thursday Night Football game, we gathered as a united community of brothers from all walks of Temple Beth El life. Chef Justin Freedman elevated the evening with his culinary expertise, turning it into an unforgettable experience.

But we're not just about football and food; we embrace our traditions with equal enthusiasm. During Sukkot, we hosted our annual Bourbon Tasting in the Sukkah event. Rabbi Greg and Past President Kevin Romer guided us on an intricate journey through the world of bourbon, punctuated by the ritual shaking of the lulay and etrog. This balance of old and new is what makes our Brotherhood so unique.

As we look to the future, the excitement continues to build. On November 13, we invite you to join us at Barrel of Monks in Boca Raton for an engaging night of networking and camaraderie. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss it.

However, the cornerstone of our year will be the Temple Beth El Brotherhood Golf Outing on January 29 at the prestigious Boca Rio Golf Club. We are thrilled to announce Neal Slafsky, as the 2024 Honoree. Whether you're interested in golfing, attending the Cocktail & Dinner reception, or sponsoring the event, there's a place for you in this cornerstone event. For more information. visit TBEBrotherhoodGolf.com.

This golf outing is much more than just a day of golf; it's an investment in our future. Event proceeds will benefit efforts to grow Temple Beth El's Endowment, ensuring our long-term financial sustainability. Additional funds will be earmarked for scholarships and assistance to members of our community in need.

The Brotherhood is about creating meaningful connections while celebrating our heritage. We invite you to be a part of this remarkable journey. For further details on upcoming events and how you can contribute, please visit tbeboca.org/brotherhood or email brotherhood@tbeboca.org.

Networking Event at Barrel of Monks Brewery

Monday, November 13 6:30pm

Barrel of Monks Brewery

Members: \$25 Guests: \$30

Prices go up \$5 after Friday, November 10 Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood Join Brotherhood for another great evening of networking, socializing and mouthwatering Burgers & Brew on the outdoor patio at Barrel of Monks. Fee includes choice of Burger or Chicken Sandwich from Cheffrey Eats Food Truck and 1 draft beer.







The High Holy Days at Temple Beth El



Our Congregation Mourns

Sharon Cohen-Glick, mother of Scott and Andra Glick, grandmother of Ethan and Gabrielle Glick

Michael Costin*, husband of Katherine Freeman-Costin

Nancy Emerman, sister of Barbara Brietstein

Michelle Goldson, wife of Daniel Goldson, mother of Andrew and Lily Goldson

Adrienne Halperin, mother of Michael and Lauren Halperin

Mel Harris, father of Nicole and Jeffrey Goldberg, grandfather of Jake, Logan and Riley Goldberg

Sherman Jacobson, father of Harriet and Ted Pioquinto, grandfather of David and Jason Pioquinto

Donald Lewis*, husband of Clair Lewis, stepfather of Michelle and William LaMorte

Joseph Messina, great-uncle of Amanda Brensel

Sydelle Meyer, mother of Gail Asarch

Naomi Price Nahama*, mother of Amy Price, grandmother of Benjamin and Rebecca Fracassi

Geraldine Schneider*, mother of Adam and Lauren Schneider, grandmother of Dylan, Austin, Hailey and Hayden Schneider

Yefim Shamis*, husband of Tatyana Shamis, father of Lisa and Justin Nazarian, grandfather of Ellie Nazarian

David Shutan, father of Caron Shutan and Jay Yospe, grandfather of Kimberly and Jared Fischer, great-grandfather of Andrew and Rory Fischer

Edward Small, father of Eric and Mollie Small, grandfather of Carly, Aaron and Leni Small

Frank Trestman*, father of Kevin & Jill Brazner, grandfather of Ryan & Blake Brazner

Roland Yalon*, brother of Gladys Cook

Hadasa Zukerfein, grandmother of Scott and Rebecca Kasten, great-grandmother of Madelyn Kasten

*Laid to rest in the Beth El Mausoleum

Mazel Tov To

Jamie and Neil Glachman on the birth of their grandson Mason James Glachman

Lindsay and Dan Karp on the birth of their son Blake Tyler Karp, big brothers Bradley and Ryan, big sister Emmy

Dawn Mazer and Robert Picow on the birth of their grandson Cole Picow

Amalio Nieves and Naomi Denish on the birth of their grandson Owen James Boyle

Jodi and Jerome Rich on the birth of their grandson Alexandre Elliott Rich

Stephanie and Steven Schiff on the birth of their daughter Sophie Charlotte Schiff, big brother Ari Mara and Michael Shapiro on the birth of their grandson Jeremy Evan Modansky

Rachel and Brandon Shallop on the birth of their son Hudson Stuart Shallop, big sister Stella

Nancy Spielman on the birth of her granddaughter Romy Jade Silver

Mindy Jaffe-Rogers and Ken Rogers on the marriage of their daughter Katie Rogers to Josh Gostel

Shari and Craig Schwamm on the marriage of their daughter Hallie Schwamm to Kyle Kimmelman

Lauren Shapiro and Joshua Geller on their marriage

Sisterhood Holiday Greetings

May the light of candles bring light to your lives, Debbie & Chas Averbook

Happy Chanukah from Ricki & Milton Barbarosh and Family

Betsy and David Blechman and family wishing you a Happy Chanukah

May the lights of Chanukah shine brightly for our Beth El family, Robin Eisenberg and Andy Broido

Chag Sameach! Merrill, Irene, Jennifer, & Melissa Epstein

Happy Chanukah! Nancy-Jo & Alan Feinberg

Aline Fisher wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!

Our very warm wishes for a bright and festive Chanukah! Sheryl and Marty Fromowitz and Family

Happy Latkes & Applesauce during Chanukah! Love, Susan & Richard Goldstein Happy Chanukah from Lisa Swartz and Mitch Gross

Happy Chanukah from The Gubenko Family!

Wishing you light! Chag Chanukah sameach! Love, Herb & Debi Jackman

The Lev family wishes you and your family a Joyful Chanukah.

Stephanie and Charles Krobot wish everyone a Happy Chanukah!

Happy Chanukah from Sarina and Jerry Lind

Happy Chanukah from Pam Nadler and Mark Sickles

Margie and Maurice Plough wish everyone a Happy Chanukah!

Happy Chanukah with warm wishes for all from Roberta Presser & Alex Bruner Best wishes for a Happy Chanukah from Ellie Rassler and family.

The Romer family wishes everyone a Happy Chanukah!

Happy Chanukkah from The Rosenblums

Happy Chanukah from Ellie Roth

Happy Chanukah! Sharyn & Bob Schneiderman

Wishing you a delightful holiday. Susan Schulz

A bright holiday season to all.

Sandy and Tadd Schwab

Happy Chanukah from The Schwamm Family

Happy Chanukah from Allan & Janet Sussberg

Happy Chanukah from the Walin Family!

Happy Chanukah Lisa, Andrew, Amanda and Ian Zwick

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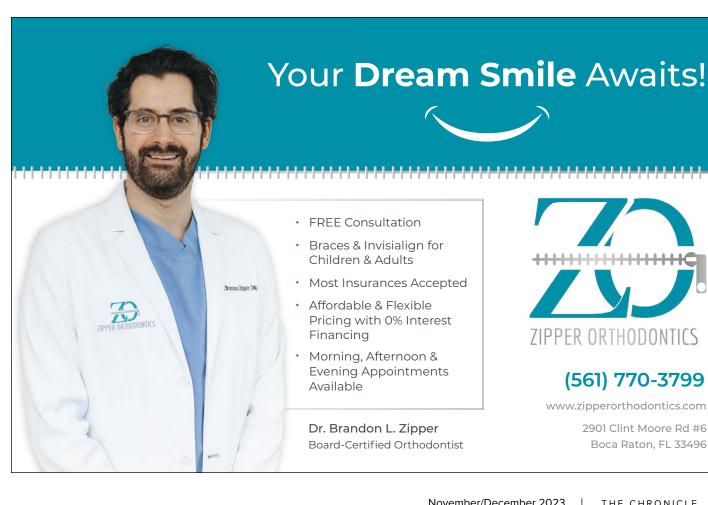
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