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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024 | TEVET/SHEVAT/ADAR







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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: יחד ננצח - *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.





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### 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.



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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.



# UPDATE



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 Sheriff'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](mailto: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](https://tbeboca.org/security-exemptions).**

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Thursday,  
February 22, 2024  
7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

No Fee.

Register at

[tbeboca.org/training](https://tbeboca.org/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](https://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

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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 [tbeboca.org/Israel](https://tbeboca.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.*



**ABOVE** Teddy bears on the sidewalks in Tel Aviv serve as a reminder of all of those held captive by Hamas.  
**RIGHT** A rainbow in Israel

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.



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# SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

February 18, 2024 -February 23, 2024

Temple members will receive priority registration

Complete an interest form at [tbeboca.org/israel](https://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.

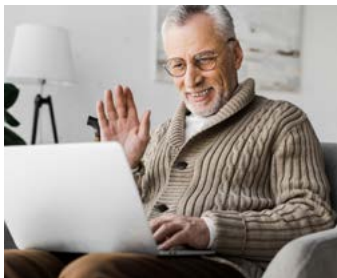
## Bridge of Hearts

### VOLUNTEER TO CONNECT WITH ELDERLY ISRAELIS

Complete an interest form at [tbeboca.org/israel](https://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](https://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

Sunday, January 21, 2024

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus



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 [tbebo.ca.org/new-member](https://tbebo.ca.org/new-member) or contact Debbie Eisenberg at [deisenberg@tbebo.ca.org](mailto:deisenberg@tbebo.ca.org).

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

Engagement and Programming Staff  
L TO R Julie Guzy, Debbie Eisenberg, Janice Odesnick,  
Elinor Josephson, Rachael Rand

## WELCOME

## Celebrating New and Returning Members

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@tbebo.ca.org](mailto:ejosephson@tbebo.ca.org) or 561-391-8900..

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  
Marian 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, Elle  
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 Swillinger  
Karen Turner & Lindsay Turner and Lindsay's child, Raegan  
Judy Whitman



**2024 BETH EL BASH REGISTRATION WILL OPEN JANUARY 8, 2024**

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*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!*

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Dana & Steve <sup>z"l</sup> Brown  
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Susie & Micha Siegel  
Jennifer & Andrew Brown  
Lauren & Evan Nadler  
Amy & Joe Caplan  
Jordan Brown

Carol <sup>z"l</sup> & Murray Brown  
Bunny & Allen Sabath

Sarah & Hannah Siegel  
Steven & Jacob Brown  
Nora, Stella & Lucas Nadler  
Asher Caplan

<sup>z"l</sup> - Of blessed memory



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DEREK HURWITCH,  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AT 561-701-6217 OR [DHURWITCH@TBEBOCA.ORG](mailto:DHURWITCH@TBEBOCA.ORG).**

## COURAGE & BRAVERY {January}

**D**uring 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

🕒 6:00pm

📍 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

🕒 6:30pm

📍 Beck Family Campus

✓ Registration required at [tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat](https://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

🕒 7:30pm

📍 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

🕒 6:30pm

📍 Beck Family Campus

✓ Registration required at [tbeboca.org/unplugged](https://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

🕒 7:30pm

📍 Schaefer Family Campus

**JANUARY 26, 2024**

### Shabbat Shira with Josh Warshawsky

7:30pm

📍 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.

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## JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD {February}

**D**uring 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

#### Kol HaNeshama Service in the Round

🕒 6:00pm

📍 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.



#### Shabbat Service

🕒 7:30pm

📍 Schaefer Family Campus

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# SHABBAT SHIRA WEEKEND

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

*Sponsored by Friends of Music and the Arts*

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**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.



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**CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV Z'L**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL CONCERT**

# Feelin' Groovy

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
**7:00 PM**  
**SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS**

Register at [tbeboca.org/groovy](https://tbeboca.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 BENEFACTOR 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](https://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](https://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.



Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz, an accomplished educator and artist, is Vice President of The Schechter Institutes, Jerusalem. From 1999 to 2008, he served as JTS's Senior Rabbinic Fellow based in NY and Florida, responsible for cultivating and expanding JTS support and teaching adult learning study groups throughout the United States. From 2009, he served as Director of Israel Programs for JTS working closely with rabbinical and cantorial students to significantly enrich their Israel experience.

He is a founding partner of Kol HaOt studio project in Jerusalem's Artist Lane – which weaves the arts deeply into Jewish learning. Rabbi Berkowitz is the author and illuminator of “Passover Landscapes: Illuminations on the Exodus” & the widely used “Lovell Haggadah” published by Schechter in 2008. Matt is a Wexner Graduate fellow alumnus and serves on the faculty of The Wexner Heritage Program.

He is married to Nadia Levene and the proud father of three children.

### 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@bellsouth.net](mailto:alinef@bellsouth.net).



## 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.



## 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](https://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](mailto: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](https://tbeboca.org/social-action). For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or [gweisman@tbeboca.org](mailto:gweisman@tbeboca.org)

## STANDING UP FOR OUR FUTURE

### AN EVENING WITH **TED DEUTCH** CEO, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

**Thursday, March 7, 2024 | 7:00pm**

**Schaefer Family Campus**

**\$10 per person**

**Free for students**

**Register at [tbebo.ca.org/ted](https://tbebo.ca.org/ted)**

Since the October 7<sup>th</sup> Hamas attack on Israel, AJC CEO Ted Deutch has been on national news and speaking to government leaders around the world standing up for the Jewish people. Addressing the safety and security of the State of Israel and the rise of antisemitism here in the US, Ted is one of our communities' best spokespeople.

Join us for an honest conversation about what is happening in our towns, on college campuses, in the halls of governments, and in Israel. Learn how we all can work together to protect the future of the Jewish people.



#### **ABOUT TED DEUTCH AND AJC**

*Ted Deutch, a lifelong Jewish and pro-Israel activist, assumed the role of CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) on October 1, 2022. He joined AJC following more than 12 years of service in the United States House of Representatives, representing Broward and Palm Beach Counties in Florida.*

*American Jewish Committee (AJC) is a global advocacy organization for the Jewish people. They stand up for the Jewish people, the State of Israel, and the democratic values that unite us all.*

## Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

**One Sunday morning per month**

**9:15-10:45am**

**South County Park, Cypress Pavillion OR Liumi West Retreat.**

**Please check the website for location and dates throughout the year.**

**Register at [tbebo.ca.org/rosh-chodesh](https://tbebo.ca.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.

**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**





# 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 [tbebo.ca.org/mussar](https://tbebo.ca.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?



BY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS  
**TAMI WEISMAN, RJE AND  
BETH NEMEROFF**

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.

## Beth El Teens [tbeboca.org/teen](https://tbeboca.org/teen)



**BOFTY Hour** (6:00pm – 7:00pm)  
Come hang out with your peers before Tuesday night Religious School. Dinner first then social time.  
January, 9, 13, February 6, 20



**Beth El Teens vs. Brotherhood Softball Game** Come out to our Second Annual game, this time under the lights! Cheer on your favorite team, eat some food, and enjoy havdalah together as one temple.



**Give Kids The World** A group of teens are heading up to volunteer at Give Kids The World, an 89-acre, nonprofit “storybook” resort in Central Florida. Here, children with critical illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations.



**Confirmation Retreat** Annual weekend getaway for the confirmation class!



**Middle School Mixers** (6:00pm – 7:00pm) – Join your peers for dinner and fun activities like trivia, spelling bees, and sing downs before Tuesday Religious School. January 16, 30, February 13, 27



**Middle School Panthers Game** Middle Schoolers get to enjoy their Monday off cheering on the Florida Panthers!



# B'nai Mitzvah



Zachary Kramer



Jacob Weiss



Lucy McDougall



Emily Genn



Jordyn Smoke



Benjamin Eisenberg



Rachel Bromson



Ilan Vainberg



Molly Cohen



Meyer Altschuler



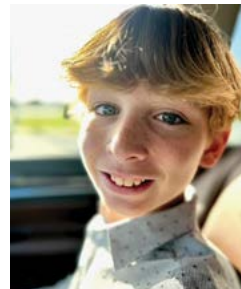
Landon Swartz



Tyler Szmiga



Bryce Mayer



Blake Baron



Chloe Washofsky

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



BY **RONNI GRAF**  
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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.
- They learn 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

**REGISTER AT**  
[tbeboca.org/elc](https://tbeboca.org/elc)

**Beth El**  
Early Learning Center

★ PARENTHOOD PRESENTS ★

FAMILY FUN  
DAY 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

CARNIVAL IN THE BIG BACKYARD

9 AM - 1 PM



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 | 6:30pm**

**Pizza Dinner – 6:00pm**

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 | 4:00-6:00pm**

**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.



## upcoming dates

**Monday, January 1**

New Year's Day – no school

**Tuesday, January 2**

School Resumes

**Friday, January 12**

Wear Your PJs to School Day

**Monday, January 15**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school

**Saturday, January 27**

Family Fun Day

**Tuesday-Thursday, January 23-25**

Tu B'Shevat Holiday Program for 2's, 3's, 4's – School in Session

**Thursday, February 8**

PreK Graduation Portraits

**Tuesday, February 13**

Steven Brown Commemorative Bike Day – 4s

**Wednesday, February 14**

Steven Brown Commemorative Bike Day – 3s

**Friday, February 16**

Staff Development Day – no school

**Monday, February 19**

Presidents' Day – no school

**Friday, February 23**

Grandparents' Shabbat – 4s

## Parenthood

**Wednesday, January 17**

Parenthood Meeting – 7:30pm

**Thursday, February 15**

Girls' Night Out

**Wednesday, February 21**

Parenthood Meeting – 7:30pm

Early Learning Center students learned about Magen David Adom



# Sisterhood Supports Israel



BY **LISA WOLFE SWARTZ** AND  
**SUSAN JUSTER GOLDSTEIN**  
SISTERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS  
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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

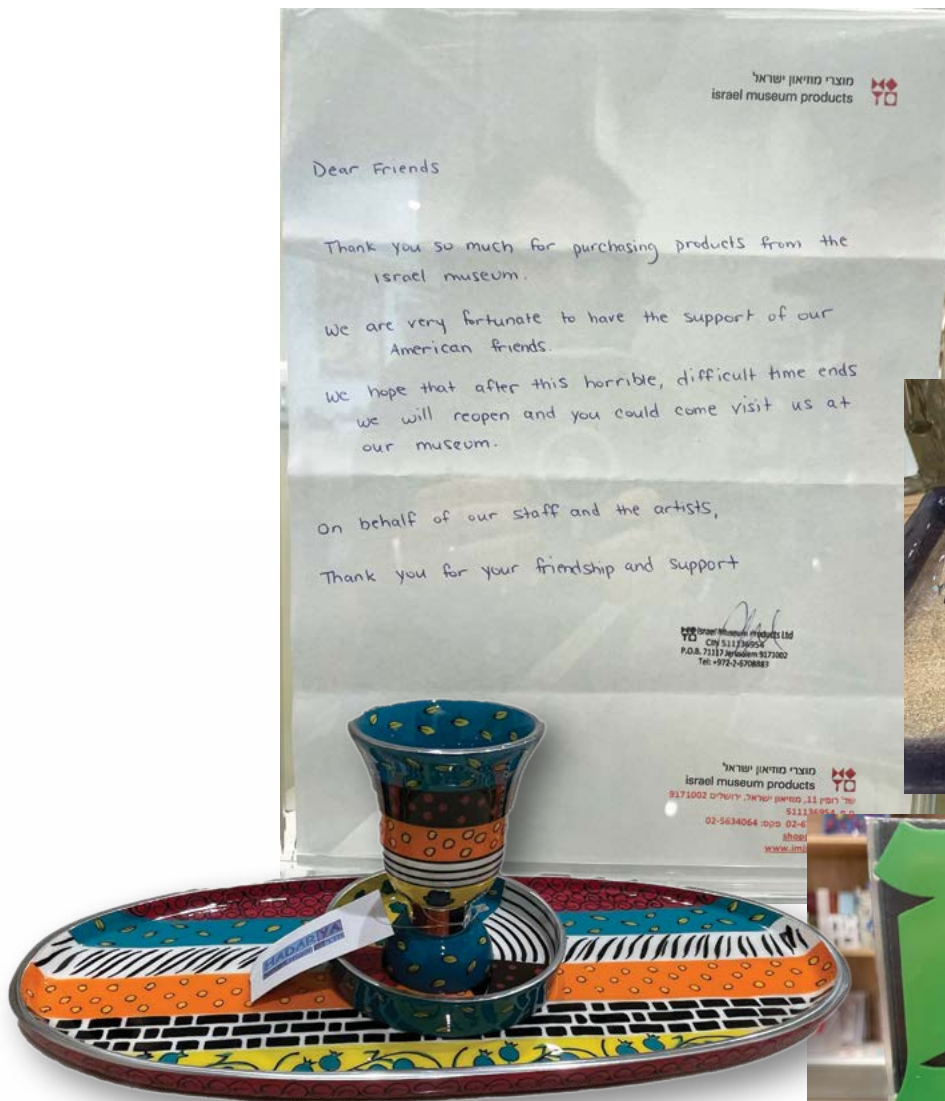
Shop. We also have some gorgeous hand-blown pieces from the artist CheviB and don't forget the fabulous merchandise from Vered, a vendor who we have supported in the past.

*"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](mailto:cgwomen@aol.com)





# Make Our Garden Grow

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Liumi West Retreat

156th Court South, Delray Beach

**9:15am – Rosh Chodesh – Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith: Letting Go of the Need for Certainty (no need to have read the book, cliff notes will be available!)**

**10:45am – Snacks and Shmooze**

**11:00am – Tu B'Shevat Program with Shayndel Plotkin, founder and Director of Liumi West Retreat, Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah and Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen**

**Register at [tbeboca.org/sisterhood](https://tbeboca.org/sisterhood)**

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.



## BINGORITA



**Thursday, February 29, 2024**

**7:00 – 9:00pm**

**Schaefer Family Campus**

**RSVP at [tbeboca.org/sisterhood](https://tbeboca.org/sisterhood)**

\$25 members and ELC teachers

\$35 guests

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.

# Continuing Brotherhood's Tradition of Giving Back to the Community



BY JON LEVIN  
AND JOE GUDEMA  
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CO-PRESIDENTS  
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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](mailto:brotherhood@tbeboca.org)

### Upcoming meeting dates:

Thursday, January 11	Thursday, February 8
Schaefer Family Campus	Beck Family Campus
or Zoom	or Zoom

## Poker Game

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00pm

Beck Family Campus

Register at [tbeboca.org/brotherhood](https://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](mailto: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.

Register at [tbeBrotherhoodGolf.com](https://tbeBrotherhoodGolf.com)



# 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 Tindale, 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 Kaplun\*, 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

Rebeca 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 Konhauzer

Alexandra Paroulek-Bergbauer and Michael Bergbauer on the birth of their daughter Anya Sydney Bergbauer, 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*

David Agler  
Ellen & Daniel Arkush  
Diane & Steven Axelrod  
Naomi Bahary  
Rebecca Zissel and James Bar-Erez  
Hope & Jeff Barton  
Marcy and Morrie Becker  
Deborah & Alan Bender  
Kevin Benoit  
Craig Berger  
Jennifer & Brad Berkowitz  
Jann & Saul Berman  
Lisa Bernard  
Mollye & Glen Berngard  
Danielle & Michael Berro  
Elsie & Jack Blanco  
Anna & Ryan Blank  
Lauren & Roger Blinder  
Freyda & Edward Burns  
Danielle & Rob Butler  
Lori & Ephram Caflun  
Debora Charles  
Judith Chason  
Jan & Richard Chavis  
Edith Clayman  
Maria & Barry Cohen  
Susan & Bruce Cohen  
Harriet Cook  
Felicia Cooper  
Shari Cooper  
Glenn Cutler  
Brenda & Howard Derector  
Stacey & Scott Derector  
Melody DeSanto  
Donald D. Rogers Foundation  
Marilyn & Robert Dragin  
Lori & Jayson Dubin  
Paul Eichner  
Sharon Eichner  
Anita Eidenberg  
Aubrey Elson  
Carol & Theodore Enfield  
Diane Epstein  
Heather & Shachar Erez  
Gary Evans  
Elizabeth & Aaron Falhook  
Barbara & Lawrence Feder  
Roberta & Alan Feldscher  
Walter Fenska  
Susan Cohen-Fischer & Steven Fischer  
Evan Fleischman  
Sandi & Ed Fried  
Steven Friedland  
Paul Frieser  
Johanna & Stuart Frohm  
Carol & David Gart  
Ira Gerber  
Marcia Gerson & Scott Glincher  
Myrna & Myron Ginsberg  
Debby Glick  
Ruth & Harry Goldberg  
Les Goldberg  
Stephanie & Brian Goldfuss

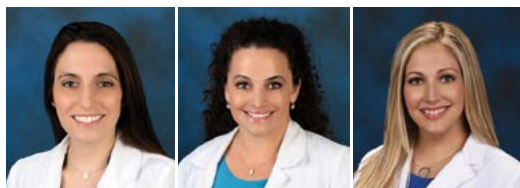
Clarice & Mark Goldstein  
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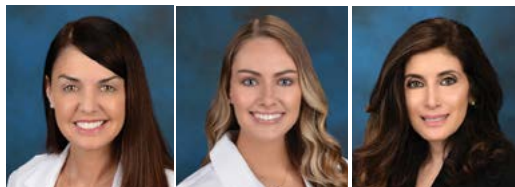


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