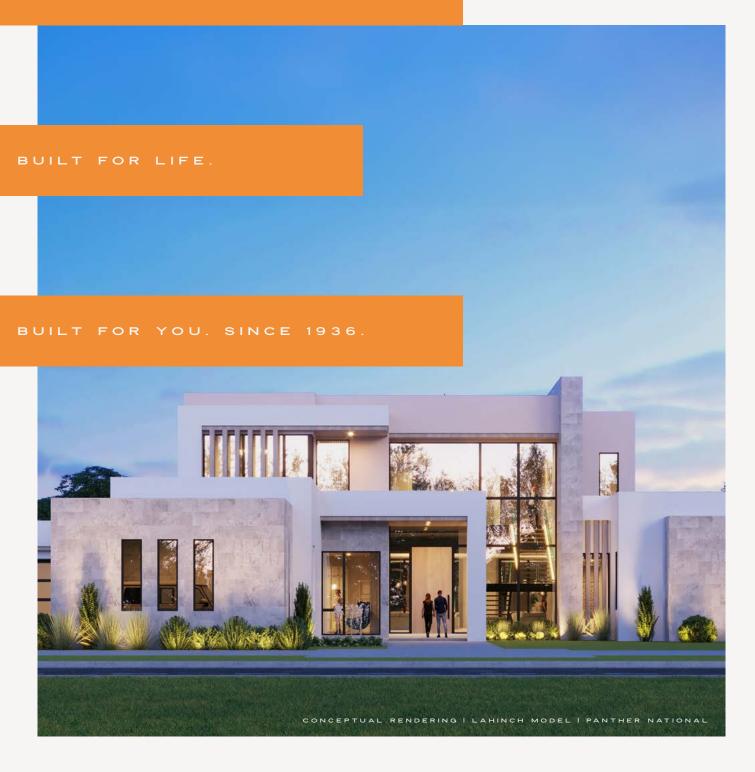


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BE The Future



BY RABBI DAN LEVIN DLevin@tbeboca.org

The legacy of the Jewish people and our tradition has shaped so much of how we see our world today. But one of the most significant ways Jewish tradition changed the world was in how we thought about time.

For most of human history, when people thought about time, they thought about cycles. From spring planting to summer warmth, from fall harvest to winter rains, life for most people didn't change much. The cycle of the year went round and round and round.

But Judaism introduced the idea that time moves not only in cycles, but along a linear narrative of history. In the beginning, everything

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emerged from creation. Along the way was a middle part which defined our journey. And Torah and tradition aimed our life toward the future, toward an ultimate destination of redemption, promise and hope.

Jewish tradition taught us to envision a future that was better than the present, better than the past. In each successive generation, we as Jews were asked to take our place in *Shalshelet HaKabbalah*, the chain of Jewish tradition. We are commanded to take the dreams and gifts of our ancestors, and construct a better and holier world on the foundation they laid, not just for ourselves, but for those who will come after.

When we think about our legacy, of what will be the lasting impact and meaning of our lives, it will be the strength of the foundation we give to our children, and to our children's children, on which they will build their own lives. William James once said: "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

We think of all that makes this congregation and this community so special – the dedication and talent of our clergy, educators and devoted staff who work tirelessly to ensure that everything we experience is intriguing, compelling, and inspiring. We think of the great scholars who come to teach us, the great musicians and performers who come to move us, and all the ways we weave together the intimate tapestry of our community.

Temple Beth El is embarking on a campaign to ensure that all that makes our congregation special and holy will be secure for generations to come. Our endowment campaign invites you to "BE The Future" – to make an investment that will ensure we provide the strongest possible foundation on which future generations will build their Jewish lives.

It is vital for Temple Beth El to have the resources necessary to help our members meet the growing challenges of this moment.

We need to teach the next generation of children and youth to be secure in their identities, to build their moral core and the tools to confront the ethical challenges they will face in our ever more complicated world. We need to support every household in their quest to build lives of spiritual richness, meaning, and purpose.

And crucially, we need to ensure that all who seek to be part of our congregation are welcome regardless of financial means.

We can meet these challenges if we muster the commitment and support of visionary individuals whose investment today will help secure the future of Temple Beth El, Judaism, and the Jewish people. At no time in our history has this been more important.

Together we can ensure that Temple Beth El will forever be able to achieve its mission: to enrich lives by generating bonds of love through exceptional Jewish experiences. Together we can be the guarantors of our congregation today, and for generations to come.

For more information on how to participate in Temple Beth El's BE The Future Endowment Campaign, please turn to pages 8–10.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDEN



BY GINA SHUGAR TEMPLE BETH EL **PRESIDENT** GShugar@tbeboca.org

Eleven years ago, when I first joined the Temple Beth El Board of Trustees, there was talk of launching an endowment campaign. We dreamed of creating a temple where people could join and pay what they could afford, rather than a fixed price. A place where financial barriers would not stand between anyone and their Jewish community.

For years this idea lingered in our conversations, more an ideal than a reality. We knew that loyalty to religious institutions was waning, not just in synagogues but across the board. Our grandparents were more likely to be temple members than we are, and our children even

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less so. The thought of ensuring that there would always be a vibrant Jewish community in Boca Raton was compelling. But it never felt like the right time to move forward.

Now, here we are, eleven years later, and the world is unrecognizable from what it was then. The original need to secure our future has become urgent, amplified by the seismic shifts we've all witnessed. COVID brought an influx of Jewish families to Boca Raton, seeking community and safety. Our city has grown into one of the largest Jewish hubs in the world, often seen as a refuge. But recent events, like those of October 7, 2023, have shown us that even here, no place is immune. The rise in anti-Jewish and anti-Israel rhetoric in the media echoes the dark days that led to the Holocaust.

We are living through a time that demands action, not complacency. This is no longer just a "beautiful idea." Securing our future is a necessity.

Within our own walls, Temple Beth El has evolved. We've always stood for Judaism, love, religious freedom, and justice-values that transcend politics. But now, in an age of

> misinformation, we are called to speak with clarity and conviction. Our rabbis are guiding us, helping us see the world through a Jewish lens, providing light in these confusing

> The time to act is now. While we are strong. While the financial markets are healthy and charitable giving is within reach. We must build the foundation today that will sustain us

through the difficult times that will inevitably come. We must prepare for a future when even fewer people may feel compelled to financially support religious institutions.

My husband Greg and I have already made a meaningful contribution to the BE The Future Endowment Campaign. I invite you to join us in leaving a legacy that will ensure there is always a Jewish home in Boca Raton for generations to come.

New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, January 12, 2025 1:30pm - 3:30pm **Schaefer Family Campus**

RSVP at

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

We warmly invite all new members who joined since February 2024 to an open house. Meet our clergy, staff, and fellow new members and enjoy an up-close, in-person tour of the Schaefer Family Campus, complete with light refreshments. This event welcomes singles, couples, and families with children of all ages, showcasing the warm spirit of our Beth El community. We look forward to

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



WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between July 23, 2024 and September 23, 2024. 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.

Marcia Adelman

Arlene & Bruce Agulnick

Josh & Molly Bailin and their children, Maddox & Stella

Stephen Barr

Stephanie Bauman

Lloyd Berkowitz

Gloria & Ron Berkowitz

Rhonda Bernstein

Laurie Betesh

Lucas & Brooke Brandt and their children, Teagan, River & Zachary

Barry & Ellyn Broden

Arleen & Dave Brownstein

Marie Bunn

Evan Butters & Vanessa Gutierrez

Diana & Rich Clyman and their children, Emma & Michael

Andrew & Jamie Cohen

Jessica & Jason Cohen and their child, Jordyn

Ilana Corum and her child, Braden

Joseph & Chelsea Dabah and their child, Ari

Leslie D'Anna & Nicole D'Anna

Stephen Needleman & Laurie Dubow

Lisa Dolin Eiss & Chuck Eiss and their child, Mason

Camille Creary-Engelhardt & Peter Engelhardt

Brian Feist

Jenny Feldman and her child, Cason

Lindsay & Joshua Fenster and their child, Stella

Hope Firsel and her children, Hudson & Trey Ashley & Bradley Friedman and their children, Alexandra, Georgia & Elliott

Lee & Barb Friedman

Rebecca & Matt Ginder and their children, Frankie & Sylas

Adam & Stephanie Ginsburg and their children,

Gabriella & Alexandra

Sharon Goldman

Stephen & Marilyn Greene

Danielle & Michael Greenstein and their child, Eli

Larry & Lori Groipen

Alexander & Lauren Gross and their children, Greyson & Everly

Arthur Gutterman

Nina & Cantor Steven Haas

Eleanor Liberman & James Halperin

Ina Hankin

Tom Hegarty & Ellen Stewart and their children, Skylar & Quinlan

Noah & Jody Heller and their children, Levi, Lucy & Luke

Julie Herzlich

Melvyn & Donna Hodis

Phillip & Sandy Immler and their child, Mila

Marni Lamberk & Geoffrey Ittleman and their children, Finley, Amanda & Joshua

Simone & Justin Jacobs and their children, Mia & Jonah

Maddy & Edwin Kamstock

Dean & Dina Kapneck

Karen & Jeff Katz

Yeniffer Agostini & Dave Kerner

Scott & Raf Kerner and their children, Saxon & Scarlet

Tiffany & Ben Kerzner and their child, Hana

Rebecca & Neil Kleinberg and their children, Stephen & Alex

Linda & Gerry Labourene

Mel Lazar

Joe & Jackie Leach and their children, Miles & Amelia

Stacey Lederberg and her child, Aidan

Ashley & Andrew Lelchuk and their children, Lana & Micah

Max & Wendy Leuchter

Elana Porvin & Brandon LeWinter

Laurie Malden

Jason & Amy Margolies and their children, Liv, Leo & Mia

Judy Matalon

Shane McConnell & Lauren Weiss and their child, Lylah

Lisa & Steve Mendelsohn

Rosalyn & Paul Merzer

Nick & Maureen Morrone

Harriet Naidus

Madeline Nappen

Olga Nikishin-Grushin and her children, Riley & Sonya

Adam & Shari Ochrimenko and their children, Jack & Levi

Mark & Sharon Ordover

Bonnie Pantel

Barbara & Paul Patti

Alan Ponce

Myrna & Steve Pressman

Trudy Zimmerman & Ronald Price

Judy & Herb Romanow

Richard Paresky & Jeffrey Rosenthal

Jacob & Sharona Rothstein and their child, Emmy

Ellen Rubinstein

Harrison & Jessica Rykus and their child, Bennett

David & Lisa Sacks and their children, Benjamin & Sawyer

Fred Schwartz and his child, Alison

David Schwarz

Oliver Shaevitz

Melissa & Justen Shiff and their children, Jacob & Jordan

Julie & David Shonkoff

Howard & Leah Singer and their children, Blake & Isabel

Rebecca & David Slutsker and their children, Benjamin & Alan

Jonathan Solomon & Bryn Smith

Anna & Michael Stern and their child. Hudson

Ellen Storck

Allison & Erik Sylvin and their children, Cameron & Lucas

Eric & Stacey Talve and their children, Sloane & Hannah

Danielle & Hayden Trepeck and their children, Levi & Ezra

Mark Tsimmerman

Ashley & Justin Wayne and their children, Myles & Leilana

Liz White

Sherry Wilk

David Wilson & Terry Pearl and their child, Sylvie Saul & Pat Ziv

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Rock & Skoll of CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024 6:00PM CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE 7:30PM CHANUKAH DINNER & CELEBRATION SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Join us for an electrifying evening as we celebrate the Festival of Lights with a unique twist—Rock and Roll of Ages! This special Chanukah Shabbat service will fuse the timeless melodies of Shabbat with the high-energy spirit of rock and roll, creating an unforgettable experience for all ages. Following services, join us for a rockin' dinner catered by Artisan Foods, crafts, special games, photo station, gelt and more!

DINNER PRICES

Members: \$30 per adult, \$20 per child ages 4-12, children 3 and under Free Guests of members: \$35 per adult, \$25 per child ages 4-12, children 3 and under Free Prices increase \$5 per person as of Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Registration closes Monday, December 23, 2024 at Noon Register for dinner at **tbeboca.org/chanukah-2024**For questions or more information please contact Julie Cooper at **JCooper@tbeboca.org** or 561-391-8900.









THE FUTURE

An Endowment Campaign to Secure Beth El's Tomorrow

We Must Be the Strength Against Uncertainty

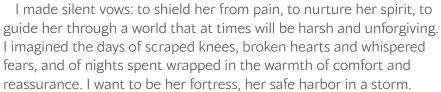


BY DEREK HURWITCH
DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT
DHurwitch@tbeboca.org

When my daughter Avery was born, my world shifted forever. A tiny being entered the world, eyes wide with wonder and filled with innocence. In that moment, a fierce love ignited, more powerful than anything I had felt before. This little one, so fragile yet so full of potential, became the center of a universe that suddenly felt both immense and intimate.







I imagine as parents, many of us felt and still feel exactly the same.

Why? Because it's in our nature to insure and protect everything we care deeply about.

Temple Beth El, like all things we care deeply for, must be safeguarded.

Temple Beth El lives and breathes through each of us as our spiritual safe haven – a community of immense support and a safe space in both our most joyous moments and darkest hours.

It is incumbent on us to protect this special synagogue, our heritage, our people and to never take for granted how important it is for us, our children and our children's children to learn Judaism's moral values, ethical teachings, and sacred traditions.

The future of Temple Beth El requires two things: Planning and Action. Our plan to secure the future is now in place, but it requires our collective action.

The time for action is now, when we must make the conscious choice to be the strength against uncertainty – to BE the Future for the synagogue we have built together and the community that so deeply needs and deserves it.



AN ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN TO SECURE **TEMPLE BETH EL'S TOMORROW**

BE The Future is an endowment campaign to raise an additional \$18 million to secure a vibrant, meaningful and essential Temple Beth El; to create our living legacy for generations to come.

Endowment campaigns don't just bolster the future – they strengthen the present.

It is our goal to raise \$9 million in "cash" gifts during the active campaign and secure an additional \$9 million in bequests or future planned gifts. You can choose to BE The Future through payments of cash, securities or other current financial distributions or solidify your legacy gift by including Temple Beth El in your estate plans or other instruments upon your passing.



Tomorrow's Temple Beth El Needs You Today

By acting today, we will help tomorrow's congregation overcome whatever the future has in store; and the most impactful way for you to BE The Future is to ensure that your gift is both meaningful to you and the current and future generations it will benefit.

There are many ways to contribute to the BE The Future Campaign. It would be our pleasure to assist you in discussing both the formation and structure of your gift as well as the desirable naming opportunities and dedications available to commemorate your generous and enduring commitment.







What Happens in Boca...

A Night in Shin City



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DEREK HURWITCH, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, AT 561-701-6217 OR DHURWITCH@TBEBOCA.ORG





NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Join us for Shabbat worship services, now held at both the Schaefer Family Campus and the Beck Family Campus.

NOVEMBER 1

Shabbat with Jacob Spike Kraus

⊙ 6:00pm



Schaefer Family Campus

Let's raise the roof this Shabbat with our guest singer-songwriter, music producer and educator, Jacob Spike Kraus. See sidebar.

NOVEMBER 8

Family Shabbat Dinner & Experience

⊙ 6:30pm

Page 1 Beck Family Campus

See below for details.

New Journeys

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

This Shabbat, we consider how there are moments in our lives when a new journey calls to us, often when we least expect it. How do we respond to that call, and what do we learn from starting the journey?

NOVEMBER 15

Consecration of Cantor Jake Harris

♡ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

See pages 14 and 15.



NOVEMBER 22

Be Thankful Tot Shabbat

⊙ 6:30pm

♀ Beck Family Campus

Be Thankful and join us for a fun evening as we usher in Shabbat with a family-friendly service, followed by the amazing techniques of Yoga Yeladim (Children's Yoga). Let the soothing positions of Yoga help you and your family relax and enjoy a peaceful and restful Shabbat! Please bring along yoga mats or towels for your family to use.

Pink Shabbat - Chayei Sarah

○ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

On this Shabbat, we read the Torah portion, Chayei Sarah, which tells how Abraham honored Sarah's life. This Friday, in partnership with Sharsheret, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting and educating Jewish women facing breast and ovarian cancer, we will wear pink to stand in solidarity with those who are living or have lived with breast cancer. We will also offer a special birthday blessing to everyone born in November.

NOVEMBER 29

Shabbat of Gratitude

○ 7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

On this weekend of Thanksgiving, we turn our attention this Shabbat to cultivating awareness, mindfulness and gratitude for all the blessings in our lives.

FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER & EXPERIENCE

For our families with children in grades K-12

Friday,

Join us for an intimate and FUN Shabbat experience that will include

November 8, 2024

candle lighting, delicious food, singing, dancing and, of course,

6:30pm good friends!

Beck Family Campus

For questions, please contact Susie Federman, Engagement & Programming Associate, at 561-391-8900 or SFederman@tbeboca.org.

PRICES

Adults: \$30, Children ages 12 and under: \$20 Register online at tbeboca.org/family-dinner Registration closes Sunday, November 3



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

DECEMBER 6

Balance







In this week's Torah Portion, Vayetze, Jacob dreams about angels going up and down a ladder. And so, we will examine the idea of how we find balance as we continually try to climb up and sometimes stumble down our personal ladders in life.

DECEMBER 13

Kol HaNeshama





Welcome Shabbat with a peaceful mind and an open heart at our service in the round at our Beck Family Campus Kehillah Center. Through the use of niggunim (wordless melody) and inspiring melodies and words, we will deepen our connection to ourselves, to each other and the Holy One.

Saving a Life

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

This Shabbat, we will honor the incredible work of Magen David Adom. Every day, MDA works tirelessly to provide aid and relief to those in trauma and crisis in the State of Israel. We will celebrate the contributions of the Homer family, who are dedicating a new ambulance this evening. Additionally, we will celebrate those born in the month of December.

DECEMBER 20

Dreams of Our People

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Tonight, we reflect on how our people's ability to dream throughout the centuries has shaped our lives and history. We consider our hopes for a better tomorrow and how, together, we can turn these dreams into reality.

DECEMBER 27

Chanukah Shabbat



Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for an electrifying evening as we celebrate the Festival of Lights with a unique twist—Rock and Roll of Ages! This special Chanukah Shabbat service will fuse the timeless melodies of Shabbat with the high-energy spirit of rock and roll, creating an unforgettable experience for all ages. See page 6 for more information and to register for dinner.

Special TEMPLE BETH EL **EVENT**

Guest Artist

JACOB SPIKE KRAUS

SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, November 1, 2024 6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CONCERT

Sunday, November 3, 2024 11:00am

Beck Family Campus



Boston-based Jacob 'Spike' Kraus is a 33-year-old singersongwriter, music producer, educator, and innovator. His music has been featured on Jewish Rock Radio and PJ Library, and he has been performing for two decades at synagogues, Jewish day schools, and summer camps, including Camp Coleman, where many of our children spend their summers.

Recently wrapping up a three-year role as the Artist-in-Residence at Temple Israel of West Bloomfield—the largest synagogue in North America—Spike now travels the country, bringing his energy and joy to Jewish communities as a performer, teacher, composer, and consultant.

A CELEBRATORY WEEKEND OF MUSIC WITH SPECIAL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE CANTOR ROBBIE SOLOMON



CONSECRATION OF CANTOR JAKE HARRIS

Friday, November 15, 2024 | 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus

Celebrate with us at this special Shabbat service as we honor and bless Cantor Jake Harris on the occasion of his cantorial investiture.

MUSICAL TORAH STUDY WITH ARTIST IN RESIDENCE CANTOR EMERITUS ROBBIE SOLOMON

Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 10:00am Schaefer Family Campus

Immerse yourself in an intimate Shabbat morning experience as we welcome artist in residence, Cantor Robbie Solomon.

Cantor Solomon studied jazz composition and arranging at Berklee College of Music. During his time in Boston, he worked in various capacities for synagogues which, among many other experiences, prepared him to become a certified member of the Cantors Assembly and the American Conference of Cantors. He has made a significant contribution to the world of Jewish music both from his works for the popular Jewish band, Safam, as well as from his many choral and solo synagogue compositions. He has been part of numerous recordings and his works have been included in several music compilations.

Cantor Solomon will combine his deep spirituality and musicality into an engaging exploration of the Torah through song and reflection and will offer insights into how music enhances our understanding of sacred texts and elevates our connection to the divine.



Cantor Emeritus Robbie Solomon, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation



Night of **50 Shabbats**

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

It's time to celebrate Shabbat all around the town. Your choice - you can be a host or a guest and share Shabbat dinner with other Temple Beth El members.

Mark the date on your calendar and remember to sign up when registration opens in December!

Here's how it works:

BE A HOST:

- How many guests can you accommodate?
- Are there members you are inviting?
- Will you be dining inside or outside?
- · Hosts receive a special 'thank you' gift from the Temple, generously sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

BE A GUEST:

- Is there a particular home you'd like to attend?
- Is there a person you'd like to attend with?
- Do you want to dine inside, outside or have no preference?



DINNERS: Enjoy dinner in homes, restaurants, parks, or clubhouses—whatever works best for you. As a host, you can cook, organize a potluck, or order in.

There's NO FEE to participate in this event.

Deadline to register is February 4, 2025. Registration information coming soon.



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Thursday, November 21, 2024 • 7:00pm

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COMMEMORATING

COLD CREMATORIUM Rabbi Greg Weisman in Conversation with

Alex Bruner

Thursday, November 7, 2024 • 7:00pm Schaefer Family Campus • Register at tbeboca.org/cold

When veteran journalist, poet, and novelist József Debreczeni arrived in Auschwitz, he was "lucky" to be sent to a life of slave labor rather than directly to the gas chambers. He survived and after the war wrote Cold Crematorium, which one reviewer called "the harshest, most merciless indictment of Nazism ever written."

As we mark the anniversary of Kristallnacht, Temple Beth El member Alex Bruner, nephew of József Debreczeni, will be in conversation with Rabbi Greg to discuss the historical and family context for his uncle's deportation to Auschwitz and describe the author's hellish journey through multiple slave labor camps.



Refreshments to follow.

This event is presented thanks to the generosity of Temple Beth El's Friends of Music and the Arts.





November is The Giving Tree Month!

PLEASE HELP WITH THE GIVING TREE HOLIDAY PROJECT



While most of us look forward to the holiday season, many who are in poverty or distress in our local community find this time of year unbearably sad. With your help, The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El will fulfill Holiday Wish Lists for over 2000 local children, families and senior citizens throughout Palm Beach County. And the need continues to grow each year. Together as a community, let's make Holiday Wishes come true!

· Scan this QR code or visit thegivingtreeboca.org to choose a

· Pick a Holiday Wish List from The Giving Tree at the Schaefer or Beck Family Campus, shop for items on the list, and follow instructions for drop-off.



to learn how.

Holiday Wish from the Virtual Giving Tree.

· Make it a classroom project! Chip in with other

families in your ELC or Religious School class to fill one or more holiday wishes.

- · Prefer not to shop? Visit tbeboca.org/giving/the-giving-tree to donate and we will shop for you.
- Donations of Walmart, Target or Amazon gift cards are appreciated! Email thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com to find out what is needed.
- · Organize a wish fulfillment drive at your place of work, community, social group or chavurah. Email thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com

Thank you to Ben Kerzner for his donation of time and talent in the creation of the beautiful Giving Tree sign and planter box. Find him on Instagram at @kerznerwooddesigns.



GIVING TREE DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Holiday Wish Lists become available on campus and online.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Learn more about The Giving Tree at Shabbat when Giving Tree Co-Chairs Jennie Kreger and Lauren Gross will share the impact of our Holiday Project, which has made a difference in our community since the 1980's.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Be Thankful Tot Shabbat celebrating gratitude and giving.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Gift wrapping begins! Email Robin Eisenberg at Robledeise@gmail.com to schedule a time for your group to help wrap.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Deadline for fulfilling holiday wish lists so that there is ample time to assemble, wrap and distribute gifts.



2023-2024 FINANCIAL REPORT CARD

TOPICS

- Revenue
- Expenses
- Capital Improvements
- Membership
- Religious School
- Early Learning Center
- Beth El Mausoleum
- · Construction and Debt
- Endowment

This Financial Report Card provides an overview of the Temple's financial results for the 2023-2024 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2024. Financial transparency is very important to us. You deserve to know how we are doing financially and how your money is being spent.

The Temple hires independent accountants to conduct a thorough audit of our books and financial controls annually. The results of the audit are presented to the Finance **Advisory Group and the Board of Trustees. The Finance Advisory Group is comprised of volunteers** appointed by the Board of Trustees, all of whom possess relevant professional experience. The 2023-2024 audit is going on now and will finish by the end of December. Last year we received a clean audit opinion which concluded that our financial statements were accurate and there were no issues with our financial controls.

A Healthy Budget

We finished the 2023-2024 fiscal year with a balanced budget for the twelfth consecutive year. Revenues from operations actually exceeded operating expenses primarily as a result of:

- A school security grant from the State of Florida Department of Education
- Stronger than expected Mausoleum revenue from Phase 4 preconstruction sales
- Higher than expected interest earnings on short term investments
- Beth El Bash net proceeds exceeding budget expectations
- Salary and benefits expenses lower than budget projections partly due to our inability to fill open positions with qualified candidates

The surplus funds from last year will be transferred to operating reserves and capital reserves which we will need in the future to complete major maintenance projects (such as roofing, painting, carpeting and air conditioning replacements).

We spent over \$2 million on deferred major maintenance projects in 2018-2019 concurrent with the expansion and renovation of both campuses. These expenditures in 2018-2019 largely depleted our Capital Reserves at that time. Those improvements are now about five years old. As a result, over the next five to ten years our facilities will require major maintenance and equipment replacements that will cost approximately \$2 to \$3 million. Temple Beth El no longer charges new members a Building Fund (formerly known as the Facility Maintenance Fee) so we must accumulate our capital reserves in order to avoid having to charge members a special assessment when those inevitable capital improvements are needed.

We are also setting aside excess cash to use as a down payment for the Mausoleum Phase 4 construction loan. Interest rates are relatively high right now, so the more cash we can use as a down payment for the Mausoleum expansion, the less we will borrow and therefore the less interest expense we will incur on the construction loan. More on that below.

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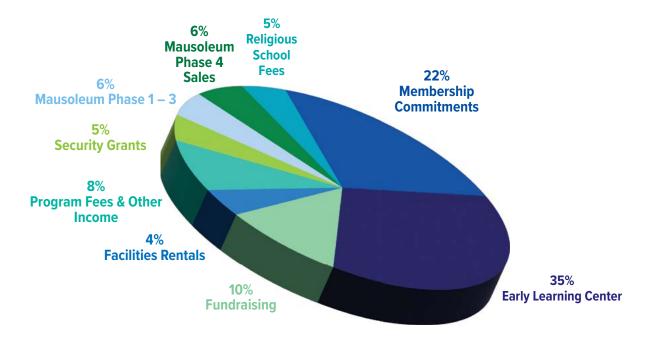
Membership Commitments	3,994,203	22%
Religious School Fees	835,353	5%
Early Learning Center	6,453,078	35%
Fundraising	1,745,996	10%
Facilities Rentals	651,815	4%
Program Fees & Other Income	1,502,807	8%
Security Grants	868,515	5%
Mausoleum Sales Phase 4	1,127,729	6%
Mausoleum Sale Phase 1 – 3	1,000,817	6%

Total Income 18,180,313

EXPENSES

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insfers to Other Funds	2,093,595	12%
ndraising and Project Expenses	888,225	5%
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Revenues



Our largest source of revenue is Early Learning Center ("ELC") tuition, which made up roughly 35% of total operating revenues last year. Total ELC revenue in 2023-2024 was approximately \$6.5 million.

Operating an infant daycare program and preschool is highly labor intensive because of the required teacher-student ratios.

83% of ELC operating expenses go towards salaries and benefits for ELC teachers and administrators.

5% of the ELC operating expenses goes towards debt service from the 2018-2019 Beck Family Campus expansion project.

Last year we spent \$259,000 on security just for the ELC, which represented about 5% of total ELC expenses.

We are at full capacity at the ELC with waiting lists for most grade levels. We finished the 2023-2024 school year with 313 students enrolled. The Beth El Early Learning Center is critically important to the long-term viability of the Temple not only because of the revenue it generates, but because it serves as a pipeline

for young families to experience Beth El. Our aim is that these ELC families form long-lasting connections which continue long after their children graduate from our program.

Another unique source of revenue for the Temple is the Beth El Mausoleum. The Mausoleum provided roughly 12% of our total operating revenue last year. The Mausoleum is not only an important element of our spiritual identity, but also an important source of financial stability.

Fundraising donations are also critical to our financial health. Voluntary contributions (excluding Congregational Commitment payments) made up about 10% of total operating revenue last year. We are blessed with so many extraordinarily generous donors who support the Temple and its members. There are far too many contributors to name individually in this Report. For a complete listing of all voluntary giving during the 2023-2024 fiscal year, please visit tbeboca.org/impact.

Last year we raised \$486,000 in our annual High Holy Day Appeal which exceeded our

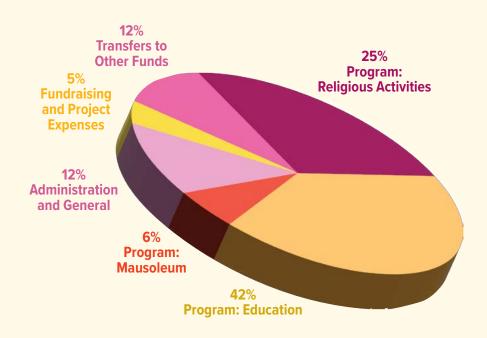
budget goal by \$11,000. The Annual Appeal is instrumental in helping Temple Beth El provide meaningful experiences to all of its members and the local Jewish community. Funds raised from the Annual Appeal also ensure that no one is turned away from the Temple because of their financial inability to pay.

In April of 2024, we hosted an incredibly successful Beth El Bash at Boca West Country Club honoring the Brown family. The 2024 Beth El Bash generated \$511,000 in net proceeds that we used to support the Temple's mission and provide financial support for individuals, children and families that need scholarships in order to afford membership and school tuition. About one in five Beth El households receive some level of scholarship assistance.

For most Temples in America, about 66% of total operating revenue comes from membership dues. At Temple Beth El, the percentage of overall operating revenue that comes from Congregational Commitment is only 22% because we have several diversified revenue streams. A lower reliance on Congregational Commitment makes Beth El less susceptible to financial distress should we experience an economic recession.

Another source of diversified revenue for the Temple is facility rentals. Our facility rental revenue has two main components: (a) event rentals and catering, and (b) leasing activity from the Somerset Academy Charter School. In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Temple generated \$138,000 from event rentals and catering, and another \$514,000 from Somerset Academy Charter School lease payments.

Expenses



Like most service organizations, our largest expense is our people. \$10.7 million was spent on salaries and benefits last year across the organization's 188 full-time and part-time employees, representing 64% of total operating expenses.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY DEPARTMENT

Clergy	10
Administration	30
Facilities Maintenance	11
Early Learning Center	95
Religious School	39
Mausoleum	3
Total Employees	188

Due to high inflation which drove up wages, the Temple's cost of salary and benefits has increased materially over the past few years. Our people are our most valuable asset and so we do all we can to recruit and retain the highest level of talent across the organization.

Security costs are another one of our largest expenses. Last year our security costs exceeded \$450,000 and made up about 2.7% of total expenses. After October 7, 2023, we added additional security personnel and infrastructure, which required us to impose a one-time \$100 special security assessment on all members. Fortunately, we were awarded a school security grant from the State of Florida which allowed us to keep our security fee flat at \$325 per household for the 2024-2025 fiscal year despite the security costs increases we are absorbing.

Capital **Improvements**

If you visited the Schaefer Family Campus recently, you hopefully noticed that we refurbished the Merle E. Singer Sanctuary. We were able to fund this project thanks to the generosity of those who supported the 2023 Beth El Bash. The 2023 Beth El Bash generated approximately \$600,000 in net proceeds that we used to renovate the Sanctuary in the summer of 2024.

The project scope included:

- New seats
- · New carpeting
- · T-Coil hearing impaired assistance system
- · New fabric on the moveable partition walls
- Enhancement to the band/choir area
- Modifications to the Bima layout
- · Additional enhancements to A/V and lighting equipment

This project created a fresh, modern look and feel to our most important spiritual space while also creating a better worship experience for our members and guests.

Last fiscal year we also spent \$50,000 on a shade structure to cover the ELC natural playground at the Beck Family Campus. This project was made possible by donations to the "We've Got You Covered" campaign and proceeds from the 2023 Brotherhood Golf Tournament.

Additionally, we installed new security gates in the courtyard at the Beck Family Campus to further harden the campus. The cost of these improvements was \$45,000 and was funded by a school security grant from the State of Florida Department of Education.

Membership

The Temple's membership has increased steadily over the past six years. We finished the fiscal year on June 30, 2024 with 1,935 member households, compared to 1,834 in 2023 (5.5% increase).

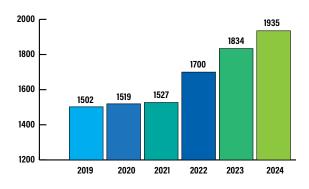
TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS AS OF JUNE 30

2019	1,502
2020	1,519
2021	1,527
2022	1,700
2023	1,834
2024	1,935

Temple Beth El has grown steadily for over a decade. However, the pace of that growth has accelerated materially since the end of Covid-19 pandemic. We attribute that growth to a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

- Jewish population migration post-pandemic from the northeast to south Florida.
- Renovations and expansions of our buildings which were completed in 2019-2020.
- Increased Mausoleum sales activity.
- Intentional efforts to implement a menu of diverse worship and spirituality offerings that are relevant today.
- Improved online presence through our "Virtual Beth El" platform.
- Multiple portals of engagement such as Beth El Chavurot (Groups of Friends), Beth El Circles, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, ELC Parenthood, Religious School Parent Tribes, and the Giving Tree.
- Best-in-class reputation of our Early Learning Center and Religious School.

We believe our membership growth success is not due to only one or two things. Rather, it is the result of intentional efforts to create meaningful connections with other members and with the Clergy, through worship, pastoral care, life-cycle events, holiday celebrations, social justice work, learning, and opportunities to make friends.



Religious School

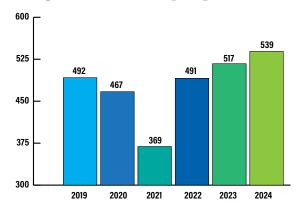
Religious School enrollment at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 academic year stood at 539 students, an increase of 4.3% compared to June 30 of the prior year. Our efforts to provide creative, flexible, non-traditional learning models aimed at satisfying the needs of modern Jewish families is working. In fact, we are out of space on Sunday mornings at the Beck Family Campus for certain grades so we began offering mid-week, evening classes to allow additional students to register. Recently, even the midweek evening classes have reached capacity, so we had to start a waiting list for some grade levels.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30

2019	492
2020	467
2021	369
2022	491
2023	517
2024	539

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

One of the four pillars of our recently completed Strategic Plan is Youth and Family Education and Engagement. Our goal is to create the most compelling model of youth and family education and engagement that integrates all temple member families into a single community. To achieve that goal, we are, among other things, putting additional attention and resources to our Religious School Parent Tribe initiative which aims to build social connections and school involvement for parents of Religious School students. If you would like to see why there is a renewed enthusiasm for the Beth El Religious School, please visit tbeboca.org/religious-school.



Early Learning Center

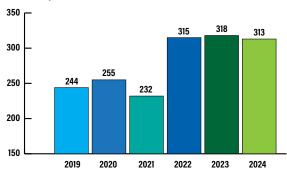
Early Learning Center ("ELC") enrollment at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 academic year was 313 students, compared to 318 students at the same time in the prior year. There was virtually no change in the enrollment numbers because we are at full capacity, with waiting lists for all grade levels. The demand for the services we provide is stronger than ever. This, we believe, is the result of several factors including migration to our area from other states and an increase in residential construction in West Boca and West Delray along the Lyons Road and US441 corridors.

The Beth El Early Learning Center offers infant day care for children as young as 3-months old, while many other Jewish preschools do not. We are also open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. which is what many of our families need when both parents work full-time. Our success is also a testament to the wonderful staff at the Early Learning Center who provide an environment where children thrive in an atmosphere of friendship, curiosity, self-esteem, Jewish values, joy and respect.

TOTAL ELC ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30

2019	244
2020	255
2021	232
2022	315
2023	318
2024	313

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





Beth El Mausoleum

The Beth El Mausoleum creates an eternal connection to the Temple for many of our members and for unaffiliated Jews in the broader local community. Gross sales revenue for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was \$2,172,783 compared to \$1,693,621 in the prior year. This represents a 28.3% increase year-over-year. In the 2023-2024 fiscal year we completed 102 sales transactions and in the prior fiscal year we completed 96 sales transactions (6.3% increase).

The main reason for the significant increase in Mausoleum sales revenue is that midway through the fiscal year we opened preconstruction sales for our Mausoleum expansion project (Phase 4). Roughly 50% of total sales revenue last year was attributable to Phase 4 presales.

We have run out of the most desirable inventory at the Mausoleum which

puts us at a competitive disadvantage relative to our competitors. We are therefore building a new Mausoleum building similar in size to the existing two-story indoor/outdoor mausoleum constructed in 2006. Three phases were built so far. This new building will be the fourth.

In August 2024, we signed a construction contract with the General Contractor, and in September 2024, we received building permit approval from the City of Boca Raton. Our goal is to close on the construction loan and break ground on the project by Thanksgiving 2024. The anticipated construction duration is 28 months which would result in project completion in 2027. Total projects costs (excluding interest on the debt) are estimated at \$12.5 million.

20% of all Mausoleum sales revenue is set aside. 10% goes into a restricted

fund (the Mausoleum Perpetual Care Fund) designated for the perpetual care of the Mausoleum building and grounds. This perpetual care fund ensures the Mausoleum buildings and grounds will always be properly maintained, even if the Temple ceases to exist far in the future. As of 06/30/2024, the balance in the Mausoleum Perpetual Care Fund was approximately \$4.7 million, which will continue to grow over time through market appreciation and additional deposits from future sales.

An additional 10% of every Mausoleum sale is invested in the General Endowment of Temple Beth El. See below for further discussion about our Endowment. We are also setting aside all sales revenue generated from Mausoleum Phase 4 for construction costs and debt services associated with that project.

Construction and Debt

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

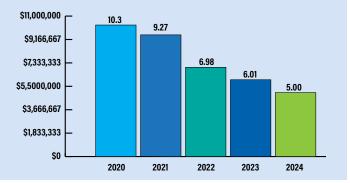
OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30

2020	\$10,300,000
2021	\$9,270,000
2022	\$6,987,721
2023	\$6,015,330
2024	\$5,005,834

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

payments of about \$84,000 (principal and interest).

The next major construction project is Mausoleum Phase 4 (see above for more information). We will secure bank debt to fund the construction costs as we have done with the first three phases of the Mausoleum. The money to repay the debt will come from future Mausoleum sales. We do not anticipate combining the existing loan with the Mausoleum expansion loan since the cash flow streams used to repay the debt are distinct and each project should financially stand on its own.



Endowment

The Temple's Investment Advisory Group provides oversight of the Endowment and the Mausoleum Perpetual Care Fund. These funds are professionally managed by an outside firm and are invested entirely in conservative, low-cost index funds. We do not invest in exotic products such as cryptocurrency or other speculative financial products.

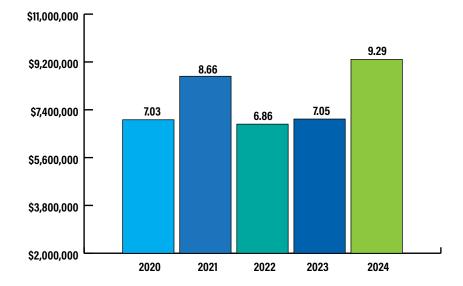
Another one of the four pillars of our Strategic Plan is ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the Temple. The stated goal in the Strategic Plan is to: "Build a sustainable financial model that maximizes the financial resources available to pursue our mission and provide for long-term financial security." Perhaps the most important success factor to achieve long-term financial security is the growth of our Endowment.

As of 06/30/2024, the balance of the Endowment was \$9,296,963. While this may seem like a lot of

money, for an organization of our size and stature, it is far too small. Endowment best practices suggest that annual distributions from a healthy endowment should cover at least 20% of the annual operating budget. Our current Endowment balance covers only about 2.5% of annual operating expenses.

In light of the above, the Temple recently launched a campaign, BE The Future, to grow the Endowment by at least an additional \$18 million. We plan to achieve this goal by a combination of cash gifts and beguests to the Endowment.

Ensuring the growth of Temple Beth El's Endowment and ensuring the future sustainability of Temple Beth El are one and the same. If Temple Beth El is a meaningful part of your life, let it be a meaningful part of your legacy. To participate in the BE The Future campaign, please contact Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development at DHurwitch@tbeboca.org.



We hope you find this financial report card informative. It is not intended to be a detailed financial statement, but rather a high-level summary of our financial results from the 2023-2024 year.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our members, the generosity of our benefactors, and the hard work of our incredible staff. **Temple Beth El remains** on solid financial footing. The 2023-2024 year was another successful one and we are blessed with the good fortune of having such a strong and supportive Jewish community in **Boca Raton. We greatly** appreciate your support.

For more information about the Temple's finances, please contact

Cindy Chieffo

Chief Financial Officer, at CChieffo@tbeboca.org

or

Steve Kaufman

Executive Director. at SKaufman@tbeboca.org and we will gladly answer your questions.



Lunch &Learn

MUSSAR: A JEWISH APPROACH TO MINDFULNESS WITH RABBI AMY PESSAH

Tuesdays, November 12, 19, 26 12:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

Mussar is a spiritual approach that helps us become our best selves by refining specific character traits. Through studying Jewish texts, journaling, chanting, and meditation, we gain tools for personal and spiritual growth. Join Rabbi Amy Pessah for a three-part Mussar series where we will explore the origins of Mussar, its connection to mindfulness, and how to incorporate this practice into your life.

SHINE A NEW LIGHT ON CHANUKAH WITH RABBI LAILA HAAS

Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17 12:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

SESSION ONE: The Light of Resistance: Chanukah's History and the Maccabees

SESSION TWO: Illuminating Miracles

SESSION THREE: Spiritual Light in the Darkness: The Menorah and its Significance

Explore the deep spiritual and historical dimensions of the Festival of Light. Through examining the themes of resistance, miracles, and the power of light

amidst darkness, we will uncover new layers of meaning of the holiday and its rituals.



INTERFAITH

Thanksgiving Seder

Hosted By The Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association

Monday, November 18, 2024 • 7:00pm St. Gregory's Episcopal Church 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432

Thanksgiving is a time to recognize the blessings we have received and show our gratitude. All are invited to join the many houses of worship in Boca Raton gathered together for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Seder. We will share reflections on appreciating our gifts through symbolic foods and meaningful questions, and hear from the faith leaders of our community, including Temple Beth El's clergy.

No cost to attend. Learn more at tbeboca.org/interfaith





EARLY LEARNING CENTER



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

In a heartwarming continuation of tradition, the Beth El Early Learning Center has been witnessing a unique legacy for quite a few years now...parents who once attended our school as students themselves now returning as they enroll their own children. This shared

experience creates a very special bond between families, our school and the larger Temple Beth El community. It blends their nostalgia and fond memories with fresh beginnings.

For parents, this return is often filled with cherished thoughts of their own early education. While the Beck Family Campus is in a different location, the familiar feelings of love, kindness and

belonging are familiar. Seeing long time staff and classroom setups reminiscent of their childhood instills a sense of pride and deep connection to our synagogue. Our Early Learning Center is more than just a school - it is a multigenerational anchor in our Temple Beth El community.

This legacy creates a tight-knit community where both parents and children feel rooted. Parents, having first-hand knowledge of our synagogue culture, trust our values and practices, knowing that their children are stepping into an environment that nurtured them. It is their family's second home.

Temple Beth El also benefits from this legacy. This continuity feeds our mission and values.

> Long-term relationships with families foster deeper engagement and involvement. Our legacy families enrich the preschool experience for all our students and help continue to build our incredible synagogue community by weaving together the past and present to create a sense of belonging, tradition, and pride. They help us continue to protect our future by honoring our past.





NOVEMBER		
Tuesday, November 12	Bagels with My Buddy for 4 years old classes	9:30am
Wednesday, November 13	Bagels with My Buddy for 2 years old classes	9:30am
Thursday, November 14	Bagels with My Buddy for 3 years old classes	9:30am
Thursday, November 14	Bagels with My Buddy for Childcare students	3:30pm
Monday-Tuesday, November 25-26	Thanksgiving Celebrations for Students	
Wednesday-Friday, November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break- No School	
DECEMBER		
Friday, December 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)	
Monday-Friday, December 16-20	Scholastic Book Fair	
Tuesday, December 17	Chanukah Show for 4 years old classes	10:00am
Wednesday, December 18	Chanukah Sing Along for 2 years old classes	10:00am
Thursday, December 19	Chanukah Show for 3 years old classes	10:00am
Thursday, December 19	Chanukah Celebrations for Childcare	3:30pm
Monday, December 23 –Tuesday, December 31	Winter Break No School	
PARENTHOOD		
Wednesday, November 20	Parenthood Meeting	9:30am
Thursday, November 21	Guys' Night Out	
Wednesday, December 11	Parenthood Meeting	7:30pm
TOT SHABBAT		
Friday, November 22	Be Thankful Tot Shabbat – Pizza Dinner and Service	6:00pm

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



HEATHER EREZ
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The demands on our teens are limitless. To get ahead these days, they need not only top grades in every high school class, but also need college classes under their belts, leadership positions, fellowships, competitions, sports experiences (playing, not watching), volunteer hours, ambassadorships, and the list goes on. How is there time to focus on their spiritual selves, their Jewish roots and heritage? We have seen

the struggle for our students to continue their Jewish education post-B'nai Mitzvah. However, we are continuing to make it our priority to innovate new ideas that will engage our teens, while recognizing that their paths to a successful future are already looking different than ours did.

After COVID, we introduced Beyachad Teen, a program for teens in grades 8-12 and their parents to meet monthly for Sunday night dinners focused on meaningful discussions. Our goal was to create an engaging yet manageable experience with eight sessions, recognizing that families with teens often lack dedicated time for in-depth conversations about relevant philosophical and values-based topics. This format allowed for small group learning with our clergy, making Sunday evenings both enjoyable and insightful. Thus far, topics have included mental health, social media footprints, finding your spiritual soul, Jews in the Civil



Rights movements and today, ethical decision-making and Israel, the history and today.

This year, we've partnered with American Jewish University to offer a college course option in our Tuesday night program. Recognizing that students felt overwhelmed with the need to accumulate dual enrollment credits, we aimed to create a balance by providing valuable Jewish content while allowing them to earn 3 college credits for their applications. Boca Raton high schools are also accepting these credits as electives. We're fortunate to have Rabbi Greg teaching "Introduction to Community Dialogue," using a curriculum provided by AJU. In this course, students are exploring various philosophies and methodologies for fostering community engagement, centered around the concept of makhloket I'shem shamayim, or "Argument for the Sake of Heaven." Rylie Cohen, a junior, said "It is a great opportunity to learn more about how Judaism connects to both modern day and past situations. It's also a good chance to partake in more college credits

while in high school, which will help me in the long run."

For more information, please visit tbeboca.org/religious-school/teen-engagement/







Teen Songleading Collective

WITH CANTOR JAKE HARRIS

Rehearsals on Tuesdays, 5:30pm – 7:00pm Beck Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/teen-music

All musical teens are welcome to join the collective. Topics covered will include guitar fundamentals, basics of singing, and building community through music. Be a leader in our community and receive community service hours for your contribution. Dinner will be served.

B'nai Mitzvah



Logan Burke



Kiley Marsh



Chase Korn



Dylan Korn



Hannah Sheinfeld



Amy Stern



Pierce Midwall



Jordana Fina



Liora Cohen



Lavi Rotter

Logan Burke Daughter of Lysa Long Burke and John Burke z"l November 2, 2024 at 11:30am

Kiley Marsh Daughter of Julie and Lee Marsh November 2, 2024 at 5:30pm

Chase Korn Son of Dr. Matthew and Jennifer Korn November 16, 2024 at 5:30pm

Dylan Korn

Son of Dr. Matthew and Jennifer Korn November 16, 2024 at 5:30pm

Hannah Sheinfeld Daughter of Liliana and Aaron Sheinfeld November 23, 2024 at 6:00pm

Amy Stern Daughter of Mimi and Avi Stern December 7, 2024 at 5:00pm

Pierce Midwall Son of Jonathan and Christine Midwall December 14, 2024 at 11:30am

Jordana Fina Daughter of Jeff and Brooke Fina December 21, 2024 at 9:00am

Liora Cohen Daughter of Michelle and Yaniv Cohen December 21, 2024 at 11:30am

Lavi Rotter Son of Lee and Izzy Rotter December 30, 2024 (In Israel)

Raising Responsible and Competent Teens

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7:00pm **Beck Family Campus**

Getting Teenagers Connected

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:00pm **Beck Family Campus** The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® understands that every parent has unique needs and offers a variety of options for parenting support, allowing you to choose what works best for your family. The seminars are informal and focus on common challenges, such as encouraging responsible behavior, enhancing family relationships, navigating



independence, and managing school or social situations. Parents can attend one or both sessions to find strategies that resonate with you.

SISTERHOOD UPDATE



BY LESLIE VISELMAN SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT Sisterhood@tbeboca.org

As we approach the end of the year, the Beth El Sisterhood reflects on the importance of community, gratitude, and the spirit of giving. Our recent activities have been centered around celebrating these values and strengthening the bonds that make our group so special.

In September, we kicked off our year with the inspirational event, Conversation and Connection, where we heard heartfelt words from Rabbi Laila Haas about her journey to the rabbinate. It was heartwarming to see

our sisters come together to celebrate new friendships, bonds and the importance of Jewish sisterhood.

From our upcoming events and celebrating our temple's Momentum group as they prepare for Israel, let us remember the importance of community, tradition, and the light that each of us brings to the world. May this season be filled with peace, joy, and togetherness.

Wishing you all a Happy Chanukah and a peaceful holiday season!

ROSH CHODESH DOES ANYBODY HAVE A MAP?

Using Jewish Teachings and Prayer as a Road Map to **Understanding Ourselves and** the World Around Us

One Sunday a Month from 9:15am - 11:00am December 1, January 5, February 2. March 2, April 20, May 25 Morikami Park Lake Biwa **Pavillion**

Please register at

tbeboca.org/rosh-chodesh

Rosh Chodesh. literally translated as, "the new month," has lona been considered a holidav gifted to women -

when we take time to focus on our own personal growth. Join us to connect with other women, grow and reflect on the month that has passed, breathe, and give yourself the gift of time to focus your intentions for the month ahead. All women are welcome and refreshments will be served.



Join us for

Temple

Annual Luncheon Nourish & Nosh

Self-Care Redefined with Erica Diamond

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Auction 10 am Luncheon 12 pm Boutique 10 am - 3 pm





Erica Diamond

On a global mission to redefine self-care, Erica Diamond is a soughtafter Media Expert, Professional Speaker, Bestselling Author of List Your Goals Journal and Host of The Erica Diamond Podcast.

Erica has been named to the coveted list of The Top 20 Women in Canada, FORBES Magazine's Top 100 Sites for Women and a Profit Hot 50 Canadian company. Erica is a busy mom of two boys, 'bad cook,' and new drummer!

For more information, to buy tickets & sponsorships scan the QR code.



Look for your invite in the mail! Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

BROTHERHOOD UPDATE



JOE GUDEMA
AND MICHAEL KIEFFER
BROTHERHOOD
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BROTHERHOOD SPEAKER SERIES

Susan Levin-Abir, American Technion Society

Thursday, November 21, 2024 • 7:30pm Schaefer Family Campus \$18 per person

Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood

Get a behind-the-scenes look at how commercial applications are protecting Israel in the current conflict. Dinner and beverages included.



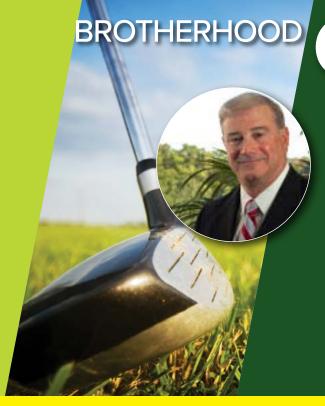
Brotherhood Family Bowling Bonanza

Sunday, December 15, 2024 • 1:00pm - 3:00pm Bowlero, 21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33486 \$18 per adult or teen, \$10 per child ages 6-12 Prices increase \$10 per person as of December 2, 2024 Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood

Strikes, spares and smiles abound as you hit the lanes with friends. Lunch and beverages served with football on big screens too!

Congratulations YOU'RE IN!

Your Temple Beth El membership includes automatic membership in Brotherhood, so take advantage of all Brotherhood has to offer today!



GOLF OUTING

Honoring TOM KAPLAN

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 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
- Player Gift
- · 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 and Sponsorships at tbebrotherhoodgolf.com

Donations & Dedications as of July 16 - September 15, 2024

Annual Giving

Liliana Abramson

Julie Adelman

Jack Appel

Barbara Arnold

Shelly Auslander

Debbie & Chas Averbook

Joan Bader

Max Baran

Stephania & Matthew Baratz

Rachel & Joshua Baron

Leslie & Michael Baron

Marilyn & Stanley Barry

Stan Bass

Patty Beck & Martin Rubenstein

Debbi & Stu Becker

Judith Beiner

Steven Belson

Marjorie Berg

Alexandra Paroulek-Bergbauer &

Michael Bergbauer

Bobbi Berlin

Mollye & Glen Berngard

Ellen & David Bernstein

Reve Block

Susan Bloom

Laurie & Glenn Borden

Miriam Boshes

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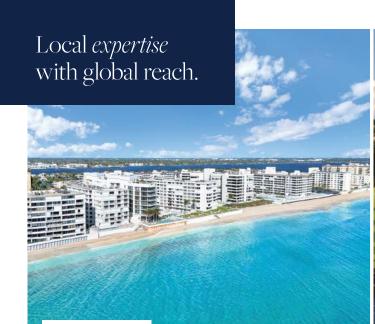






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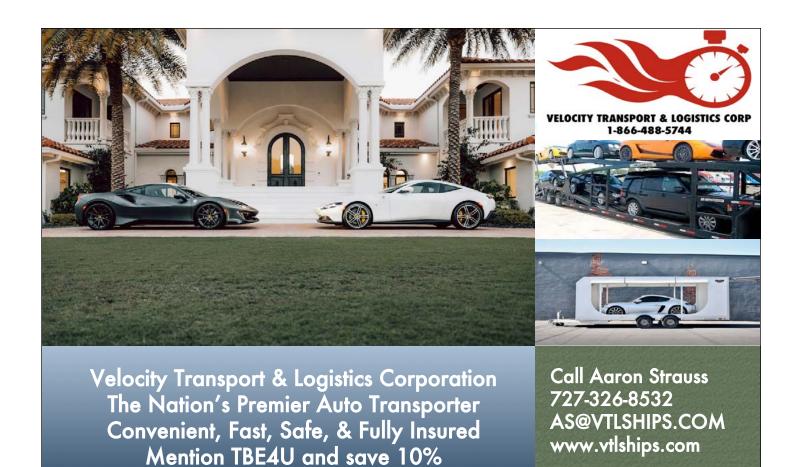
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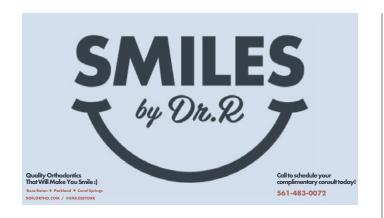
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