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Resilience and Renewal

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN
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“You cannot change the wind, but you can adjust the sails.”

—Elizabeth Edwards

When I was in sixth grade, our class hopped on a school bus for a week of what they called “outdoor education.” The bus pulled into a camp, and we spent the week getting muddy in the great outdoors.

One day, each of us was handed a compass. With a map and a few friends, we had to use our compass to navigate in the woods to get through a scavenger hunt. It was called “orienteering.”

I remember how easy it was to get turned around — how we would walk for a bit, and then stop and check our compass to make sure we were on the right path.

Life is a game of spiritual orienteering. As we

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make our way along our journeys in life, we have to take time to stop, check our compass, and make sure we're heading in the right direction.

It's very easy in life to get turned around, to lose sight of where you thought you were headed. Careers don't always follow the path we planned. Our marriages sometimes stumble over bumpy ground. Raising children takes us on paths we never imagined. Illness and loss can make us disoriented. Disappointment can make us cynical. Anger can make us blind.

As the month of Elul comes and the New Year approaches, what does the sounding of the Shofar call us to do?

Rabbi Samuel Chiel explained, “I heard it from a lifeguard in California, from a young man who works as both a lifeguard and as a counselor at a camp: ‘Just as when you wander too far out into the deep water

I blow my whistle as a warning that you are getting into danger, so we blow the Shofar to remind us that we shouldn't wander away too far into deep water.’”

In some ways the Shofar calls us to return, to come back in when we've strayed too far.

But the Shofar is also a call for rebirth and renewal. Rosh HaShanah begins on the new moon, when the skies are dark and the light is hidden. It reminds us of the first moments of Creation, when the universe was also dark. Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, in his famous work called The Tanya, suggests that with the sounding of the Shofar, we call on God to restore light into our darkened world, a new light to help us see all that was once hidden for us.

The Shofar also reminds us of our days at Mount Sinai, when it was the call of the Shofar that called us to attention when God spoke to us all together as one and gave us the gift of Torah — all the values and principles, teachings and traditions that guide us along our path in life.

This is a time for renewal and reorientation. It is a time for us to stop, to check our maps and our compasses, and reassess our direction and our path. It is a time for us to restore our shaken commitments to the ethics and ideals that make us righteous and holy people. It is a time for us to seek a Divine Light that will point for us the way we should go and the way we should live.

It isn't easy. Many of us shoulder burdens that weigh us down and are so difficult to bear. But if we calibrate our moral compasses correctly, and we check the map of Torah and tradition, we will find our way back to each other, we will find the collective strength to become all we could dream to be, and will find that God will join us on our journey together.



New Season, New Energy



BY **GINA SHUGAR**
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Fall is a wonderful opportunity for renewal. With the start of a new school year and the High Holy Days just around the corner, it's filled with excitement and fresh beginnings.

If you're looking to renew personally as well, this Chronicle is chock full of opportunities to grow, connect and build the life you wish to have, one brick at a time. Take the time to read it entirely and just sign up. You won't regret it! Next, some updates from the governance perspective...

The Temple held our annual meeting in late May, where the membership approved the slate of our new Board of Trustees. There are currently 18 members on the Board of Trustees. We're excited to welcome some new faces. George Gonzalez has joined our board as VP of Finance, taking over from Josh Marcus, who deftly served in that position for two terms and remains on the board as a Trustee. George and his wife Stefanie have been Temple members since 2014. Additionally, Ignacio Diaz has joined as a Trustee. Ignacio and his wife Daniela have been part of our community

since 2014. A very warm welcome to George and Ignacio – we're looking forward to their contributions and insights.

Brooke Perez, previously a Trustee, is now our VP of Education, overseeing our religious school. Brooke has a unique perspective as a teacher in the religious school, and has a son who is currently in middle school. Kevin Romer, another former Trustee, steps into the role of VP of Social Justice. Kevin and his wife Lisajane have been members since 1996. Congratulations to Brooke and Kevin!

I have now completed the first year of my three-year term as President, and it's truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Temple Beth El is not only exceptional, but also a genuine community guided by love. I'm honored to serve, and please remember that I'm always here to help.

As President, one of my responsibilities is overseeing the creation and implementation of our strategic plan. The Board adopted our current 3-5 year plan in January 2024, and we're approximately 18 months into the process. I'm excited to share that we've made great progress in all four strategic areas:

Worship: We've introduced creative Shabbat worship experiences and engaging activities. This year, expect even more innovation during the High Holy Days. See pages 9-14 for more information.

Social Justice: Our Social Justice Committee is established, and we've formed Social Justice Circles focusing on 13 Core Positions identified by our task force. See pages 36-37 for more information and visit tbeboca.org/social-justice to find ways you can get involved.

Religious School Engagement: The Religious School and Engagement and Programming teams are actively working to integrate our religious school families more deeply into our broader Temple community.

Endowment: We've made substantial progress, but are still approximately \$10 million short of our \$36 million goal. Now, more than ever, it's crucial to secure the future of Temple Beth El and support Jewish continuity. I urge you to make a meaningful gift.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community. Here's to an inspiring and meaningful new season ahead!



Welcome to the Incoming Trustees and Officers for 2025-2026/5786



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A Year of Celebration and Transition in Our Temple Beth El Clergy and Music Team

After 28 years of devoted service to Temple Beth El, we share with heartfelt appreciation that Cantor Lori Brock will be transitioning into the role of Cantor Emerita in the summer of 2026. While she will step back from regularly leading services, Cantor Lori will continue to share her talent and creativity with our community and remain involved in select programs and life cycle events—recognizing her lasting impact and continued connection to Temple Beth El.

Cantor Brock has been an integral part of Temple Beth El's clergy team since 1997 and has served with great distinction as our Cantor and spiritual leader since 2006. Her voice, heart, and spiritual leadership have enriched our congregation in immeasurable ways. Her passionate creativity and tireless ingenuity have brought us programs that have grown our minds, her tender care has touched our hearts, and her music has lifted our spirits, in moments of anguish and celebration.

To ensure a thoughtful and seamless transition, a Cantor Search Committee has been formed and has begun the important work of identifying the next member of our clergy team to help guide us forward with vision and harmony.

As we prepare for this transition, we are also excited to share some updates to our outstanding music team. Michelle Auslander Cohen, who has faithfully served Temple Beth El for the past 10 years as Cantorial Soloist, has been elevated to the role of Senior Cantorial Associate. Michelle's warmth, talent, and commitment have made her a beloved presence in our services, lifecycle events, and community programs. She has nurtured our youngest members in our Early Learning Center, created new and innovative initiatives in adult spiritual growth, and built our volunteer singing groups and choirs. We are thrilled to recognize her expanded leadership within our music department.



Cantor Jake Harris will continue in his vital role, sharing his passion for Jewish music with our congregation and leading our youth and teen choirs with creativity, joy, and dedication.

We are also excited to welcome **Chris Mason** to our team. A talented music educator, cantorial student, and gifted spiritual musician, Chris will focus on leading music education initiatives and curriculum at both the Beth El Early Learning Center and the Religious School. In addition, Chris will lend his voice and presence as a Cantorial Soloist at our Schaefer Family Campus, bringing his energy and spirit to our congregational worship.

This coming year will be one of reflection, celebration, and evolution. We invite you to join us throughout the year as we pay tribute to Cantor Brock and embrace this meaningful journey together as one sacred community.



WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between March 25, 2025 and July 1, 2025. 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.

Jamie & Paul Adelson and their child, Seth	Marissa & Daniel Frankel and their child, Jayden	Alex Leguizamon & Lily Zaidman-Leguizamon and their child, Melanie	Stephen Sarasohn
Olga Zelzburg Alterman & Igor Alterman and their children, Alice & David	Abby & Robert Fraxedas and their children, Jacob & Emma	Fabrizio Levanti & Tal Almodovar and their children, Nicole & Aaron	Hank Schabot & Laura Berger
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Jules Balkin	Jay & Ronna Gershberg	Lorri Lomnitzer and her child, Jonathan	Heather Shatzkamer and her child, Grant
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Casey & Michael Blair and their child, Tyler	Amanda Kirzner & Matt Green and their children, Jonathan, Juliette, Savannah, Charlotte & Chloe	Kevin & Danielle Merker and their child, Carlie	Meghan & Bryan Stern and their children, Liam & Remi
Jenna Blechman-Blatt & Jacob Blatt and their child, Avi	Max & Rachel Greenblatt and their child, June	Edward & Anne Lynn Michaelson	Eric & Ali Strauss and their children, Spencer & Sydnie
Philip & Shaina Bottfeld and their children, Benjamin & Parker	Eileen Gruher	Melanie & Michael Miles and their children, Maverick & Mandy	Marla & Jonathan Swartz and their children, Cameron, Harrison & Landon
Stacey & Todd Breen	Eric Gutmann and his children, Max & Ari	Bill & Cara Moshinsky and their children, Evan & Josh	Mike & Perri Swift and their children, Cole, Landon & Jake
Leah Casimini Brennan and her child, John Anthony	Paul Haas	Jeffrey & Nicole Musaffi and their children, Greyson & Hudson	Stefanie & Harvey Uris
Caryn Dunayer & Kara Castaneda and their child, Alexander	Steve Hallerman	Janice & Michael Neider	Gavin Vargas & Jessica Nakash Vargas and their child, Kaia
Alan Cherry & Vicki Sarasohn	Liz Harbur and her child, Brielle	Hope O'Conor	Edan & Alina Vidoser and their child, Roy
Alison Chrisman and her child, Maxwell	Jessica & Gregory Jaffe and their children, Ryder & Hazel	Cicely Parada and her child, Christoff	Sherri Chester & Jason Volk and their children, Hunter, Avery & Sawyer
Chuck & Nancy Clarvit	Marlene Janay	Yuriy Pasinichenko & Yanina Lumelskaya and their child, Benjamin	Ryan & Cara Wagner and their children, Lila & Zoey
Mark & Kara Cohen and their children, Ryan & Arielle	Ryan & Amanda Joseph and their child, Noemie	Matthew & Alexandria Paul and their children, Anderson & Maddox	Joan & Leonard Weill
Ron Cohen & Kim Sandler and their child, Hana	Alissa & Andrew Kamhi and their child, Oliver	Stephen & Samantha Pedersen and their child, Silas	Ross & Jamie Weiner and their child, Madison
Evan & Christina Davis and their children, William & Nathaniel	Carol Katz	Daniel & Lauren Peltz and their children, Avery & Parker	Alison & Donald Weiss
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Alec & Alissa DeNorchia and their child, Luca	Davina Kirschenbaum & Robert Katzwer and their child, Lily	Glenn Pollack & Cynthia Goodman	Irwin & Suzi Wolfe
Maurice Douek	Zachary & Samantha Kayser and their children, Griffin & Olivia	Robin & Gary Post	Ashley & Matthew Wolfson and their children, Jaxon & Charlie
Fernanda Souza & Andrew Enfield and their child, Emma	Gayle Kirschenbaum & Mildred Kirschenbaum	Eric & Juliet Ray and their children, Sydney & Ella	Danielle & Jordan Yeffet and their child, Logan
Steven & Valerie Feder and their children, Preston & Hudson	Joshua & Jessica Knopf and their child, Max	Coley & Jared Rosenfeld and their children, Ben & Max	Scott & Anashay Zunick and their children, Ari & Noah
Lauren & Rich Feldman and their children, Sloan & Darren	Jennifer & Alex Kulik and their children, Zachary, Ronan & Everett	Benjamin Roy & Jordyn Zucker and their child, Owen	
Brian & Hara Fischbein and their children, Vivian, Brielle & Ethan	Allison Lazarus and her child, Madison	Gary & Chelsea Saka and their child, Ethan	

Open House For Prospective Members

Thursday, August 21 | 4:00 - 7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

We're excited to welcome the community to our beautiful east Boca Raton location - a vibrant center of Jewish life. Members, please invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy an inspiring experience.

- Meet our warm & welcoming clergy, staff and volunteers
- Tour the campus and explore our extraordinary Judaic art installations (with optional exclusive tour by an Art Docent)
- Discover what makes Temple Beth El truly one-of-a-kind

Sign up today to tour, schmooze, and receive a special gift! Register at tbeboca.org/open-house

Membership & Engagement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

All members passionate about building community and connections are invited to attend. Join us to discover how you can get involved in helping members connect with the temple and with each other.



Register at tbeboca.org/membership-engagement

For questions, please contact Elinor Josephson at

EJosephson@tbeboca.org.

SAVE
THE
DATES

5786 AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 10

Religious School's "Meet the Teacher"

Friday, September 5

Welcome Back Blue Jeans Shabbat Service & Dinner

Monday, October 6

Congregational Sukkot Harvest Dinner Honoring Chai & New Members

Monday, October 13

Erev Simchat Torah:
Consecration Service, Pizza &
NOVA Dance Party

Sunday, November 2

Senior Cantorial Associate Michelle Auslander Cohen in Concert

Sunday, November 16

Sisterhood Game Day

Thursday, November 20

Israel Bonds Reception

Friday, December 19

Chanukah Shabbat & Celebration

Sunday, December 21

The Giving Tree Gift Delivery

Saturday, January 24

Early Learning Center Family Fun Day

Monday, January 26

Brotherhood Golf Outing: Honoring Rabbi Greg Weisman

Friday, January 30

Shabbat Shira featuring the Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra

Sunday, February 1

New Member Meet & Greet

Thursday, February 5

Benefactor Appreciation Event

Sunday, February 22

Cantor Lori Brock & Friends in Concert

Monday, March 2

Erev Purim Spiel with Special Guest Barclay Performing Arts

Sunday, March 8

Sisterhood Luncheon

Wednesday, March 25

Spice Up Your Seder with the Spice Detective

Thursday, April 2

Passover Second Night Seder

Saturday, April 11

Beth El Bash: Honoring Cantor Lori Brock

Friday, April 24

Confirmation & Senior Graduation/Yom HaAtzmaut

Blue & White
Blue Jeans
Israel Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, April 24

Project Nuremberg Lawyers Luncheon

Sunday, April 26

Religious School Confirmation

Sunday, May 3

Musical Ensembles Concert

Sunday, May 10

Brotherhood Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 17
Early Learning Center
Pre-K Graduation



We Invite You to Celebrate the High Holy Days with Us



NEW
SERVICE
OPTIONS
THIS
YEAR!



► **All High Holy Day services will be held at the Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus!**

Many services will be held simultaneously in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. The Chapel will also hold additional special services this year on Yom Kippur. Tickets are required. There are NO services at FAU.

The Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary and the Beck Family Chapel are both at the Schaefer Family Campus.

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Congregational Worship

Tickets are required for these meaningful Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services. Services will be held at **Temple Beth El** in both the **Sanctuary** and the **Chapel**.

See page 13 for a complete service schedule, including which services are available on various channels of Virtual Beth El.

Family Participation Services

The Family Participation Service includes family-friendly liturgy and a festive, participatory environment.

The service is for families with children ages 8 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and will be a meaningful High Holy Day experience for all.

Services will be held at 1:30pm on Rosh HaShanah and 1:45pm on Yom Kippur at

Temple Beth El.

Tickets are required.

Young Children's Services

The Young Children's Service is for families with children 8 and under, and is filled with music, story and our famous High Holy Day skits.

Services will be held at 4:00pm on Rosh HaShanah and 9:00am on Yom Kippur. **All services are at The Schaefer Family Campus.** Tickets are not required, but registration is requested.

Visit **tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2025** for service times and to register.

Visit **tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2025** for more information and tickets.



The Rabbi Merle E. Singer Sanctuary and the Beck Family Chapel are both at the Schaefer Family Campus.

Candlelight Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30pm

Beck Family Chapel at the Schaefer Family Campus

Please see full High Holy Day Schedule on page 13.



"The candle of God is the soul of a person, revealing all the chambers within."

— Proverbs 20:27

Hundreds of flickering candles will illuminate the Beck Family Chapel at the Schaefer Family Campus and the haunting melodies of Kol Nidre will stir your soul. The strings of the harp and cello will lead us on a path to forgiveness, igniting the Divine spark within.

Limited seating ensures an intimate and personal experience for all who join us.



Yom Kippur Morning in a Garden of Reflection

Thursday, October 2 at 10:30am

Beck Family Chapel at the Schaefer Family Campus

Please see full High Holy Day Schedule on page 13.

"May it be my custom, each day, to be among all growing things and there may I enter into prayer, to talk with the One to whom I belong."

— Rebbe Nachman

Join us for a soulful Yom Kippur morning as we transform our Beck Family Chapel at the Schaefer Family Campus into a garden of reflection. Inspired by nature's beauty, we will explore pathways towards growth and renewal. Our service will nurture the spirit through soulful music, thoughtful intentions, and opportunities for personal reflection.

Limited seating ensures an intimate and personal experience for all who join us.

We have limited capacity for these special Yom Kippur Services, and we want as many people as possible to be able to experience them. Therefore, you may only sign up for either Candlelight Kol Nidre or Yom Kippur Morning in a Garden of Reflection.

Feeding the Hungry

1 in 6 children go to bed hungry in South Florida. Our congregation is humbled to respond to the call.

High Holy Day Food Drive is generously underwritten by Michelle Merson in memory of her parents, Bob and Arlene Merson z"l

Please join us once again to donate food during the High Holy Days to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Nutritious, non-perishable groceries are requested, including cereal, pastas, rice, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter and jelly. NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Drop-off dates and times are listed on the website, or donate directly to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code.



Sisterhood Honey Sale

Looking for a sweet way to wish family and friends a Shanah Tovah? This year, Sisterhood is delighted to offer beautifully packaged jars of locally sourced honey — a meaningful and delicious gift to celebrate the New Year.

See page 42 for more information.

High Holy Day Tickets

TICKETING IS OPEN NOW!

This year, due to seating capacity, we are only offering Member and Guest of Member tickets. Guest of Member tickets are extremely limited and are expected to sell out.

tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2025/tickets

Ticketing After you register for tickets online, you will receive a confirmation email. Your QR code tickets will be emailed to you a few days before services. Please bring your QR code—either printed or saved on your phone—to be scanned at the door for entry. If you have difficulty registering for tickets, please call 561-247-4714 during office hours and we will be happy to assist.



All High Holy Day services will be held at the Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus with updated times!

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Ticket Details

High Holy Day tickets are complimentary with your Temple Beth El membership for you and those ages 26 and under listed on your account.

Guest of Member tickets are \$100, per person per holiday
(Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur)



Honor and Remembrance Tributes

You will receive a separate email to place Honor or Remembrance Tributes in the Tribute booklet.

Deadline for submitting tributes for the printed Tribute Journal is Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Important Service Reminders

- Seating Policy:** You may reserve seats until 5 minutes after the service begins. After that time, unoccupied seats may be filled by others.
- Dress Comfortably:** The Sanctuary and Chapel can be chilly. We recommend bringing a light jacket or sweater to stay comfortable during services.

Help is
always
available

Need Help?

If you have trouble registering online, we will be happy to help you. Please contact Debbie Eisenberg at DEisenberg@tbeboca.org or **561-247-4714** to help with ticketing or for general information regarding High Holy Day tickets.

If you are a Temple member and need assistance logging into ShulCloud, please contact Janice Odesnik, Database Manager at Jodesnik@tbeboca.org or **561-314-2814**.



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*For the latest information
and updates, please visit
tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2025*

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HOLY
DAYS**

ALL SERVICES ARE AT TEMPLE BETH EL UNLESS NOTED BELOW

SERVICE SCHEDULE		TIME	LOCATION	TICKETS REQUIRED
SELICHOT				
Saturday, September 13	Selichot	7:00pm	Temple Beth El	NO (registration requested)
ROSH HASHANAH				
Monday, September 22	Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*	7:30pm	Sanctuary	NO
Tuesday, September 23	Rosh HaShanah Congregational Worship Morning Service*	10:00am	Sanctuary & Chapel	YES
Tuesday, September 23	Rosh HaShanah Family Participation Service* (for families with children 8-12)	1:30pm	Sanctuary	YES
Tuesday, September 23	Rosh HaShanah Young Children's Service* (for families with children under 8)	4:00pm	Sanctuary	NO (registration requested)
Wednesday, September 24	Rosh HaShanah Second Day Congregational Worship Morning Service*	10:00am	Sanctuary	NO
TASHLICH				
Saturday, September 27	Tashlich	9:00am	Reverse Tashlich Beach Cleanup	
KEVER AVOT				
Sunday, September 28	Kever Avot	12:45pm	Beth El Mausoleum & Eternal Light Memorial Gardens	
YOM KIPPUR				
Wednesday, October 1	Yom Kippur Congregational Worship Kol Nidre Service*	7:30pm	Sanctuary	YES
Wednesday, October 1	Yom Kippur Candlelight Kol Nidre Service	7:30pm	Chapel	YES AND EXTREMELY LIMITED
Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur Young Children's Service* (for families with children under 8)	9:00am	Sanctuary	NO (registration requested)
Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur Congregational Worship Morning Service*	10:30am	Sanctuary	YES
Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur Morning in a Garden of Reflection	10:30am	Chapel	YES AND EXTREMELY LIMITED
Thursday, October 2	Wisdom From Our Tradition: A Text Study with Rabbi Dan Levin	1:15pm	Chapel	NO
Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur Family Participation Service* (for families with children 8-12)	1:45pm	Sanctuary	YES
Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur Service of Healing and Renewal	2:30pm	Chapel	NO
Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur Yizkor & Afternoon Service*	4:00pm	Sanctuary	NO

A Focus on Elul

Sacred Space for Sacred Preparation

Tuesdays, August 26, September 2, 9, 16

1:00 – 2:00pm

Thursdays, August 28, September 4, 11, 18

6:00 – 7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

The month of Elul is traditionally a time of spiritual preparation—40 days to ready our souls for the New Year.

As we journey through Elul, on Tuesdays and Thursdays our sacred space and our ark doors will be open, and your clergy will be waiting for you. Offer your own words of prayer and your hopes for the year ahead.

Sit in the space, breathe deeply, and let feeling of holiness surround you. Sometimes the most profound preparation happens in stillness.

Come Alone. Come with Family.

Come with a Friend.



An Elul Immersion (*Mikveh*) Ritual at The Beach

With Rabbi Laila Haas

Saturday, September 13

9:30am

South Beach Park Pavilion

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we gather at the ocean to immerse ourselves in the renewing and rejuvenating embrace of mayyim chayyim, living waters. This sacred act symbolizes our spiritual cleansing and readiness to begin a new year.

We will participate in a Shabbat experience with song and prayer connecting us to the themes of introspection, repentance, and renewal and then enter the water together.

Wear a bathing suit or clothing that is comfortable to wear into the ocean.

We will meet at the South Beach Park Pavilion at 9:30am.

Want to ride together? Meet at the Schaefer Family Campus at 9:00am to park and carpool together

Register at tbeboca.org/mikveh

SEPTEMBER
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A Journey Through Elul

With Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah

Tuesdays,

September 2, 9 and 16

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus
and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

Just as musicians prepare for a big performance and athletes prepare to run a marathon, we, as Jews, are gifted the opportunity to take the month of Elul, which precedes the High Holy Days, to prepare ourselves and our souls for this holy time of year. Join Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah as she leads us on a transformative journey of reflection, renewal, and connection. This three-part series offers a structured path to deepen your spiritual preparation, drawing from Jewish tradition and contemporary insights, focusing on the ideas of awakening, teshuvah, tzedakah, and connection to the Divine.



Many Hands One Heart

2025-2026 TEMPLE BETH EL *Annual Appeal*



When we come together with love and support, we transform the lives of those in need. Temple Beth El's Annual Appeal is the moment when we give what we can for those who can't— where our many hands perform the heavy lift of seemingly insurmountable obstacles that so many of our members face every day.

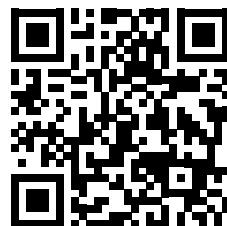
Torah teaches us that tzedakah is an act of righteousness and compassion – more than just the giving of money, but a sacred responsibility to support others in need and make a positive impact on their lives.

The Annual Appeal is a beautiful form of direct support. It's never "charity from strangers," but rather "love from neighbors." Through your meaningful support of this campaign, you are placing a hand on a vulnerable member's shoulder and saying, *"You're not alone. You matter to us because YOU ARE US. We won't let you fall."*

**Temple Beth El's Annual Appeal goes beyond addressing challenges.
Through our many hands, it doesn't just solve problems...**

It heals.

This year, it will take many hands for us to reach our Annual Campaign goal of \$500,000 – a milestone that will allow us to provide scholarships & financial assistance for more than 500 member households who will need our support for Congregational Commitment, Religious School tuition, Early Learning Center tuition and financial crisis intervention.



To make your gift to the Annual Appeal, please scan the code or visit tbeboca.org/annual-appeal

Selichot

Marking Our Place in the Book of Life

Saturday, September 13 | 7:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

On the High Holy Days we pray to be inscribed in the Book of Life, Sefer Chayim, for blessing and well-being. Together, we will learn the meaning behind Sefer HaChayim and how it weaves its way into the pages of our lives today. In a beautiful ritual of renewal, we'll change the Torah covers and enter the Sanctuary for a Selichot service filled with soulful music and heartfelt prayer with singers, instrumentalists and the Temple Beth El clergy team. The evening will conclude with light refreshments.

Register at tbeboca.org/selichot

Sukkot Harvest Dinner

HONORING CHAI AND NEW MEMBERS

Monday, October 6

6:00pm Erev Sukkot Service

7:00pm Harvest Dinner catered by Artisan Foods

Schaefer Family Campus

We are so delighted to honor our **Chai Members** - those who have been part of our Temple Beth El family as members for 18 years or more - and welcome our

New Members who have recently joined our community.

Join us for a meaningful Erev Sukkot service, followed by a festive dinner. A special blessing will be offered to both our Chai and New Members as we celebrate the holiday and strength of our community.

All are welcome to attend this special Sukkot service and dinner!

Members: \$38 per adult, \$18 per child ages 4-12

Guests of Members: \$43 per adult, \$22 per child ages 4-12

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of Friday, September 26.

Registration closes

Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00 pm.

Register at tbeboca.org/sukkot



WE WILL DANCE AGAIN

COMMEMORATING THE 3RD HEBREW ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER 7TH



Simchat Torah

Monday, October 13

6:00pm Service and Consecration

7:00pm Pizza Oneg and

Nova Dance Party

Schaefer Family Campus

At our Simchat Torah service, we will celebrate the consecration of our newest Religious School students, bless the babies born closest to this sacred day, and unroll the entire Torah scroll.

Following the service, we will dance the Torahs into Milestone Hall, for a spirited party modeled after the Nova Festival, a powerful testament to resilience and the promise that "we will dance again.

Simchat Torah

Morning Festival Service

Tuesday, October 14

10:30am

Schaefer Family Campus

SENIOR CANTORIAL ASSOCIATE
MICHELLE AUSLANDER COHEN
IN CONCERT

DIVINE INSPIRATION



**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS
— 7:00PM —**

Come and enjoy the beautiful voice of our Senior Cantorial Associate, Michelle Auslander Cohen, in "Divine Inspiration," a concert showcasing stunning opera arias, emotive Broadway songs, and heartfelt Jewish liturgical music. This powerful blend of genres guarantees a memorable experience that will leave you feeling connected, enriched, and inspired.



Michelle welcomes esteemed tenor Gerard Ortega to join her in this wonderful evening. Mr. Ortega is Artistic Administrator of the Downtowner Concert Series and Director of Music at First Church Miami, and three-time Miami Individual Artist Award Winner of the Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs as a performer, composer, and recording artist. His recent stage credits include debuts with New Orleans Opera as Arturo in *Lucia di Lammermoor* and Orchestra Miami's *The Road of Promise*.

\$100
Reserved
Benefactor
Seating

\$36 Preferred

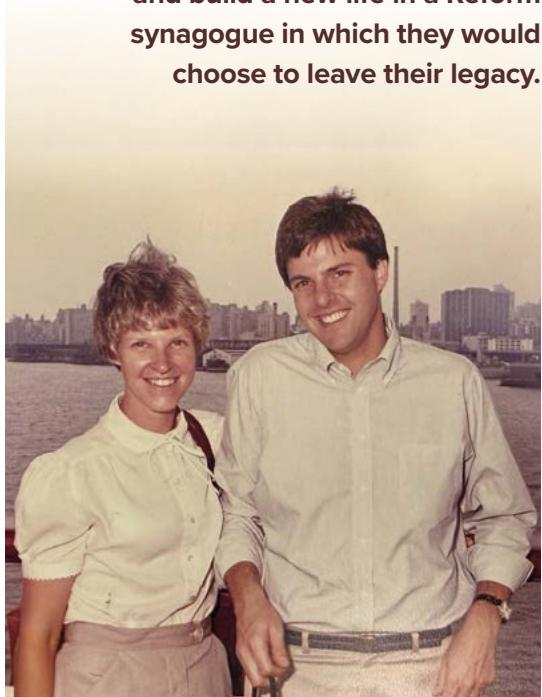
\$18 General

\$10 Student

Register at
tbeboca.org/divine

FROM Lutheran Gatherings TO Legacy Giving

The Ivers' journey to Temple Beth El starts and ends similarly for many of our members. They started their lives up north and found their way to Boca. For Joel and Susan, the similarities end there. We sat down with Susan and Joel to dive deeper into their journey and find out what inspired an interfaith couple to move from the Unitarian Church and build a new life in a Reform synagogue in which they would choose to leave their legacy.



AN INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN & JOEL IVERS

Where did you two meet?

SUSAN: We met in 1973 in the graduate dormitory cafeteria of Indiana University. Two years later, we were married in the university's Beck Chapel (no relation, but definitely a foreshadow of things to come). Our union, performed by a Unitarian minister, was attended by both families; Joel's being observantly Jewish and mine Lutheran and central to my identity.

How did religion play a role early in your marriage?

JOEL: After relocating to Cincinnati, it was our hope that perhaps the Unitarian Church could be a place for our religious views to converge. We attended services, but it never felt like the right fit. After sunsetting the Unitarian approach, we welcomed our daughter, Sarah, in 1979 and son, Scott, in 1982. During this time, Susan joined a Lutheran Church, while both Susan and I became active members at Rockdale Temple.

Tell us about the "Bat Mitzvah that changed it all."

JOEL: It wasn't until a Bat Mitzvah in 1987 that our journey began to change. Arriving a few minutes late for the service (if you know us, you won't find that surprising), the only seats available were front and center. Our son, Scott, was mesmerized by the service, the tradition and the entire experience. Immediately following, Scott looked at us and said, "I want to be Jewish like my Daddy." Thus began our family's Reform Jewish experience at Rockdale and Isaac Mayer Wise Temples, through membership, religious school, B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation. All three of our children, and now our grandchildren, would follow suit and continue after we relocated to Boca.

OPPOSITE Susan and Joel Ivers
RIGHT Susan and Joel Ivers with their children
Scott, Sarah and Allison in 1992

What made you choose Temple Beth El?

SUSAN: A Mausoleum Party.

Well, that's a first. Can you go a little deeper on that?

JOEL: In the building in which we live, we had made friends with an interfaith couple who had purchased a Beth El Mausoleum crypt. They invited us to a reception and a cocktail party for mausoleum purchasers, for everyone to "get to know their future forever neighbors." The event was wonderful, and all the clergy introduced themselves and were like no other clergy we had met before. Michelle Cohen performed and we remember bonding with her over our mutual alumni status at Indiana University. We knew we had found our new spiritual home.

Susan, you recently converted to Judaism. Why did you decide to convert after all these years?

SUSAN: I had been immersed in Judaism for over 45 years prior to converting, but truly becoming a "Jew by choice" was a journey that culminated at Temple Beth El. I was becoming a Jew with every passing Holy Day and holiday celebration, from preparing the meals passed down from my Jewish mother-in-law to hearing and feeling the emotions of Kol Nidre and experiencing the deeply meaningful celebrations of each and every Jewish milestone for our family. My Jewish journey is a montage that is long and wide, and one that I was still discovering when we joined Beth El. I chose conversion through Temple Beth El's Rabbis, Cantors and



the community as a whole welcoming me with open arms and hearts. If we didn't find Temple Beth El, I am not sure I would have ever converted. The genuine interest in caring exhibited by everyone at Beth El, combined with the camaraderie of temple friends has made a world of difference and paved the way for me to embark on this new "officially Jewish" beginning.

What inspired you to make a lead gift to the BE The Future Endowment Campaign?

JOEL: The community that Temple Beth El creates is like none other. The clergy and professional staff work tirelessly to deliver inclusive and exceptional Jewish experiences, not just on the Holy Days, but 365 days a year. We were blown away the first time we attended services. Rabbi Dan made it a point to introduce himself and engage with us. We didn't just feel welcomed, we felt appreciated and wanted - an overwhelming experience that we had not always felt at the two synagogues we were at prior. In Cincinnati - we were both involved and celebrated our children's

milestones there, but Susan was not inspired to convert. We never felt the same connections and didn't create the bonds of love we've created here.

Other people, future members of the community whom we have never met or may never meet, deserve that same opportunity to come in from the outside and feel the embrace we felt.

We want the community to always be as strong, inclusive and welcoming as we have it now.

SUSAN: Supporting the BE The Future Campaign is our way of ensuring that Temple Beth El can be the incredible community it is today long into the future. If we all chip in and do our part, we can make sure current and future generations, despite their financial circumstances, will be able to have Temple Beth El as their house of worship and spiritual safety-net. It was our pleasure to support the campaign.

Temple Beth El extends its sincere appreciation to Joel, Susan, and all who have supported the BE The Future Endowment Campaign.



Stitches

BY HELAYNE ROSENBLUM



רְפָאֵנוּ הָיְ וְנִרְפָּא.
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 רְפֹאָה שְׁלָמָה
 לְכָל מִכּוֹתֵינוּ

*Heal us, Adonai,
 and we shall be healed,
 save us and we shall be saved,
 for You are our praise.
 Bring complete healing to
 all our wounds.*



*Thank you to the countless members
 who have dedicated their time,
 effort and love through the years
 to this endeavor and continue to do so.*

In our tradition, healing is a sacred journey. Offering prayers for healing is rooted in our Torah as Moses cries out a soulful prayer to God asking for his sister, Miriam, to be healed from illness. We recite a daily prayer for healing as part of the amidah and together we sing Mi Sheberach on Shabbat in front of the open ark calling upon the Divine to bring the blessing of healing, strength, and courage to those in need. It reminds us that in moments of illness or pain, we are not alone. We are held in prayer, in community, in love and in God's embrace.

years members of our Temple Beth El Sisterhood have been knitting healing blankets, stitched with love, for those in need of a warm embrace.

This exceptional initiative was thoughtfully launched by Judy Blackman when she saw a need. "One of the clergy members was ordering hand-made quilts from an Indian tribe in Arizona; she mentioned it to me and I said we could make hand-made blankets and it could be a Sisterhood project. Cindy Chassan then helped launch this with me and Sisterhood



**I too was one of the recipients,
 and I cherish that blanket as a reminder
 of what it represents
 in my own healing journey.**

— Helayne Rosenblum



There is comfort in knowing that your community is offering prayers of healing for you and thinking about you as you experience challenge and illness. At Temple Beth El, accompanying our members on their healing journey is a sacred responsibility. Our clergy visit people in the hospital weekly and offer support and care. Our Bikkur Cholim group makes phone calls to check in and visits those who are navigating long term illness. And for the past 20

funded it". This special initiative has grown into an integral part of our Temple's core mission "to enrich lives by generating bonds of love".

Stitch by stitch, square by square – members volunteer as leaders, teachers and participants to lovingly create healing blankets in the hopes of lifting the spirits of fellow congregants who are facing physical, spiritual and emotional challenges.

"The outpouring of gratitude we have received from recipients, indicate

of Love

HEALING BLANKETS



that they find both spiritual and emotional comfort from the blankets during this time in their lives, and often continue to derive solace from them even after they've recovered," says Cindy Chassan.

The volunteers generally never know who receives the blankets, however they've received numerous thank you notes and photos, which have been compiled by Judy Blackman in a book that captures the journey of this program.

In 2016, Amy LaGala stepped in to guide a group of about 8–12 knitters. She has not only enjoyed the camaraderie of this experience, but orchestrates the program, and is inspired by being able to help produce their tangible efforts of love, as well as sewing in "Made with Love" labels on every blanket. "It's meant as comfort and community to let people know that their temple is thinking of them – and that we care," says Amy.

Sisterhood's Knit and Crochet gatherings continue under the leadership of Lori Kupferman, Sisterhood Vice President of Tikkun Olam and Marilyn Ludolph. These gatherings bring people together at

Temple to learn, share, and create squares for blankets that bring comfort to those in need. "Being part of this program means a great deal to me" Marilyn says, "to know that in a small way, I am making a difference." Countless members have dedicated their time, effort and love through the years to this endeavor. Lisa Rundorf kindly shared her crocheting skills with participants, helping to inspire even more creativity within the group.

Each blanket takes between 40–60 hours to make. The yarn is obtained either through funding support from temple auxiliary groups or the generosity of the volunteers. When delivered by our clergy members, the blankets are each accompanied by a card with prayers for healing.

"My cup gets filled when I do things for others and help those without any accolades from behind the scenes. I feel recharged when helping others and being around others doing this meaningful work is even more fulfilling," says Lori Kupferman.

Each blanket is an embrace of warmth, compassion, and hope from one soul to another.



If you wish to get involved in making healing blankets or want to learn to knit and crochet reach out to sisterhood@tbeboca.org for more information.

As we approach the High Holy Days, we are reminded that healing is something we all seek. On Yom Kippur afternoon Thursday, October 2, 2025 we will offer a service of Healing and Renewal. Together, may we find the stillness to reflect, the strength to heal, and the resilience to begin again.

*Adonai, Our God,
Healer and Guide,
You have blessed me with life,
Days of hope and yearning.
Bless me with Your healing power.
Lead me back to
A life of wholeness and peace.
Amen.*
- Alden Solovy



Knowing that temple members hand-crocheted the blanket, pouring their love and prayers for Refuah Shlema, provided me with a sense of saying thank you every time I looked at it.

– Marisa Spiro

Shabbat



FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Shabbat at 6

6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:45am
Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Shabbat Service

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Tu B'Av: Shabbat at the Movies

7:30pm
Paragon Theater
Enjoy a brief Kabbalat Shabbat Service and then enjoy "Matchmaking 2," an Israeli romantic comedy from the Boca International Jewish Film Festival.
See page 26.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Shabbat Service Celebrating August Birthdays

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Special blessing for everyone born in the month of August.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Welcome Back Tot Shabbat 10:30am Beck Family Campus

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Kol HaNeshama

6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Through the use of niggunim (wordless melody) and inspiring melodies and words, we welcome Shabbat with a peaceful mind and open heart at our service in the round.

Shabbat Service

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Social Justice Shabbat

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Guided by the words from the Torah portion, Shoftim, which teach us "Tzedek, tzedek, tirdof – Justice, justice you shall pursue," we will celebrate the social justice work of our congregation, honor our Social Justice Circle Leaders and the Co-Chairs of The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El, Inspired by the legacy of Myra Singer. See page 36.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Blue Jeans Shabbat & Dinner

6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
See page 25.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:45am
Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

New Year's Tot Shabbat

6:00pm Pizza Dinner
6:30pm Service
Beck Family Campus

Shabbat Service Celebrating September Birthdays

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Special blessing for everyone born in the month of September.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Shabbat Service

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus





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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Shabbat Shuva

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

On this Shabbat between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, the Shabbat of Return, we deepen our journey of reflection, embracing themes of repentance and forgiveness of this season.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Shabbat at Six

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:45am

Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Sukkot Tot Shabbat

6:00pm Pizza Dinner

6:30pm Service

Beck Family Campus

Shabbat Service

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Consecration of Rabbi Ashira Boxman

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us as we celebrate the consecration of Rabbi Ashira Boxman.

We will officially welcome her into our community with a special ritual and blessings. See page 24 for details.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Pink Shabbat

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will celebrate the Boca Raton Community-wide Pink Shabbat with Sharsharet, supporting Jewish people diagnosed with breast and ovarian cancer along with their families.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Shabbat Service Celebrating October Birthdays

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Special blessing for everyone born in the month of October.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24



Shabbat Unleashed

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Bring your pet for a special Shabbat outdoors as we bless our favorite furry friends! Enjoy a joyful service surrounded by community, nature, and wagging tails. Join us for this paws-itively heartwarming evening.

CONSECRATION OF **Rabbi** **Ashira** **Boxman**

Friday, October 17 • 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

**Join us as we celebrate
the consecration of Rabbi
Ashira Boxman as Temple
Beth El's assistant rabbi
with special guests
Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman
and Rabbi Bradd Boxman.**



Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman has served Larchmont Temple in New York for 37 years, and as senior rabbi since 1994. In partnership with the spiritual leadership with whom he has served, Rabbi Sirkman has helped to create a covenant of congregational life, fostering personal Jewish commitment on the part of every member/household through an ever-developing relationship with Torah (Jewish Study), Avodah (Spiritual Search), and Gemilut Hasadim (Deeds of Sacred Kindness). For the past 25 years, he has served as the Rabbi

Stephen Wise Visiting Scholar at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, teaching 5th-year rabbinic and cantorial students, the year-long course for senior students in professional development.



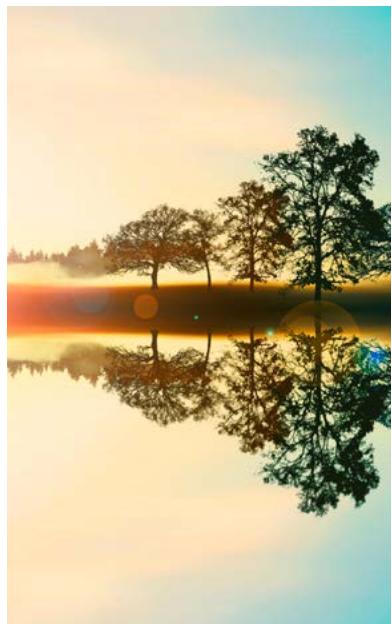
Rabbi Bradd Boxman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol Tikvah in Parkland, where he has served as Rabbi since 2009. Rabbi Boxman is committed to five particular areas of his rabbinate: 1) to be in touch with the needs and desires of his congregation; 2) to function as a teacher and exemplar of Torah; 3) to devote a significant amount of time to issues of social justice; 4) to communicate effectively with his congregation by speaking honestly and passionately about issues of Jewish and social concern; and 5) above all else, to serve as a mensch: a role model of ethical behavior, moral integrity and compassionate loving kindness.

From Ruin to Renewal: A Tisha B'Av Reflection

Sunday, August 3
10:00am
Schaefer Family Campus

Tisha B'Av invites us to pause and consider the many layers of loss, both personal and collective, that shape our lives and our people's story. In this reflective gathering, we'll explore how the experience of destruction can also open the door to resilience, wisdom, and the possibility of repair.

Through quiet contemplation and creative expression, we'll hold space for what has been broken, and begin to imagine what healing might look like in our own lives and in the world around us.



WELCOME BACK BLUE JEANS SHABBAT

FRIDAY | **09/05**

2025

6:00PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

7:30PM DINNER



Come reconnect with friends and family you haven't seen all summer - comfortably dressed in your favorite blue jeans!

Enjoy a festive and relaxed Shabbat service, followed by a delicious All-American Cookout Dinner catered by Artisan Foods. Expect favorites like hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn chicken, vegetarian and gluten-free selections and more – fun and tasty for all ages!

Members:

\$29 per adult, \$20 per child ages 4-12

Guests of Members:

\$35 per adult, \$25 per child ages 4-12

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of Tuesday, August 26.

Registration closes Tuesday, September 2 at 12:00pm.

Register at tbeboca.org/blue-jeans-shabbat



Lunch & LEARN

AUGUST WITH RABBI ASHIRA BOXMAN

Decoding the Machzor: Making Meaning of the High Holy Day Liturgy

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19 and 26

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

Together, we will open the Machzor and explore the most powerful and familiar prayers of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. As we prepare for the High Holy Days, this journey will deepen our connection to the words we recite and uncover layers of meaning that can inspire a more intentional and heartfelt experience of the season.

Lesson 1: Hineni & Unetaneh Tokef

Preparing to stand before God: Fear, awe, and personal resonance

Lesson 2: Avinu Malkeinu & Divine Imagery

Struggling with metaphors of judgment and mercy

Lesson 3: Vidui & Al Chet

What do we confess, and why? Collective vs. Individual responsibility

Lesson 4: Neilah & the Final Moment

The gates are closing: What does that mean to each of us?



SEPTEMBER WITH RABBI AMY GROSSBLATT PESSAH

Spiritual Conditioning: A Journey Through Elul

Tuesdays, September 2, 9 and 16

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)



Just as musicians prepare for a big performance and athletes prepare to run a marathon, we, as Jews, are gifted the opportunity to take the month of Elul, which precedes the High Holy Days, to prepare ourselves and our souls for this holy time of year.

Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah will lead you on a transformative journey of reflection, renewal, and connection. This three-part series offers a structured path to deepen your spiritual preparation, drawing from Jewish tradition and contemporary insights, focusing on the ideas of awakening, teshuvah, tzedakah, and connection to the Divine.

OCTOBER WITH RABBI DAN LEVIN

The Life and Work of Rabbi Michael Marmur

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22 and 29

(No Class on October 1)

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

We will explore the incredible life and work of Rabbi Michael Marmur, who will join us in November for our first Wonder and Wisdom series.



**NEW DAY!
WEDNESDAYS
IN OCTOBER**



Tu B'Av Shabbat AT THE MOVIES

Friday, August 8 | 7:30pm

Paragon Theater Deerfield

Deerfield Beach at Hillsboro Blvd. and Powerline Road

Celebrate the Jewish holiday of love at the movies!

Enjoy a brief Kaballat Shabbat Service and then sit back with popcorn and soda and enjoy "Matchmaking 2," an Israeli romantic comedy from the Boca International Jewish Film Festival.

\$10 per person, includes movie ticket, popcorn and soda

Seating is limited.

Sponsored by Paragon Theaters and Friends of Music and the Arts



BLOCKBUSTER FILM CONTINUES. PREPARE TO FALL IN LOVE AGAIN.

MATCHMAKING 2

A FILM BY EREZ TADMOR



Wisdom & Wonder SERIES



EMERGING JEWISH THOUGHT

A case for the urgent relevance of Jewish life at a time of deepening rupture and accelerating change.

Wisdom and Wonder invites you to engage with deep questions, explore new ideas, and learn from dynamic scholars.

Join us for a Shabbat of learning with Rabbi Michael Marmur, an engaging, thought provoking and brilliant teacher.

Friday, November 7

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

**followed by optional Shabbat Dinner and learning
with Rabbi Marmur**

For more information and to register, visit tbeboca.org/marmur

Saturday, November 8

9:30am Torah Study led by Rabbi Marmur

10:45am Shabbat Morning Minyan followed by bagel oneg

Yoga with a Twist INTEGRATING MUSSAR AND MOVEMENT

Monthly Series

6:30 – 8:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Tuesday, September 9 | Thursday, October 30

Tuesday, November 18 | Thursday, December 11

Join Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah and yoga instructor Amy Appel for a unique, transformative class that blends the physical discipline of yoga with the spiritual wisdom of Mussar, a Jewish ethical practice focused on personal growth and character development.

Each session delves into a specific human attribute — such as perseverance, generosity, awe, and orderliness — and explores how to cultivate it through mindful movement, breathwork, and Jewish teachings. By intertwining yoga poses with Mussar principles, participants engage in a holistic practice that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit.

Whether you're new to yoga or experienced in the practice, this class offers a welcoming space to deepen your spiritual journey, enhance self-awareness, and foster a more intentional and meaningful life.

Please bring a yoga mat.

Register at tbeboca.org/mussar

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, August 6 | 7:00 – 8:00pm | Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

"Why become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah as an adult? A better question is..Why not?"

Now is your chance to embark on a transformative 18-month journey that will culminate in a meaningful Adult B'nai Mitzvah service, where you will lead worship and read from the Torah.

No prior Hebrew knowledge or prayer experience is required — we'll begin this sacred journey together, building lasting bonds and unforgettable memories along the way.

The course will begin after the High Holy Days and will include a mix of in-person and virtual sessions.

Interested in learning more? Join Rabbi Laila Haas on Zoom for an informational session, where she'll review the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program and outline the dates and time commitments involved.

Register for the information session at tbeboca.org/adult-bnai



Reflections & Resilience

**A FILM SCREENING OF
“OCTOBER 8”**

Tuesday, October 7

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a poignant program in memorial of the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel, featuring a screening of the film “October 8”; a powerful film that explores the emotional aftermath of the attacks. We will honor the lives of those lost by saying Kaddish, creating a space for reflection and remembrance. The evening will conclude with an Oneg and time spent together in the sukkah, fostering community and support during this challenging time.

Register at

tbeboca.org/october-8



Introduction to Judaism

Wednesdays, October 29, 2025 -

March 25, 2026

7:00 - 8:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus and

Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

Open to the community

Interested in a deeper understanding of the basics of Jewish life or thinking about converting to Judaism? Temple Beth El's Introduction to Judaism class might be for you.

This 18-session weekly course, taught by our clergy along with other community experts, explores topics including holidays, customs, life-cycle events, values, theology, prayers and rituals, Jewish texts, history, and Hebrew.



Introduction to Judaism is open to both Jews and non-Jews. Often, a Jewish partner, friend, or family member will accompany a prospective convert to the classes. The course is also valuable for non-Jews who are curious about Judaism but do not plan to convert, as well as for those who were born and raised Jewish but feel they never received a strong foundation in Jewish education. All are welcome.

For more information email

Aileen Spilka at

ASpilka@tbeboca.org

Register at tbeboca.org/intro

Hebrew Marathon

Saturday, September 6

12:00 – 5:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Don't know what an "aleph" is? Want to read along with the prayers in Hebrew? Know the basics but want to go beyond? Join us for opportunities to learn, explore and expand your Hebrew with Temple Beth El clergy.

The "Hebrew Marathon" is designed to teach the rudiments of the language to adults in a single day! Most adults already know some Hebrew words and phrases, such as mazel tov, l'chaim and shalom. Students are taught to read those familiar phrases in Hebrew, then given tools to learn more Hebrew on their own.

\$36 includes materials and lunch

Register at tbeboca.org/hebrew



Parsha Perspectives

TORAH PORTION CLASS

Weekly on Fridays

11:00am – 12:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join Rabbi Laila Haas to explore the weekly Torah portion. Together you will uncover timeless wisdom and contemporary relevance in our sacred texts. Discussions will blend traditional commentary with modern insights, creating space for questions, discoveries, and meaningful conversations.





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LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR
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Welcome Back Tot Shabbat

Saturday, August 16

10:30 – 11:30am

School is back in session!

Time to catch up with old friends, welcome new ELC families, and get into the school spirit! Join us for a fun

Tot Shabbat service in our Kehillah Center, followed by a delicious Oneg snack. After, return to the Kehillah Center for an exciting surprise show!

New Year's Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 12

6:00pm Pizza Dinner

6:30pm Tot Shabbat

Get ready to celebrate the start of the year 5786 at our New Year's Tot Shabbat! At 6:00 pm, join us for a delicious pizza dinner in our breezeway, followed by a family fun Shabbat service in the Kehillah Center. Then it's time to celebrate at our New Year's dance party! We will wish each other a sweet year with a special Oneg treat including apples and honey.

Sukkot Tot Shabbat

Friday, October 10

6:00pm Pizza Dinner

6:30pm Tot Shabbat

Join us for a yummy pizza dinner and a fun, festive Tot Shabbat service. After, we'll all head out to the sukkah and shake our lulavs to get into the spirit of Sukkot! Register at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat



SAVE THE DATE

Beth El
Early Learning Center

FALL MARKET

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
BECK FAMILY CAMPUS

Contact
PARENTHOOD@TBEBOCA.ORG

EARLY BIRD SIGN-UP DEADLINE: MONDAY, 9/8
REGULAR SIGN-UP DEADLINE: MONDAY, 10/27
(OR EARLIER IF SPOTS FILL)

EARLY BIRD (BY 9/8): \$100/TABLE | \$50/RACK
REGULAR (BY 10/27): \$150/TABLE | \$75/RACK

Parents Night Out

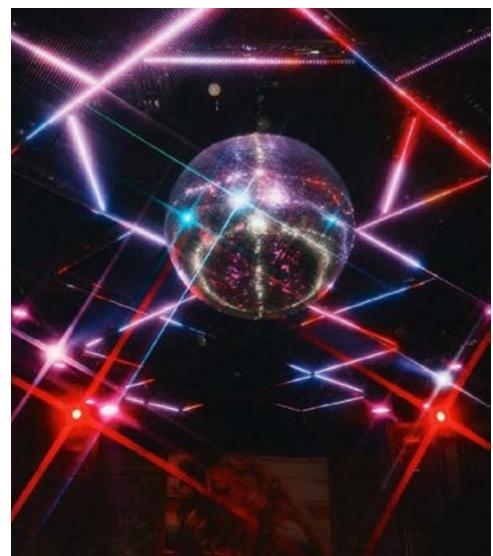
Saturday, September 6

7:00pm

Good Night John Boy, Delray Beach

\$40 per person

tbeboca.org/elc-calendar



important dates



August			
1	Friday	Last Day of Summer Adventure Camp	
4-8	M to F	Staff Development Week	
11	Monday	Parent Orientation (Childcare, Turning 2's & 2's)	5:00pm
11	Monday	Parent Orientation (3's & 4's)	7:00pm
12	Tuesday	Classrooms Visiting Day	
13	Wednesday	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (staggered start for Childcare & Turning 2's)	
16	Saturday	Welcome Back Tot Shabbat	10:30am
20	Wednesday	Parenthood Meeting	7:30pm
September			
1	Monday	Labor Day-NO SCHOOL	
6	Saturday	Parenthood "Parents Night Out" at Good Night John Boy	7:00pm
12	Friday	New Year's Tot Shabbat	6:00pm
17	Wednesday	Parenthood Meeting	9:30am
22-23-24	M-T-W	Rosh HaShanah-NO SCHOOL	
25	Thursday	Parenthood "Girls Night Out" Challah Bake	7:00pm
October			
1	Wednesday	Erev Yom Kippur-NO SCHOOL	
2	Thursday	Yom Kippur-NO SCHOOL	
6-10	M to F	Occupational Therapy Screening by Tammi Stein & Speech Screening by Melissa Centofanti	
7	Tuesday	Sukkot Holiday Program -SCHOOL IN SESSION	
7-8-9	T-W-Th	Sukkot Splash Spectacular for 2's, 3's, 4's students	
10	Friday	Sukkot Tot Shabbat	6:00pm
13-14-15	M-T-W	School Portraits	
14	Tuesday	Simchat Torah Holiday Program-SCHOOL IN SESSION	
22	Wednesday	Parenthood Meeting	7:30pm





HEATHER EREZ
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH
EDUCATION AND
ENGAGEMENT
HErez@tbeboca.org

New! Mini Circles

We're thrilled to start offering Mini Circles, an opportunity for our younger students to follow their interests, try something different, and have fun with friends in a relaxed and creative setting for 3 weeks at a time.

Mini Circles are short-term, interest-based groups that meet for 3 weeks at a time and



focuses on a different theme or activity. Whether it's baking challah, creating tinker projects on our new 3D printer, curling up with a good book, or making something creative through art or photography, Mini Circles are all about joy, curiosity, and connection.

We hope every student finds a Mini Circle that speaks to them and maybe even discovers something they didn't know they loved!



Religious School Tribal Gatherings

Sunday, August 24

4th & 5th Grade
Tie Dye and
Backyard Bash

Sunday, September 7

2nd Grade
Reptile Show

3rd Grade Talent Show

Sunday, September 14

Pre-K & Kindergarten
Kidokinetics
1st Grade
Scavenger Hunt

BOFTY and Teen Programming

Great things are happening for our teens so far this semester!

Follow our events and updates on Instagram [@beth_el_teens](#)

Saturday, August 16

6th & 7th Grade

Xtreme Action Park

Saturday, August 23

BOFTY Hosts "Back to the ELC"

Saturday, September 13

8th-12th Grade

Sunrise Selichot with Rabbi Laila at the Beach

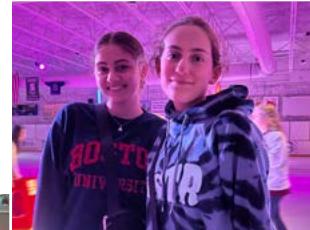
Saturday, Oct 4 – Monday, October 6

7th Grade – Turbo Challenges

Friday, October 17 – Monday, October 19

9th-12th Grade

Volunteer Weekend at Give Kids the World



TEEN TRIP TO ISRAEL

LED BY HEATHER EREZ AND RABBI
GREG WEISMAN

/// DECEMBER 22-31, 2025



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Teen Israel Trip –

Rabbi Greg Weisman and Heather Erez are leading a teen trip to Israel, December 22 -31, 2025 for 10th-12th grade. Current Confirmation students and 11th-12th grade students who have completed the class will have a majority of their land costs generously paid for by the Teen Travel to Israel Fund.

Deadline to sign up is September 19, 2025.

Details available at tbeboca.org/event/beth-el-teens-trip-to-israel

Wait, What Is Going On Over There?

AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT ISRAEL/PALESTINE WITH RABBI DAN LEVIN
Wednesday, August 6
6:30pm – Dinner and Schmooze
7:00pm – Workshop and Q&A
Beck Family Campus and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)



From what we watch on TikTok and Instagram, to what we see on TV, to what we read in the news, it's hard to figure out what's really going on in Israel. Come spend an evening with Rabbi Dan to talk about the history of the conflict in Gaza and why this is so complicated.

Register at
tbeboca.org/israel-workshop.

Questions? Call Rabbi Dan or Heather Erez at 561-391-8900.

B'nai Mitzvah



Emerson Comess Drew Lansburgh Benjamin Joseph Guran Lauren Manolakos



Alexa Darin Jack Darin Keira Kyser



Davi Paunovich Sage Edelson Noah Trembley Ryan Katz

Emerson Comess
Daughter of Tracy and Jared Comess
August 23, 2025 at 10:45am

Drew Lansburgh
Son of Laura and Justin Lansburgh
August 30, 2025 at 10:45am

Benjamin Joseph Guran
Son of Rachel and John Guran
September 13, 2025 at 10:45am

Lauren Manolakos
Daughter of Danielle and Douglas Manolakos
October 11, 2025 at 9:00am

Alexa Darin
Daughter of Nikki and Matt Darin
October 11, 2025 at 11:30am

Jack Darin
Son of Nikki and Matt Darin
October 11, 2025 at 11:30am

Keira Kyser
Daughter of Danielle and Josh Kyser
October 11, 2025 at 6:00pm

Davi Paunovich
Daughter of Andi Goldstein and Ryan Paunovich
October 18, 2025 at 9:00am

Sage Edelson
Daughter of Liz and Gary Edelson
October 18, 2025 at 6:00pm

Noah Trembley
Son of Michelle and Kevin Trembley
October 25, 2025 at 10:45am

Ryan Katz
Son of Dara and Benjamin Katz
October 25, 2025 at 5:30pm

Music

AT TEMPLE BETH EL

If music is your passion, Temple Beth El is the place to be! We have many opportunities for you or your children to grow your passion for musical expression. Musical ensembles are led by Senior Cantorial Associate Michelle Auslander Cohen, Cantor Jake Harris and Music Educator Chris Mason.

ADULTS

Both adult choir ensembles participate in a variety of Temple programming, including Friday night services, holidays, social events and end of year concert. Sign up to receive a rehearsal schedule.

KOLEINU (SINGING CIRCLE)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

For people who love Jewish music and love to sing! No prior experience is necessary, just a passion for community and singing.

Register at tbeboca.org/circles.

KOL ZIMRAH

Rehearsal time dependent on scheduling with participants

Schaefer Family Campus

A small, audition-based group of people who read and learn music on their own, can hold a harmony part with ease, and have high-level amateur/professional experience in the past several years.

For information, email Michelle Cohen at MCohen@tbeboca.org

“Jewish tradition teaches that music unlocks the door to divine connection.”

- Joey Wiesenber

KIDS & TEENS

MALACHIM

Sundays, 12:00 – 1:00pm after Religious School

Beck Family Campus

A FUN youth choir for kids in 3rd-5th grade! Kids participate in various Friday night services, holidays and end-of-year performance.

Register at tbeboca.org/malachim.

TEEN PROGRAMMING COMING SOON!

We're excited to welcome Chris Mason as our new Music Educator! Alongside Cantor Jake, they will create a new teen program that brings music, creativity, and Jewish connection together. Stay tuned for details.

For questions, please contact Michelle Cohen at MCohen@tbeboca.org or Jake Harris at JHarris@tbeboca.org



Reflections of Healing

THE PARMA PORTRAITS (THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS)

Thursday, October 9

9:45am

**Meet at the Boca Raton
Museum of Art**

10:00am

Docent-led tour begins

Sponsored by Friends of the Music and Arts



Join us for an inspiring morning of art, reflection, and healing. Together we'll experience a docent-led tour of *Parma Portraits (The Kindness of Strangers)* by Donald Farnsworth at the Boca Raton Museum of Art—a powerful exhibit that explores compassion and connection.



Following the tour, Rabbi Laila Haas and Cantor Lori Brock will lead a meaningful program focused on healing, hope, and the resilience of the human spirit.

For pricing and registration information, visit tbeboca.org/reflections



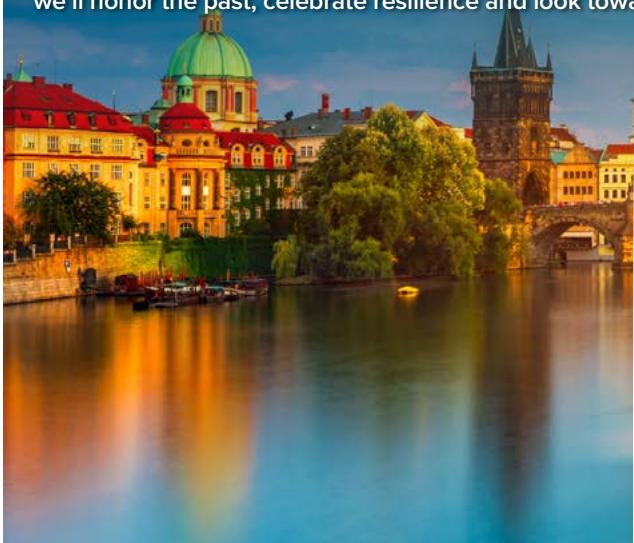
TRAVEL WITH TEMPLE BETH EL

Jewish Heritage Tour to Central Europe

Led by Rabbi Dan Levin and Elinor Josephson

May 31 – June 11, 2026

Discover the profound history and vibrant heritage of Jewish communities across Central Europe. This immersive journey will take you through the heart of Jewish life, exploring significant landmarks, historical sites and cultural treasures. Together we'll honor the past, celebrate resilience and look toward the future.



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 27 | 7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

Join us as we review the itinerary and trip highlights, and answer any questions you may have.

Register now at tbeboca.org/travel. For information, contact Elinor Josephson at EJosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833.



Inspired by the legacy of Myra Singer

The Giving Tree began in the late 1980s with a simple, heartfelt mission. Founded by Myra Singer of blessed memory, the late wife of our Rabbi Emeritus Merle E. Singer, in her garage with just a few friends. Her goal was to bring joy to children and families during the holidays, making sure everyone had a gift and a reason to smile.



(L to R): Rabbi Dan Levin, Jonathan Singer, Rabbi Emeritus Merle Singer, Lori Singer, Patty Beck, Randi Singer

Today, we're proud to carry on Myra's legacy, and to name the program in her honor. With the help of dedicated volunteers and local community partnerships, we identify and support foster children, struggling families, homeless teens, and those facing difficult situations like medical crises, fires, or the loss of a loved one.

The need continues to grow each year and we are grateful for the kindness and generosity of Temple Beth El members and the wonderful community of support from all around Palm Beach County. Everyone that helps us extend a helping hand to a local family in need helps continue to spread hope and brighten lives, one act of kindness at a time.

The Giving Tree Informational Meetings

Thursday, August 28, 2025

10:00 – 11:30am at the Schaefer Family Campus and on Zoom

7:00 – 8:30pm at the Beck Family Campus and on Zoom



Are you interested in volunteering with The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El? Choose from two informational meetings where you will learn about volunteer and leadership opportunities where you can give back in our local community. Register at tbeboca.org/GT-info-2025

Justice Shabbat

Friday, August 29, 2025

7:30pm

**Schaefer Family Campus
and Virtual Beth El**

Guided by the words from the Torah portion *Shoftim* which teach us "Tzedek, tzedek, tirdof – Justice, justice you shall pursue," we will celebrate the social justice work of our congregation, honor our Social Justice Circle Leaders and the Co-Presidents of The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El, Inspired by the Legacy of Myra Singer. We are guided to pursue justice so that we don't simply respond to injustice, but we actively seek to ensure a more just, more fair and more equal world.





WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 7:00 PM

Join together with the members of the **Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association** to stand in solidarity for the dignity, honor and humane treatment of all immigrants and refugees, regardless of their origin.

We will participate in meaningful readings, music and candlelight reflections.

Reception to follow after the Vigil.

All are welcome.

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
100 NE Mizner Blvd.
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Take Action and Join Social Justice Circles

Temple Beth El members are invited to take part in these small, focused groups that turn our shared values into action. Each Circle is based on one of our thirteen Core Social Justice Positions.

To join one of the current Social Justice Circles, fill out the Social Justice Circles interest form online at tbeboca.org/social-justice for details or email Susan Stallone, Director of Social Justice at SStallone@tbeboca.org.

UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE MEETINGS

Antisemitism

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Reproductive Freedom

Thursday, September 4, 1:00 – 3:00pm



Feeding the Hungry

1 in 6 children go to bed hungry in South Florida. Our congregation is humbled to respond to the call.

High Holy Day Food Drive is generously underwritten by Michelle Merson in memory of her parents, Bob and Arlene Merson z'l

Please join us once again to donate food during the High Holy Days to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Nutritious, non-perishable groceries are requested, including cereal, pastas, rice, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter and jelly. NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Drop-off dates and times are listed on the website, or donate directly to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry

Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code.



Thank you to Jackson Paldino, who used his Bar Mitzvah this past March as an opportunity to help make a hunger-free future possible for those struggling with food insecurity. Instead of giving gifts to Jackson, guests were asked to donate to Feeding South Florida in Jackson's honor. At a donor appreciation luncheon with the FSF Board of Directors, Jackson was recognized for his generosity and the amazing impact the donations have on the community. Mazel Tov to the entire Paldino family for raising such a mensch!

Beth El Circles &



SMALL GROUPS. BIG CONNECTIONS.

Looking for opportunities to make new friends, strengthen existing friendships, and have fun with your fellow members? Join Beth El Circles, or a Chavurah, or both, and experience the impact of small group community at Temple Beth El!

Beth El Circles

Are you an art aficionado? A movie maven? A trivia enthusiast? A weekend runner? Got your Mahj on? Looking for a dill-lightful pickleball partner and friends who share your interests?

Beth El Circles are a wonderful way to connect with other members who share your hobbies and passions. Some groups meet in person, some on Zoom — join in whichever way works best for you!

Have an idea for a new Circle?

All it takes is three members to start one — and the possibilities are endless!

Learn more at tbeboca.org/circles or contact Susie Federman at SFederman@tbeboca.org



Beth El Chavurot

Beth El Chavurot

Looking for a fun, meaningful way to meet people and make lasting friendships within our Temple community? Find your "tribe" here by joining a Chavurah!

A chavurah is a group of friends in a similar life stage who get together for social, cultural, and Jewish experiences.

Your group can:

- Sit together at Shabbat services and most Temple dinners
- Go out for happy hour
- Plan a game night
- Celebrate holidays
- Spend quality time with our clergy
- ... or anything else you enjoy!

Learn more at tbeboca.org/chavurot or contact Rachael Rand at RRand@tbeboca.org.





GOT EVEN MORE *Love* IN YOUR HEART?

Circle of Life

Join our **Circle of Life** to be connected with a Temple member who could really use some **TLC**. These are members who may be homebound, isolated and lonely; and even the smallest gesture can put a smile on their face.

If you're an adult who loves spreading kindness or a teen looking to earn community service hours in a meaningful way, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. We will find you a match, and you can be their voice of comfort.

What You Can Do:

- **Make a friendly phone call** or even a video call to check in and see how they're doing
- **Visit in person**, if you and your match are both comfortable with that
- **A little bit of care goes a long way.**

Become a Circle of Life Caring Companion today!

Chaverim Team

CAN YOU HELP WITH A MITZVAH?

We're looking for volunteers to join our Chaverim Team—an amazing group of friendly people who make brief, heartfelt phone calls to fellow Beth El congregants before the Jewish holidays. What's Involved? Make a quick call to say hello, check in, and wish them a happy holiday. A small feat that makes a big difference. We even provide a helpful, optional calling script. It's that simple! Rosh HaShanah is right around the corner...Join the Chaverim Team to help ensure every member of our Beth El family receives a warm Shana Tova / Happy New Year wish!



NEED A LITTLE EXTRA

TLC?



Are you feeling isolated or going through a tough time?

Would it lift your spirits to hear from a fellow Temple member now and then?

Let us pair you with a caring companion who can check in with a friendly call, a thoughtful message, or just a little conversation when you need it most. One day—hopefully soon—you might even meet face-to-face!

READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Whether you'd like to join the Chaverim Team or the Circle of Life, or you're interested in being matched with a Circle of Life friend, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Susie Federman, Engagement & Programming Associate, at SFederman@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2783.

Parent Bereavement Group

Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Open to the Community

Temple Beth El and Ruth & Norman Rales JFS are proud partners and continue to meet the needs of community members by offering a bereavement group facilitated by Andrea Pittell, MSW, LCSW. The group is for those who have lost a parent in the last year and are looking for support in their grief.

To join this group, please register. Once registered, Andrea will be in touch to confirm your registration. For questions and additional information, contact Andrea Pittell at andreas@ralesjfs.org or 561-852-3357.

To join this group, please register at tbeboca.org/bereavement



Tapestries of Love AL ANON FAMILY GROUP

Fridays

1:00 – 2:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Open to the community

Al Anon is a fellowship for those who have a loved one struggling with addiction. Temple Beth El is honored to host a weekly meeting for those looking for fellowship. Learn more at alanon.org

Visiting the Sick – Bikkur Cholim

In the Talmud, it says that one who visits the sick eliminates one-sixtieth of their pain. Therefore, visiting the sick is an important value at Temple Beth El. The clergy is always available to offer support.

If you or a loved one are ill or hospitalized, please let us know. Contact Rachel Pinhasi at 561-314-2655 or RPinhasi@tbeboca.org so a member of our Clergy can be in touch.

In The Know A PANEL DISCUSSION FOCUSING ON ADDICTION IN THE FAMILY

Sunday October 26 | 9:30am

Schaefer Family Campus



When someone suffers from addiction, the impacts often spread like ripples on a pond to family and community. This impressive panel will raise awareness of addiction and help us learn what that looks like in family systems.

- How does addiction affect the family as a whole?
- What are the causes and triggers for addiction?
- How can we help young people cope with the challenges of adolescence and young-adulthood without self-medicating?
- Dysfunction in the family and how it manifests through the years
- Overcoming stigma and cultivating honest and raw conversations

Panel Members

Ariella Jonas, LCSW, MBA, SHRM-SCP – Senior VP, Caron Treatment Centers

Alex Price – CEO Project Opioid

Adam L. Saslove, LMHC PA – Individual, Group, Family Therapy

John Puls, LCSW, MCAP – Co-Founder of Full Life Comprehensive Care

Moderated by Rabbi Dan Levin

Co-Sponsored by Ruth and Norman Rales JFS and Temple Beth El Brotherhood



BY **LESLIE VISELMAN**
SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT
Sisterhood@tbeboca.org

STEP INTO CONVERSATIONS AND CONNECTIONS WITH SISTERHOOD

Season Opener Welcoming Rabbi Ashira Boxman

Sunday, August 24 | 3:00 – 5:00pm | Schaefer Family Campus

We're excited to kick off the new year with meaningful connections—and to warmly welcome our new clergy member, Rabbi Ashira Boxman. As we enter the Month of Elul, join us in exploring how you want to step into the new year with Sisterhood—and reflect on the steps you envision for yourself in the year ahead.

Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood Event Chairs: Alexis Duffy & Jenn Yul-Steinberg



Rosh Chodesh

One Sunday a Month

9:15am

**Lake Biwa Pavilion
16800 Jog Road
Delray Beach**

Join us in our monthly Rosh Chodesh Women's Group, where we will delve into the insights of celebrated women authors through their poetry and prose. In a nurturing atmosphere, we will participate in meaningful discussions and welcome the spirit of renewal and inspiration that each new month offers, while participating in various creative activities to explore our unique, personal identities as Jewish women.

Register at
tbeboca.org/rosh-chodesh

August 17
(at the home of Gina Shugar)

October 19,

November 23

December 21

January 25, 2026

Saturday, February 21, 2026

April 12, 2026

May 31, 2026

June 14, 2026

Sisterhood Rosh HaShanah College Connection Package Assembly

Sunday, September 7 | 3:00 – 5:00pm | Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a meaningful mitzvah as we come together to assemble and package Rosh HaShanah goodies for Temple Beth El's college students. It's a wonderful opportunity to give back, reconnect with familiar faces, meet new friends, and share a little love with our students who will be celebrating the holiday away from home.

Registration required at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

For questions, please contact Sherry Lerner at
lernerfamily@bellsouth.net.

Send Sweet New Year Wishes with Sisterhood Honey!

A DELICIOUS TRADITION. A MEANINGFUL IMPACT.

This Rosh HaShanah, share the sweetness of the season with family and friends with locally sourced honey. Each jar features an exclusive Temple Beth El label, and mailed orders include a New Year's greeting card.

Your purchase not only spreads holiday joy—it also supports Sisterhood programs and Temple Beth El.

Celebrate tradition. Support community. Share sweetness.

- Order online at tbeboca.org/sisterhood-honey
- Buy in person at the Sisterhood Gift Shop on Friday nights
- Pick up available at:
 - Schaefer Family Campus & Beck Family Campus, Monday - Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm*
 - *Schaefer Family Campus, 9:00am - 4:30pm on Fridays
 - Sisterhood Gift Shop on Friday nights
- Shipping nationwide, anywhere in the continental U.S. (Sorry, no shipping to Alaska or Hawaii)
- Last day to order for shipping is September 4!

Pricing

\$18 per jar (pick-up) | \$25 per jar (shipped)



Order today and make this

New Year a little sweeter!

tbeboca.org/sisterhood-honey

**SISTERHOOD
IN THE
Sukkah**

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BEIT KNESSET | HOUSE OF GATHERING
BROTHERHOOD



HAYDEN TREPECK
AND MICHAEL KIEFFER
BROTHERHOOD
CO-PRESIDENTS
Brotherhood@tbeboca.org

Brotherhood Kickoff “Tailgate” Party

Thursday, September 4 | 7:00 – 11:00pm | Beck Family Campus

IT'S GAME TIME. YOU IN?

Start the season strong with the Temple Beth El Brotherhood's ultimate kickoff event — a Thursday night tailgate party packed with **food, football, friends, and fun.**

We'll have a food truck on-site (dinner is included), drinks flowing, plenty of snacks, and tailgate games to keep the energy going all night long. Then we'll catch the big game — **Cowboys vs. Eagles** — on the big screen, with plenty of room to cheer, jeer, and talk trash with fellow fans.

Rep your team in your favorite jersey or football gear, and bring a friend or two to join the huddle. This is the Brotherhood hangout you don't want to miss.

New faces welcome. Good vibes guaranteed. Let's kick off the year like champions.

Members: \$25 | Guests: \$30

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of Saturday, August 30

**BROTHERHOOD
SUDS IN THE
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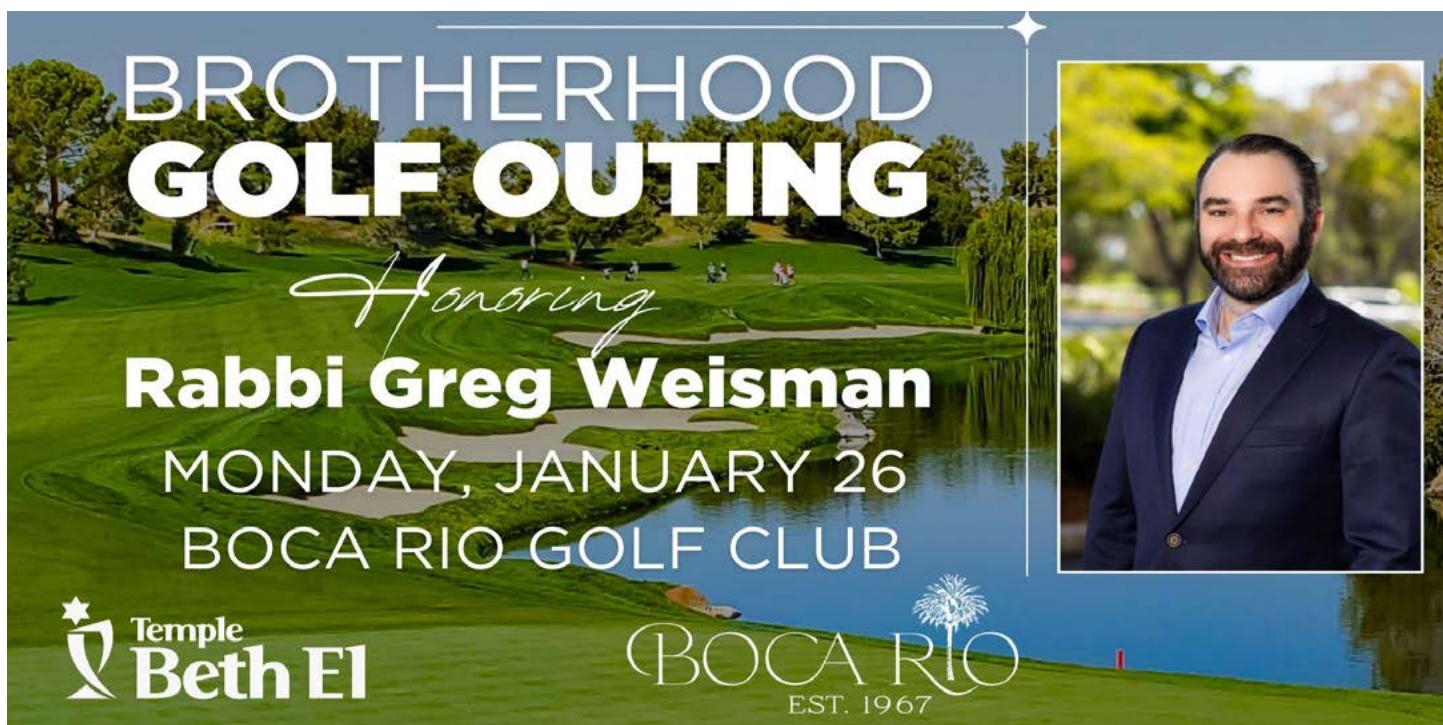
**BROTHERHOOD
GOLF OUTING**

Honoring
Rabbi Greg Weisman

MONDAY, JANUARY 26
BOCA RIO GOLF CLUB

 **Temple
Beth El**

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Whether you're an individual golfer or a Platinum Sponsor, join Temple Beth El Brotherhood for our most successful fundraising event of the year.

- Contests, Great Auction and Prizes
- Lunch, Cocktails and Dinner Reception with Open Bar
- Hole-in-One Contests
- 4-Golfer Shootout
- Longest Drive Contest
- Closest to the Pin Contest
- Cannon Contest

Individual Golfer including Cocktails/Awards Dinner
\$500

Foursome Package (Includes Half Page Ad and Tee Sign)
\$2,200

Cocktails/Awards Dinner
\$180

Early Bird Discount: \$50/Golfer by 12/1/25
Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood-golf
To learn more about sponsorship opportunities to honor
Rabbi Greg Weisman, contact us at Brotherhood@tbeboca.org
For more information, contact Matthew Baratz, Golf
Committee Chair at matthew.baratz@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD in the *Sukkah*

**HANDS THAT DECORATE,
HEARTS THAT CELEBRATE, SPIRITS THAT SPARKLE**

Sunday, October 5

10:00am

Schaefer Family Campus

For Members Only

Join us for a joyful and creative morning as we come together to decorate the Sukkahs in the Schaefer Family Campus courtyard and Sanctuary Bima. This annual Sisterhood event combines community, creativity, and a little sparkle — with mimosas, light bites, and plenty of good cheer. We'll transform the Sukkah into a beautiful, welcoming space for all to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot.

Whether you love crafting, decorating, or simply connecting with friends over a festive drink, this morning promises inspiration and fun. No experience necessary — just bring your spirit and a willingness to help.



\$18 per person

Price increases to **\$23 per person**
as of Friday, September 26.

Registration closes Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00 pm.

Sharyn Schneiderman - Bima Decorating Chair
Rosy Lofer - Courtyard Decorating Chair

For more information, email Sisterhood@tbeboca.org.
Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood



BROTHERHOOD Suds in the *Sukkah*

**AN OKTOBERFEST-INSPIRED BEER TASTING
LED BY RABBI GREG WEISMAN**

Wednesday, October 8

7:30– 9:30pm

Beck Family Campus

Must be 21+ to attend

Members: \$25 | Guests: \$30

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of

Wednesday, October 1.

Join Rabbi Greg Weisman at our annual tasting event as he guides us through an Oktoberfest-inspired curated tasting of at least six unique brews, paired with dinner and festive conversation. We'll gather outdoors in the breezeway for a relaxed evening of camaraderie, community, and craft beer—and step into the sukkah together for a meaningful blessing.

To cap off the night, we'll raffle off any leftover beer from the tasting (because no good brew should go to waste!).

Whether you're a beer aficionado or just along for the good company, this is the perfect way to unwind, connect, and celebrate the joy of Sukkot with friends old and new.

DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

as of March 16, 2025 – June 15, 2025

Anna Beitscher Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

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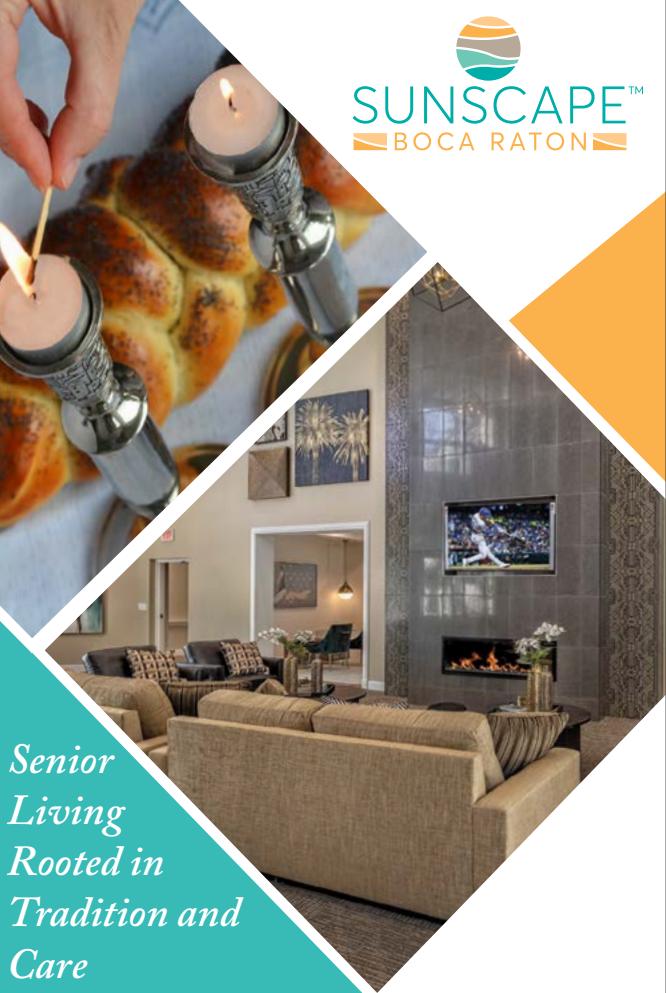
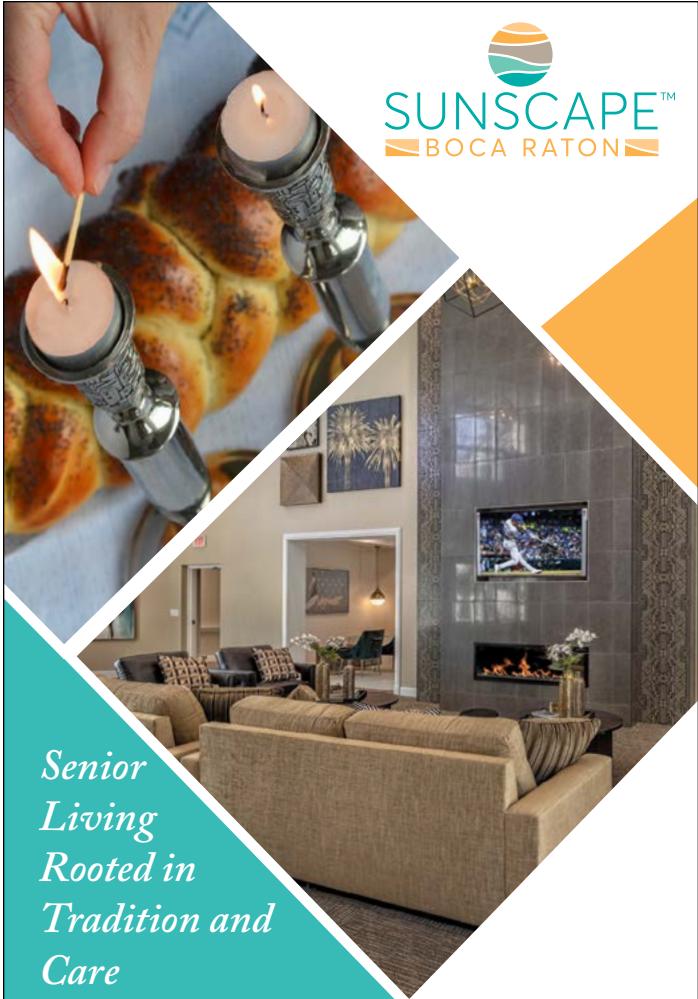
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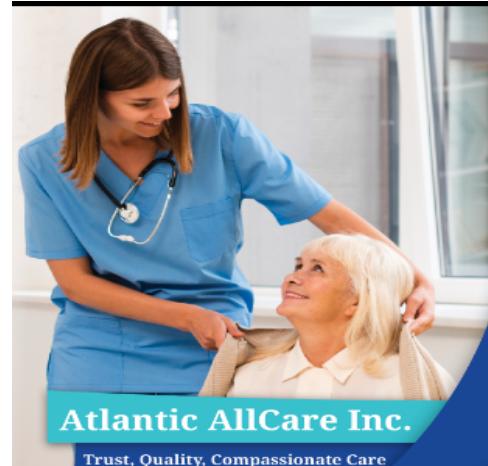
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