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Am Echad - One People

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In the Midrash, a story is related about a man who had two heads. When his father died, he went to his brothers and insisted that he should get a double portion of inheritance. So the question was - was he one person, or two?

King Solomon covered one of the heads, and then poured boiling water on the other. Both cried out in pain. “Aha!” King Solomon declared. “You feel each other’s pain. You are really one person.”

The Jewish people represent a grand mosaic of different customs, beliefs, and expressions of Jewish culture and Jewish life. We are all so different from each other.

And yet there is a sense that we Jews are one people, one nation. As Rabbi Yosef Soloveitchik famously wrote: “If boiling water is poured upon the head of the Jew in Morocco, the fashionably attired Jew in Paris or London has to scream at the top of his voice, and through feeling the pain he will remain faithful to his people.”

Judaism is based on the idea of a covenant - an eternal agreement to be committed to a relationship. Being Jewish means commitment to Jewish practice - observance of Shabbat and holy days, life-cycle events, and embedding oneself in Jewish learning, culture, and tradition.

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But more than that, being Jewish means being committed to the Jewish people. Being Jewish means realizing that we may have individual heads, but we are all connected to the same body.

It is this pillar of Jewish peoplehood that compels us to scream out in agony for the wound that was inflicted on our people last October, a trauma which continues to unfold in the midst of ongoing war, and from which we have not yet begun to heal.

It is this pillar of Jewish peoplehood that demands that we cry out against the eruption of antisemitism across our country and the world.

It is this pillar that demands we listen with curiosity and love, not with condemnation or judgment, when members of our family wrestle with their own connections to their people and the actions or policies of Israel’s people or government. It also means that we ask our loved ones to extend the same love and curiosity to us when we share our thoughts and opinions and beliefs.

When our people are hurting, it is our obligation to comfort them. We do that by providing Tzedakah and material support for those who are vulnerable and in need. We do that by listening when our people testify to their experience. We do that by standing with our people, by offering a warm and loving embrace, to hold them in their grief, to offer a shoulder to cry on.

Thus Temple Beth El will travel to Israel to offer our solidarity, our presence, and our love. Our solidarity mission February 18-23, 2024 will express our collective care and concern, will offer an opportunity to listen and to learn, and will allow us to provide support to our people in this dark and difficult time. See p. 9 for more information.

When I was in Israel in November, everywhere you looked throughout the country was emblazoned the slogan: י mariage - Yachad N’natzeach - Together we will triumph.

By renewing our commitment to Jewish life, to our Temple Beth El family, and to the Jewish people, our unity will bring us through to a time of comfort, renewal, healing, and peace.
THE MARCH
In a powerful display of solidarity and unwavering support for Israel, nearly 290,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C. on December 14. I attended the March for Israel with members of Temple Beth El and we stood proudly knowing that our presence embodied the deep connection between the Temple, the larger Jewish community, and Israel.

The crowd, a diverse tapestry of ages and backgrounds from all corners of the country, joined forces to stand as one, a resounding testament to the unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel.

As speakers addressed those gathered at The National Mall, a collective chant of “Bring Them Home” echoed through the air. The impassioned plea resonated particularly strongly as they spoke about the hostages being held by Hamas. The shared concern for those facing unimaginable circumstances underscored the commitment to justice that unites the Jewish community.

THE HOPE
The atmosphere was electric, filled with the sounds of Hatikvah, Israel’s national anthem. The very name, “the hope,” encapsulates the spirit that pervaded the crowd—a collective yearning for a world free from hatred, antisemitism, and strife.

Even during this horrific time in Israel, there was a palpable sense of hope. Hope for the release of the hostages, hope for a future where people can coexist peacefully, hope for a world without hatred where understanding triumphs over prejudice. This march was a powerful reminder that the flame of hope burns brightest when kindled by a community united in purpose.

The March for Israel left an indelible mark on my heart, reminding me of the strength that comes from unity, the power of hope, and the unwavering commitment to a future filled with peace.

SECURITY
When many people hear the word “security” in the context of a synagogue, they immediately think of security guards and police officers. While security guards and police officers are an element of security at Temple Beth El, they are only one component of our overall security program. A well-planned security program includes many things, including the ones listed below, and all of which we do and/or have at Temple Beth El.

- Training and practice for staff on how to recognize a potential threat and what to do if an active threat were to occur.
- Documented policies and procedures for carrying a weapon on campus, and emergency situations including bomb threats, swatting calls, active physical threats, and medical emergencies.
- Recurring training for all staff on emergency procedures including situational awareness, CPR, AED usage, active threat response, and stop-the-bleed.
- Interior and exterior surveillance cameras that are monitored throughout the day.
- Access control systems including door locks, door keypads, burglar alarms and ID badges scanned upon entry at the Beck Family Campus.
- Vehicular and pedestrian access control including vehicle windshield decals, bollards, gate arms, walls, gates, fences and intercom systems.
- Emergency mass notifications systems at both campuses that can be initiated from a base station or staff cell phones.
- Personal relationships and frequent communications with law enforcement agencies and the Secure Community Network of the Jewish Federation.
- Cybersecurity prevention including hardware, software, policies and procedures, staff training, vulnerability scans, penetration testing and redundant data back-up.
Since the war in Israel broke out on October 7, 2023, we have materially increased our security posture, including but not limited to:

- Additional officers from Sunstates Security at both campuses.
- Palm Beach County Sherriff’s Office (“PBSO”) deputies daily at the Beck Family Campus.
- Increased presence of Boca Raton Police Department (“BRPD”) officers and PBSO deputies at the Schaefer Family Campus.

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR SECURITY

Since the war in Israel erupted, we have incurred substantially more security-related costs than what is in our budget, most notably the security personnel (i.e., security guards and police officers). Our annual security fee is comparable with other local temples despite the fact that we must secure two campuses.

The Board of Trustees has therefore approved a one time special security assessment of $100 per household, including Early Learning Center households, to help offset the unbudgeted costs, as well as additional infrastructure hardening at the Beck Family Campus.

The $100 assessment will appear on your billing statement on February 1, 2024. If you have a credit card or ACH payment method on file, we plan to charge your credit card or debit your bank account on February 1st. If you require alternative payment arrangements, please email our billing department at billingsupport@tbeboca.org before January 19, 2024.

If you are unable to pay the special assessment due to financial hardship, you may request a partial or full exemption by completing a brief online form no later than January 19, 2024, that is available at tbeboca.org/security-exemptions.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Last year we offered BeAware Situational Awareness Training and Countering Active Threat training courses for free for Temple members. We have since received feedback that people would like additional opportunities to be better prepared. There is no fee to attend this training class but we request that you register in advance.

This course will be taught by our partners at the Secure Community Network. The course will teach you how to avoid danger by recognizing it before it occurs, not only while at Temple, but also in your daily lives. BeAware will cover the basics of situational awareness – how to recognize suspicious or potentially dangerous behavior and threats, and what to do – whether you are in synagogue, at school, at work, or just running errands.

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

BY MICHELLE Auslander cohen
Growing up, I attended Solomon Schechter Day School. Roz Ebstein, of blessed memory, was both my relative and the music teacher. Roz went to Israel at least once a year to collect and learn the music of Israel so that she could pass it on to the next generation of Jewish children in America. One of the many songs she taught that I find going through my head lately is Hadegel Sheli - My Flag.

_Hadegel sheli hu kachol v’lavan, etmol hayom v’gam machar_
_Hadegel sheli hu kachol v’lavan, k’mo hayam v’gam midbar._

My flag is blue and white, yesterday, today and tomorrow
My flag is blue and white, like the sea and the desert.

Since the October 7 attack on Israel, many of us have felt scared, angry, helpless, horrified. I have also watched social media flood with images of Israeli flags, trees covered with blue ribbons and cars driving with Israeli and American flags. I hear in my head _Hadegel sheli, hu kachol v’lavan_ and I feel a sense of pride. Pride in the way the people of Israel have come together; pride in our ability to stand up for ourselves and for our right to exist. I realize that the more pride I feel, the less hopeless I feel.

How does one explain this reaction to something as simple as the colors blue and white?

The answer is simple: this is not just the flag of Israel, this is the flag of every single Jew in the world. It is a symbol of what we have spent thousands of years to preserve. It is the hope for us and our children and every generation thereafter. Those that were abducted, killed and terrorized are not strangers - they are our family. Our children, our parents, our grandparents. Israel is not a faraway place with conflicts - it lives in the heart and soul of every single one of us.

Brene Brown teaches that hope is not just a feeling - it is an action and a process.

With this in mind, I am proud to introduce HaTikvah: Beth El’s Israel Response Task Force. The goal of HaTikvah is to have a central hub which helps our congregation stay connected and supportive of Israel. HaTikvah will partner with and support Jewish organizations in our community, and share information on rallies and programs in the Boca community in support of Israel. HaTikvah is our opportunity to fulfill the responsibility that we each do our part in supporting Am Yisrael.

We have already begun putting plans in place. In our Freyda and Edward Burns Social Justice Center at the Schaefer Family Campus, you will find blue ribbons available, generously donated by Margie and Maurice Plough, to wear as a sign of solidarity with Israel. Next to the ribbons are postcards to send to our elected officials expressing support for Israel. We are partnering with Jewish Family Services to create a space where people can share their feelings, learn how to talk to their kids about the war, discuss how it feels watching antisemitism rise in the world around us and other meaningful topics. We are assembling a list of volunteers who may get a call to ask for help, and hope each and every one of you will join.

I want to thank our lay partners in this task force, Lori Kupferman and Danielle Butler, for their passion and dedication. Together we will persevere, together we are one, Am Yisrael Chai.

Visit _theboca.org/Israel_ to join our volunteer list and stay up to date on the many projects and programs we will put into place in the coming months.
My Time in Israel

Rabbi Elana Rabishaw spent time in Israel in November with the Amplify Israel Rabbinic Fellowship, a yearlong program focusing on Jewish peoplehood. Her social media post from November 14, 2023 gave beautiful insight to both the sadness and the hope many of us are feeling since October 7th. It is reprinted here.

Last night, after eating dinner, we walked to a square in Tel Aviv. The sidewalk benches were filled with giant teddy bears, serving as a reminder of all of those held captive by Hamas.

I saw people sitting and smoking next to the bears. Cafe crowds extending almost into the street because people are finally feeling safe enough to go out. Around the bears, it was still eerily quiet. The calm and quiet of Shabbat on the street without the peace. Only a fraction of stores and restaurants opening. But the ones that are open? You might want to make a reservation. A country in mourning while trying to live. The war/life balance, my friend Onit called it.

The same balance I felt when I was annoyed hearing screaming children through the thin hotel walls. Until I remembered that they were refugees from Sderot, and the hallway is one of the only places where they can play.

The balance found in Sheba hospital, listening to a firsthand account from Kibbutz Be’eri on October 7. Being told by him, an amputee who lost his wife and child, to help Kibbutzim like Aza and Nahal Oz because they need the help more than his community was both heartbreaking and uplifting. An inspiring reminder that we take care of our own, even when we are facing challenges. I felt the war/life balance firsthand when I walked out of his hospital room and heard popular Israeli music blasting — that you can’t help but sing along and smile.

It’s a dark time in Israel. But there’s still light and rainbows. It’s just up to us to find and embrace it.
SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL
February 18, 2024 - February 23, 2024
Temple members will receive priority registration
Complete an interest form at tbeboca.org/israel

Join Rabbi Dan Levin on a Temple Beth El Solidarity Mission to Israel. Witness the incredible unity and strength of our Israeli brothers and sisters as we listen to their stories and provide our love and support. We will meet with Israelis displaced from their homes, families of the hostages, and those doing the work of recovery. We will spend time volunteering helping with important projects.

Bridge of Hearts
VOLUNTEER TO CONNECT WITH ELDERLY ISRAELIS
Complete an interest form at tbeboca.org/israel

Bridge of Hearts is a new Florida not-for-profit that has teamed up with Gisha L’Chaim (Life’s Door), an established Israeli not-for-profit, so that American Jews may directly connect with lonely and anxious elderly Israelis.

There are over a million elderly Israelis who are now more isolated than ever. For many, their professional caregivers have returned to their countries of origin. Family members are involved in the war effort and have less time to be a support. Some of the family caregivers are soldiers, and almost all Israelis, if not in the IDF, are busy helping elsewhere and have less time to care-give. For the elderly, there is increased loneliness and anxiety caused by the war. The commitment is to make one call a week by phone or video call.

Coping with the Crisis in Israel
4 ONE-HOUR PROGRAMS ON ZOOM
Register for the Zoom link at tbeboca.org/israel

As part of Temple Beth El’s response to the ongoing war in Israel, we are partnering with Jewish Family Services and our Boca Raton community clergy to offer the following virtual programs to help cope with our ever-changing world.

Each program will be facilitated by Danielle Greenblatt, LCSW and a Boca Raton clergy member. In creating a space for us to share what we are going through, we also create community, hope and healing.

Wednesday, January 10 • 7:30 – 8:30pm
Antisemitism in the US - How do we cope? Rabbi Josh Broide and Danielle Greenblatt, LCSW

Thursday, January 25 • 7:30 – 8:30pm
How to combat feeling powerless to help. Rabbi David Baum and Danielle Greenblatt, LCSW

Thursday, February 8 • 7:30 – 8:30pm
Coping with the anxiety of feeling unsafe. Rabbi Elana Rabishaw and Danielle Greenblatt, LCSW

Thursday, February 22 • 7:30 – 8:30pm
Talking to kids about Israel and current events. Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah and Danielle Greenblatt, LCSW
New Member Meet & Greet

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between September 26, 2023 and November 28, 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.

We invite those who joined as new members from February 2023 until now to an open house to get to know the clergy, staff and other new members. This get together takes place near Tu B’Shvat - the new year of trees - to celebrate our new members who are putting down roots and growing as part of our Temple family.

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

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

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

WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

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Benjamin & Jaclyn Aiken
Harvey Casher & Rita Bigel-Casher
Josh Blyden & Amalyah Oren Blyden
Heather & Eric Bormel
Jill & Kevin Brazner and their children, Ryan & Blake
Jannatey Budagovskaya
Marcy Chekofsky
Adrienne Cohen
Justin & Taryn Cooper and their child, Hayden
Mariam Ungar Davis & Stanford Davis
Larry Diamond and his child, Riley
Liz & Larry Dinner and their children, Phoebe & Benjamin
Joy & Randy Dorfman
Glenn & Hope Fisher
Joan & Joel Flig
Melinda & David Friedman
Devin Gerstein & Ariel Ladner
Paula Gillam
Andi & Larry Goetz
Howard Goldstein
Victoria Gottlieb and her children, Jackson & Shea
Shanna Grandis
Mariam Daniels & David Hass and their child, Aiden
Stephanie & Mike Kantor and their child, Miles
William & Michelle LaMorte
Rachel & Hal Levenberg and their child, Elie
David & Dana Lezak and their child, Graham
Rosy Lofer
Ira Malin & Janet Serle
Jamie Miller
Hedy & Yoel Nuriel
Ellyn Okrent
Elaine Pack
Taylor & Corey Pedowitz
Helen Perlman
Nancy Robinson
Daniel & Lindy Rosenberg and their children, Spencer, Cooper & Jordan
Janet & Larry Rosenblatt
Ellen & Stuart Salles
Saul Schildhorn
Gabriel Schneider and his child, Rachel
Laurie & Joe Siegel
Ellen Salsburg & Ronald Slevin
Jane Yudell & John Sprung
Mark Swilling
Karen Turner & Lindsay Turner and Lindsay’s child, Raegan
Judy Whitman
We Are Family!
MOTOWN INSPIRED

BETH EL BASH
Saturday
APRIL 6, 2024
6:30 PM
Boca West Country Club

Join us as we honor four generations at Temple Beth El with an epic evening of soul & celebration!

Honoring Four Generations at Temple Beth El

Dana & Steve *z"l* Brown
Pam Nadler & Mark Sickles
Susie & Micha Siegel
Jennifer & Andrew Brown
Lauren & Evan Nadler
Amy & Joe Caplan
Jordan Brown

Carol *z"l* & Murray Brown
Bunny & Allen Sabath
Sarah & Hannah Siegel
Steven & Jacob Brown
Nora, Stella & Lucas Nadler
Asher Caplan

*z"l* - Of blessed memory

For more information, please contact Derek Hurwitch, Development Director at 561-891-6917 or dhurwitch@tbeboca.org.

TO HONOR THE BROWN FAMILY WITH A TRIBUTE JOURNAL AD OR SPONSORSHIP

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT TBEBOCA.ORG/BASH2024
During the month of January, we will explore the ideals of courage and bravery. At this dark time of year, we will explore the resilience of our people and our ability to face life from a place of fortitude, determination, and strength.

**JANUARY 5, 2024**

**Kol HaNeshama Service in the Round**

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

We will start the new year with our Kol HaNeshama Shabbat Service. Worshipping in the round, we focus on music, chant, and spiritual resonances to the theme of courage and fortitude.

**JANUARY 12, 2024**

**Pajama Tot Shabbat**

- **Time:** 6:30pm
- **Location:** Beck Family Campus

Registration required at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat

We’re having a pajama party Tot Shabbat and you’re invited! See page 23.

**Shabbat Service Featuring the music of Debbie Friedman z”l**

- **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Location:** Schaefer Family Campus

The legendary composer Debbie Friedman z”l transformed the world of Jewish music with her unique style, bringing Jewish folk music to the synagogue. This Friday night we honor her yahrzeit by drawing on the power of her music to cultivate spiritual resilience, renewal and healing.

**JANUARY 19, 2024**

**Shabbat Unplugged**

- **Time:** 6:30pm
- **Location:** Beck Family Campus

Registration required at tbeboca.org/unplugged

Join us in the big backyard at the Beck Family Campus for the return of Shabbat Unplugged! We will sing our Shabbat selections to the sensational songs of modern pop’s greatest icon, Taylor Swift. This service is designed for families with children but all are welcome.

**JANUARY 19, 2024**

**Shabbat Service**

- **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Location:** Schaefer Family Campus

**JANUARY 26, 2024**

**Shabbat Shira with Josh Warshawsky**

- **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Location:** Schaefer Family Campus

On this Sabbath of Song we welcome world renowned composer, educator and spiritual leader, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky and acclaimed violinist Coleen Dieker. See page 14.
During the month of February, we will delve into the spirit of Jewish peoplehood. Our celebration of the many facets of our particular history, culture, and spirituality helps us to live and learn from the experience of others.

**FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

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

**FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

**Family Shabbat Dinner**
- 6:30pm
- Beck Family Campus

**FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

**Shabbat Service**
- 7:30pm
- Schaefer Family Campus

**FEBRUARY 16, 2024**

**Shabbat Celebrating Black History Month with Hued Songs**
- 7:30 pm
- Schaefer Family Campus

Our clergy will be joined by the acclaimed Black singing group, Hued Songs for a service that will raise the roof with uplifting music, along with a panel discussion with Artistic Director, Kunya Rowley and Miriam King, Artist and Founder of E.V.E. Consulting Firm. Sponsored by Friends of Music and the Arts.

**FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

**Shabbat Service**
- 7:30pm
- Schaefer Family Campus

This Friday evening you can celebrate Shabbat at our informal and intimate Kol HaNeshama Service in the Round in our chapel at 6:00pm or join us in our main sanctuary for our familiar Shabbat evening service at 7:30pm.

**Family Shabbat Dinner**
- FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
- KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE
- Friday, February 2 | 6:30pm
- Beck Family Campus
- $25/adult; $15/child
- Prices increase $5 after Wednesday, January 24
- Register at tbeboca.org/shabbat-dinner

For our members with children in the grades K-12, join us for an intimate Shabbat experience at the Beck Family Campus with delicious food, good friends songs and activities for children. Make sure to bring your Shabbat candles and candlestick holders so we can celebrate Shabbat together!

**JEWISH PEOPLESood**
- {February}

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

with MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE
RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY
MUSICIAN • TEACHER
GATHERER • COMPOSER

Sponsored by Friends of Music and the Arts

SHABBAT SHIRA SERVICE
Friday, January 26 | 7:30 pm
Schaefer Family Campus
On this Sabbath of Song our clergy will be joined by the world-renowned composer, educator and spiritual leader, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky and acclaimed violinist, Coleen Dieker. They will fill our sanctuary with their music — many melodies which have become part of our Beth El sound. We will read Song of the Sea from the Torah, the portion that tells of our exodus from Egypt. Rabbi Warshawsky will offer inspiring and insightful words as well as his amazing melodies and ruach!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & MUSICAL TORAH STUDY
Saturday, January 27 | 9:30 am
Schaefer Family Campus
Join Rabbi Warshawsky in our courtyard for an outdoor Shabbat musical experience where we will explore the Torah portion through music and inspirational thought.

ABOUT RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY
Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is a nationally touring Jewish musician, songleader, composer, and educator, who has shared his original melodies and teachings with over 150 Jewish communities throughout the United States, Canada, the UK, and Israel. Josh seeks to build intentional praying communities, and composes melodies to open up new possibilities for understanding the deep meaning of the words of our tradition.

Originally from Deerfield, IL, Josh spent the past decade living in New York, Los Angeles, and Israel. He now lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Adina Allen, and their daughter, Jona.

Listen to Music Here
CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV Z’L
16TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL CONCERT

Feelin’ Groovy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:00 PM
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS
Register at theboca.org/groovy

STARRING CANTOR LORI BROCK
AND CANTOR DAVID PROPIS

ALSO FEATURING
Cantorial Soloists Michelle Auslander Cohen,
Aleksandra Dubov, Jake Harris
and Cantor David Muchnick

Join us for an evening featuring the grooviest
hits of the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s and today made
famous by your favorite Jewish composers
and performers! This concert is a sequel to
our hit 2019 concert, Feelin’ Groovy, and will
feature the music of Billy Joel, Neil Sedaka,
Mama Cass Elliot, Bette Midler, Neil Diamond,
Bob Dylan and MORE. Sing along to your
favorite hits– it will be GROOVY!

STUDENT ADMISSION $10
GENERAL ADMISSION $18
PREFERRED ADMISSION $36
RESERVED BENEFACCTOR SEATING $100
Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Sponsored by The Procacci Family Artist-in-Residence Endowment and Friends of Music and the Arts

Our Story, Our Land
Thursday, February 8 | 7:30pm | Schaefer Family Campus
Register at tbeboca.org/story
This evening will take us on journey through the artwork of Passover Landscapes: Illuminations on the Exodus. The limited-edition illuminated Hagaddah was created by artist-rabbi Matt Berkowitz and represents an intensive journey of art and Jewish learning. We will specifically explore the rootedness of the work in the Land of Israel and State of Israel. Refreshments will be served.

The “Art” of Torah and Israel
Saturday, February 10 | 9:30am | Schaefer Family Campus
Register at tbeboca.org/torah-art
It is said that there are shivim panim la’Torah, seventy faces to Torah — a multiplicity of interpretations. Art provides a unique and compelling lens into Tanakh. This session will explore the nexus point between bible and the world of art, exploring how art serves as visual midrash for our understanding of Torah.

DOCENT TOURS OF TEMPLE ARTWORK
We are proud to have art docents at Temple Beth El, members who have been trained as guides and educators for the incredible art collection at both the Schaefer Family Campus and the Beck Family Campus. We even have a beautiful collection in our Mausoleum. Our docents wear name tags on Friday nights and are happy to explain any of the beautiful art at our temple. You can also schedule a tour of our art for your family and friends. Contact our Ritual Coordinator, Aline Fisher at alinef@belsouth.net.
Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

8:00am – 11:00am

Florida Atlantic University
777 Glades Road, Boca Raton

Join Temple Beth El in supporting Gift of Life Marrow Registry at the 2024 Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk in Boca Raton. Led by team leader Debi Jackman, we are raising funds and awareness for bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants. Registration begins at 8:00 am, Opening Ceremony begins at 9:00 am Superhero Sprint for kids 6 and under begins at 9:15, and the 5k run/walk begins at 9:30 am.

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

Habitat for Humanity Build

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

8:00am – 12:00pm

Help build a house for at-risk families who benefit from the life-changing opportunity of homeownership. Minimum age is 16 years old to participate. Absolutely no experience is required! The build will take place in south Palm Beach County, and more information provided to those who register closer to the build date.

Registration is limited to 8 participants, but we will create a waiting list for those who wish. Register at [tbeboca.org/social-action](http://tbeboca.org/social-action). For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbeboca.org.

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The Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in The Giving Tree’s Holiday Gift Giving Drive. Together, we filled over 2000 wish lists for more than 15 local social service agencies. The hard work, caring hearts and generous donations of so many made the holidays brighter for needy children, teenagers and senior citizens in our community.

This marks the twenty-ninth year The Giving Tree has made an impact, and the need grows every year. Read more about “How The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El Came to Be”, and the wonderful legacy of Myra z”l and Rabbi Merle Singer, by scanning the QR code below.
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 Grossblatt Pessah. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

January 21 – Shevat
Make Our Garden Grown at Liumi West Retreat.
Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith:
Letting Go of the Need for Certainty
See page 25 for more information.

February 11 – Adar I
Cultivating Creativity: Letting Go of Comparison

Rosh Chodesh Women’s Group
One Sunday morning per month
9:15-10:45am
South County Park, Cypress Pavilion OR Liumi West Retreat.
Please check the website for location and dates throughout the year.
Register at tbeboca.org/rosh-chodesh

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 Grossblatt Pessah. Coffee and refreshments will be available.
Mussar and Movement

January 31 • Equanimity – Living in Balance
February 28 • Tolerance – Having an open mind
March 14 • Simplicity – Histapkut
April 4 • Honor – Kavod
May 2 • Faith – Emunah

6:30pm-8:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
register at tbeboca.org/mussar

Join Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah and yoga teacher/member Amy Appel for yoga with a twist. The class will intertwine yoga with the study of Mussar — a Jewish spiritual practice that gives guidance on how to live a meaningful and purposeful life. Each monthly class will focus on a different human attribute and how to work on achieving it in mind, body and spirit.

*Please bring a mat.

Lunch & Learn

Mahloket Matters: The Ancient Jewish Art of Debate and Arguing

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2024
12:00pm-1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus and Zoom

Two Jews, three opinions. From our earliest days our people have loved to argue with one another, sharing our thoughts and expressing our values in dialogue and debate. The rabbis of the Talmud created the idea of the Mahloket, the constructive disagreement, as a model for how we can deepen our understanding of the world- and preserve our relationships- through discussion and debate.

Join Rabbi Greg Weisman, who recently completed the Mahloket Matters fellowship with the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, for this four-part study of how to disagree agreeably!

Israel and the Abraham Accords

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, and 20, 2024
12:00pm-1:00 pm
Schaefer Family Campus and Zoom

Learn about Rabbi Elana’s mission to the UAE and how the Abraham Accords have impacted the geopolitical stage. While it is impossible to know what exactly will be going on in Israel this February, Lunch and Learn will be a place to talk about Israel in all her beauty and complexity.
Where is Israel in the Religious School curriculum?

We are so proud of the intentional ways we support and teach about Israel within our school. It is a critical piece of the puzzle in ensuring our students grow to be confident individuals who find meaning in their identity and their tradition. Ultimately, we hope that this strong sense of Jewish identity equips them to navigate the complexities and challenges of the modern world. With this goal in sharp focus, we engaged our teachers in a professional development session to do an in-depth look at how Israel is intentionally woven into our curriculum and lesson plans. Our students continue to interact with concrete evidence of our unbreakable connection to Israel through the exploration of maps, virtual field trips, basic understandings of the antisemitism that has been present throughout our existence, from the history of Chanukah to the multifaceted story of Purim, and in countless other ways, some of which are ever-evolving.

We now, more than ever, need your children present at Religious School. We fervently desire to partner with you to provide them with the ability, knowledge, and strength to respond to the intricacies of our world with courage of conviction and a strong sense of self. The broad educational agenda is more important than it has ever been. With your partnership, we will continue to be a place where our students find pride in themselves as Jews and grounding in the strength of our roots and traditions.
B’nai Mitzvah

Zachary Kramer
Son of Joshua and Jennifer Kramer
January 6, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Jacob Weiss
Son of Jordan and Amy Weiss
January 13, 2024 @ 9:00am

Lucy McDougall
Daughter of Joanne Krasnoff and Shawn McDougall
January 13, 2024 @ 11:30am

Emily Genn
Daughter of Adam and Stacey Genn
January 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Jordyn Smoke
Daughter of Jarred and Jaclyn Smoke
January 20, 2024 @ 9:00am

Benjamin Eisenberg
Son of Brian and Lauren Eisenberg
January 20, 2024 @ 11:30am

Rachel Bromson
Daughter of Mark and Reginee Bromson
January 20, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Ilan Vainberg
Son of Michael Vainberg and Kira Melamed-Vainberg
January 27, 2024 @ 11:30am

Molly Cohen
Daughter of Ira and Michele Cohen
February 3, 2024 @ 11:30am

Meyer Altschuler
Son of Michael and Geffen Altschuler
February 10, 2024 @ 9:00am

Landon Swartz
Son of Jonathan and Marla Swartz
February 10, 2024 @ 11:30am

Tyler Szmiga
Son of David and Loren Szmiga
February 17, 2024 @ 11:30 am

Bryce Mayer
Daughter of Evan and Lauren Mayer
February 17, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Blake Baron
Son of Joshua and Rachel Baron
February 24, 2024 @ 11:30am

Chloe Washofsky
Daughter of Michael Washofsky and Stephanie Bloom-Washofsky
February 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Religious School
Tribal Gatherings

January 21
Tribal Gathering for Menashe (1st Grade)
Cake Decorating

January 28
Tribal Gathering for Ephraim (2nd Grade)
Tree Planting

February 4
Tribal Gathering for Kindergarten
Yoga

February 11
Tribal Gathering for Reuben (4th Grade)
Tie Dye
A Jewish Homeland

Anyone that has a young child in their life or any experience with young children knows that they are very literal. Their stage of brain development makes it impossible for them to understand abstract concepts. This is one of the primary reasons that our philosophy of education at the Beth El Early Learning Center is play-based and “hands on.” Our incredible teaching team creates immersive experiences that are relevant in the lives of our students to foster their understanding of our complex world.

When teaching very young children about Israel, the Jewish homeland across the globe, we utilize our educational philosophy to seek out ways to make Israel “real” for our students.

- We speak with our students about what their “home” is and how they feel when they are there. We explain through pictures and songs that Israel is “home” for the Jewish people.
- Our Pre-K students sing Hatikvah every morning, standing with the Israeli flag, to remind them of the importance of Israel and to “see” Israel.
- We teach that in Israel people speak Hebrew. We integrate Hebrew words and songs into our daily lessons for our students to “hear” Israel.
- We teach about the foods of Israel, make them in cooking classes and allow the children to “taste” Israel.
- We teach about what grows in Israel and what grows in our school garden. What can we grow that is the same and what is different and why?
- We participate in the South Palm Beach County Federation’s “Shinshin” program. These are young Israelis, who serve for a year after high school before their army service. They visit our school each Friday, sharing information about Israel and giving our students the opportunity to befriend an Israeli.

So, how did we respond when tragedy struck...
and Israel needed our support? Without sharing details that would frighten our children, we made helping Israel a priority in our classrooms and for our Early Learning Center families.

We decorated cards to send to Israeli soldiers telling them how much we love and support them.

We partnered with one of our fantastic ELC parents to collect and send needed supplies.

We collected our tzedakah and together with the children decided how to best spend it to help our Israeli friends and family.

At the Beth El Early Learning Center, Israel is someplace very special that is celebrated every day! By teaching our youngest congregants about the importance of the Jewish homeland, we are helping to secure the future of the Jewish people. Am Yisrael Chai!

### Pajama Tot Shabbat

**Friday, January 12 | 6:30 pm**

Pizza Dinner – 6:00 pm

We’re having a pajama party Tot Shabbat and you’re invited! After the service and oneg, join Miss Sam & Miss Ronni for a story time treat in our Kehillah Center!

### Havdalah in the Garden

**Saturday, February 24 | 4:00-6:00 pm**

Delray Beach Children’s Garden

Give your child a hands-on experience in a lush, natural environment while you have the opportunity to get together in a magical setting.

### Registration Dates

**Monday, January 8**
Registration Opens for Current ELC Families

**Monday, January 22**
Registration Opens for Temple Beth El Members
(Must be members as of 11/1/23)

**Saturday, January 27**
New Family Application Opens to the Community

**Wednesday, February 6**
Last day of initial New Family Application Enrollment Period

**Monday, February 12**
Enrollment Decisions Emailed to New Families

## Parenthood

**Wednesday, January 17**
Parenthood Meeting – 7:30 pm

**Thursday, February 15**
Girls’ Night Out

**Wednesday, February 21**
Parenthood Meeting – 7:30 pm

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Early Learning Center students learned about Magen David Adom
Sisterhood is proud to support Israel and small Israeli businesses; just check out our latest offerings in the gift shop!

Clarice Goldstein, Sisterhood Gift Shop Manager, has found several businesses since the war broke out that are able to ship in a timely manner. We have gifts and jewelry from Israel Museum Products Ltd., whose manager, Tomer, called Clarice and asked for help in selling out their inventory. Tomer (Clarice’s new BFF!) sent a beautiful letter of appreciation, which is on display in the Gift Shop. We also have some gorgeous hand-blown pieces from the artist CheviB and don’t forget the fabulous merchandise from Vered, a vendor who we have supported in the past.

“It makes me so proud to have supported a few Israeli small businesses, especially after the war broke out. They need our support now more than ever! Please stop by our Gift Shop to appreciate all of the new jewelry, Shabbat items, and Housewarming gifts, and pick up a little something for yourself.”

– Clarice Goldstein, Sisterhood Gift Shop Buyer and Manager

It takes a village to run the Gift Shop. Will you join the Sisterhood Village and help for an hour after Shabbat Services and more special events as our list of part-time helpers grows? You can even arrange to work from the Beck Family Campus.

Please contact Clarice at cgwomen@aol.com
Enjoy a hilarious night out at our annual Bingo night, with margaritas, prizes and purse bingo. There will also be a 50/50 raffle with a fabulous cash prize.

Thursday, February 29, 2024
7:00 – 9:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
RSVP at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

$25 members and ELC teachers
$35 guests

All of Sisterhood is welcome and invited to join us for this month’s Rosh Chodesh Women’s Group meeting where we will discuss Brene Brown’s book, “The Gifts of Imperfection” Guidepost #5.

Shayndel will take us on a nature walk and tour of the tree farm that she and her husband have turned into a retreat center for the South Palm Beach Jewish Community. Be prepared to get dirty! We will be planting a “Beth El” garden together, and talk about the lessons we can learn from the tree’s and nature, and the importance of a community working together to plant roots for the next generation. There will also be an opportunity to give to the Jewish National Fund to help plant trees in Israel.
As we gear up for the new year, Temple Beth El's Brotherhood is preparing for our annual golf outing, which will be held at Boca Rio Golf Club on January 29. This year, we will be honoring Neal Slafsky, and proceeds from the event will be going towards security improvements at the Beck Family Campus. The outing, which has become a much-anticipated fixture on the Temple calendar, not only fosters camaraderie and sportsmanship but also serves a greater purpose – continuing our history of giving back to the community.

This year, participants and sponsors from various backgrounds will come together, united by a common goal of supporting the community. This inclusiveness not only enriches the golf event but also strengthens the communal bonds. In this way, the Brotherhood extends its reach far beyond its own members, touching the lives of many in the surrounding community.

In just the past year, some of the ways that Brotherhood has given back include:
- Making cash donations to Magen David Adom and Friends of IDF
- Holding a raffle at our Bourbon tasting to raise $1000 for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night event, in honor of Mike Blackman z'l (of blessed memory)
- Helping The Giving Tree set up their Holiday Workshop, and packing up after the holidays
- Donating proceeds from the 2023 Golf Outing towards building a shade structure over the playground for the Beth El Early Learning Center

COME TO A BROTHERHOOD BOARD MEETING!
Second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm
If you would like to get involved in Brotherhood, a great way is to come to one of our monthly board meetings, open to the Temple Beth El community. We hold them at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of each month, and you can attend in-person or on Zoom.
RSVP at brotherhood@tbeboca.org

Upcoming meeting dates:
Thursday, January 11
Schaefer Family Campus or Zoom
Thursday, February 8
Beck Family Campus or Zoom

Poker Game
Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00pm
Beck Family Campus
Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood
Our monthly poker game continues to grow. We are going to see how we like playing at the Beck Family Campus in January. For more information, please reach out to Dr. Andrew Zwick at bocadoc1@gmail.com

BROTHERHOOD GOLF OUTING
Honoring NEAL SLAFSKY
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 • BOCA RIO GOLF CLUB
Join The Temple Beth El Brotherhood at our Most Important Fundraising Event Of The Year. This Premium Event Includes:
- 18 Holes of Golf on the exclusive Boca Rio Golf Course
- Gourmet Lunch
- Cocktails and Awards Dinner
- Silent Auction & Raffles
- Golf Competitions – Hole in One Contests, Putting Competition, Longest Drive Contest, Closest to the Pin Contest and the return of the Golf Cannon

Registration is open to the entire community with participation and sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-golfers.
Chanukah at Beth El
Our Congregation Mourns

Fred Axelband, father of Cheryl and Marc Cooper, grandfather of Marissa Cooper and Shawn Warmstein
John Berz, brother of Nancy Colman
Steven Bilsky, brother of Pamela and Thomas Kaplan
Michael Costin*, husband of Kathy Freeman-Costin
Jason Dorfman*, son of Mary Dorfman z”l and Joy and Randy Dorfman, brother of Kimberly Dorfman, Tabitha Timdale, Joshua, Evan and Ross Zipper
Irving Geffner, partner of Charlotte Leigh
Ruth Halperin, mother of Barbara and Robert Eisenberg and Richard Halperin, grandmother of Susan, David and Steven Bell, Debbie Eisenberg, William Eisenberg, great-grandmother of Isabel, Connor and Emily Janse, Dylan, Ayden and Miles Bell and Matthew Eisenberg
Michael Kaplan, father of Amy and Will Schafer, grandfather of Lindsey, Matthew and Jesse Schafer
Isaías Kaphin*, uncle of Liliana Abramson
Sheldon Kerper, father of Gene and Cara Kerper, grandfather of Emily and Justin Kerper
Scott Komitor*, beloved member
Adi Leon, cousin of Geffen Altschuler
Rabbi Arnold Miller, husband of Aviva Miller
Rebecca Minor*, mother of Adrian and Marjorie Minor, grandmother of Jack and Lexi Minor
Steven Morris, brother of Harvey and Barbara Morris, uncle of Ken and Sherry Lerner, great-uncle of Rachel, Hannah and Joshua Lerner
Alice Nast Statland, mother of Barbara Knapp and Paul Knapp
Tracy Ochsman, mother of Paris and Ben Blumenthal and January and Andrew Heiberger, grandmother of Cash and Knight Blumenthal and Harris and Brooklyn Heiberger
Frances Pearlman, mother of Helene and Richard Paul
Claudia Plafsky, beloved member
Marilyn Swillinger*, wife of Mark Swillinger
Michael Tanner, father of Sharon and Daniel Stern, grandfather of Caleb and Eli Stern
Craig Shaw Topper, brother of Nicole Topper
Frank Trestman*, father of Jill and Kevin Brazner
Larry Whitman*, husband of Judith Whitman

Laid to Rest in the Beth El Mausoleum

Mazel Tov To

Ricki and Milton Barbarosh on the birth of their grandson Asher Mason Konhausen
Alexandra Paroulek-Bergbaner and Michael Bergbaner on the birth of their daughter Anya Sydney Bergbaner, big sister Jocelyn
Emily and Richard Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter Lucy Noa Goldstein
Morgan and Jordan Diamond on the birth of their son Dawson Archer Diamond, big sister Delilah
Alyssa and Marc Gordon on the birth of their son Maven Gordon, big brother Ari
Emily Fine and Robert Karpeles on the birth of their daughter Nava Rae Karpeles, big brother Kobi
Jared Preiser and Jared Poolat on the birth of their daughter Hayley Preiser, big sister Layla
Daniela Loebl and Steven Senft Barragan on the birth of their son Jonah Michael Senft, big sister Zoey
Jourdan and Steven Shack on the birth of their daughter, Mia Shack, big brother Noah

Shelly and Ed Turetzky on the birth of their grandson, Joseph Eli Turetzky
Ellen and Steve Gottsegen on the engagement of their son Jake Gottsegen to Jamie Goldstein
Ashley Amaya and Tyler Fritz on their marriage
Cheryl and Peter Firestone on the marriage of their son Ryan Firestone to Rachel Wachtel
Jill and Steven Hacker and Beverly Hacker on the marriage of their son and grandson Simon Hacker to Haley English
Taylor Kraus and Corey Pedowitz on their marriage
Melissa and Carlos Romero on the marriage of their daughter Alexis Romero to Kevin Neiman
Alexis Romero and Kevin Neiman on their marriage
Christy McElhaney and Mark Sunshine on the marriage of their son James Sunshine to Rachel Kogan
Annual Giving

The list below includes those who contributed to Annual Giving between September 16 and November 15, 2023.

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*as of September 16 – November 15, 2023*

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**in memory of:**

Lottie Nilsen being the Israel Bond Honoree by Aline Fisher
our wonderful children and grandchildren
Alan, Lauren, Stella and Hailey Gross
for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year by Lissa & Larry Gross

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Barbara Spielman on your birthday by Reinart Gelzayd
Brandon Bali’s conversion by Susan Samakow
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Laurie & Glenn Borden

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Rachel Kogan and James Sunshine by Jan & Allen Lev

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