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A LIFE CARE COMMUNITY IN BOCA RATON

In the Spirit of Community

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN
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In the book of Exodus, when the Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai, something's different.

"Having journeyed from Rephidim, they entered the wilderness of Sinai and encamped in the wilderness," we read in Exodus chapter 19. "There Israel made camp in front of the mountain." (Exodus 19:2)

Whenever something repeats in the Torah, it's a big blue and white flag calling out, "Interpret me!" So when the Torah tells us twice in one verse that the Israelites made camp, we need to pay special attention to what the Torah is trying to teach us.

In the first instance where the verse tells us the Israelites made camp, the word is in the plural form - וַיִּחַן - *Vayachanu* - and they encamped.

But in the second instance, the tense of the word changes to the singular - וַיִּחַן אֱשֶׁר לְיִשְׂרָאֵל - *Vayichan-Sham Yisrael* - there Israel encamped.

To live in community demands that we open our hearts with love and concern for each other, not simply to show sympathy or consideration, but to literally share in each other's lives.

In a compilation of midrash called the "Mechilta D'Rabbi Yishmael," we learn that something has changed for the Israelites as they arrived at Mount Sinai. Whereas before, "they journeyed in quarrel and encamped in quarrel," now the Israelites "were of one heart."

That's what it means to form community. We shift our attention from solely gazing inward to looking outside the boundaries of ourselves. Looking into the face of the other. We build bonds of care and connection, weaving together a tapestry that binds us together in mutuality and interdependence.

To live in community demands that we open our hearts with love and concern for each other, not simply to show sympathy or consideration, but to literally share in each other's lives.

Living in community gives us joy in each other's triumphs, and successes. Living in community gives us heartache for each other's disappointments

and losses. Living in community inspires us to be there for each other, to be the supports we all need in times of trial, to be the cheerleaders we need to move through moments of struggle, and to be the loving family that celebrates with happy smiles in our moments of joy.

That's why our synagogue is called a

Kahal Kadosh - a holy congregation. It is made holy by the way we build a sense of oneness from the large and diverse set of individuals that comprise our community.

You can feel that sense of unity in our Early Learning Center and Religious School, as each precious young soul begins to build their Jewish identity and their moral core.

You can feel that sense of unity when we sit together in study, when we weave together many different opinions and ideas into one sacred conversation.

You can feel that sense of unity when we gather simply for friendship and camaraderie, in Brotherhood and Sisterhood and Parenthood, in our Circles and in each Chavurah.

You can feel that sense of unity in all the calls we make to each other through our Bikkur Cholim group who checks in with those who are not well, and in our Chaverim Team who calls every member throughout the year just to share our communal love.

You can feel that sense of unity as we worship together each Shabbat and holy day throughout the year.

It isn't easy to build community. It requires diligence and sacrifice, a committed investment of one's energy and devoted presence.

But the blessings of community can be found in the deep and resonant spiritual energy we share, in the giving and taking of love that creates the holy rhythms and music of our lives. For as we learned at Sinai, when we become one with each other, it is then we become one with God.



Be Part of the Good



BY **GINA SHUGAR**
TEMPLE BETH EL
PRESIDENT
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When the world feels heavy, I remind myself to focus on where I can actually make a difference: at home, with my family, and here, with all of you, in our Temple Beth El community. That's where the good is. That's what fills me with hope.

One of the most powerful ways we create that good together is through The Giving Tree – Inspired by the Legacy of Myra Singer. The Giving Tree is not separate from us - it is the primary social action arm of Temple Beth El, and it is fully ours. What began with Myra and friends filling a few gifts when a caseworker needed them has grown into a year-round lifeline that touches thousands of lives across Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

And the local need is very real. In Broward County, nearly 63,100 children under 18 – about 15.9 percent – live below the federal poverty line. In Palm Beach County, more than 41,000 children, or 14.6 percent of the population under 18, live in poverty. * These aren't distant statistics. These are our neighbors. These are the children we are helping through The Giving Tree.

Think about what The Giving Tree does throughout the year:

- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM:** Hundreds of children receive brand-new backpacks filled with supplies, so they can have dignity in that new school year.
- **QUIET GIVING CLOSET:** Actively open year-round, it provides clothing, personal essentials, and household items when a family faces an unexpected crisis. All requests are fielded from caseworkers. The main focus is providing new children's clothing and essentials.
- **HOLIDAY PROJECT:** The largest and most visible program. Again, at the request of caseworkers - granting thousands of wishes of new gifts - at the time of year when families need hope the most.

During this time of the year, we focus on the Holiday Project. This year alone, we will fill **2,000 holiday wish lists**, each with multiple specific gifts. That means thousands of children, teens, and seniors will open exactly what they wished for, because of us.

Here's what makes it even more meaningful: as we light our Chanukkah candles, most of the people receiving these gifts will be celebrating Christmas. A Jewish synagogue, filling holiday wishes for our neighbors, not because they belong to our congregation, but because they are part of our community! Rabbi Dan and Cantor Lori dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus handing out gifts to those who celebrate Christmas! That is *tikkun olam* in its purest form. That is something to be proud of.

And let me be clear: this is not a toy drive. Each gift is a personal request: a real child's wish, a senior's need. When you pick up a wish list, you are saying, "I see you, I care about you, and you matter."

Here's how you can help: Starting October 31, pick up a wish list in person at either the Beck or Schaefer campus, or visit thegivingtreeboca.org. Then, fill it!

Timing counts: wish lists must be filled and received at The Giving Tree by December 1! Your gift, multiplied by all of us together, will ensure that every wish is granted. See page 32 for more information about the holiday project.

Beyond this holiday season, The Giving Tree is a massive effort and can use help in many ways. Your talents and connections can really make a difference. If you'd like to go deeper, please email SStallone@tbeboca.org. There are many ways to be part of this important work.

But for today, my ask is simple: take a wish list and grant it. Get your friends to take a list too. Together, let's fill all 2,000. When we do, we won't just be giving gifts. In a time where many of us feel heavy, we'll be spreading joy, restoring dignity, and repairing the world – one life, one wish, at a time.

New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, February 1, 2026
1:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

We're delighted to invite all new members who have joined since February 2025 to a special New Member Meet & Greet!

Come connect with our clergy, staff, and fellow new members and enjoy interactive activities and light refreshments as you get to know our community. Whether you're single, a couple, or a family with children of any age, this gathering celebrates the vibrant diversity and welcoming spirit of Temple Beth El. We can't wait to greet you!

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

The New Member Meet & Greet is hosted by our Membership & Engagement Committee.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2023 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE).

SENIOR CANTORIAL ASSOCIATE
MICHELLE AUSLANDER COHEN
IN CONCERT

DIVINE INSPIRATION



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2
SCHAEFFER 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.



Guest Tenor
Gerardo Ortega



Guest Soprano
Erica Strauss



Cantor
Lori Brock



Cantor
Jake Harris



Cantorial Soloist
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Chris Mason

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Register at tbecoca.org/divine

WELCOME

Celebrating New and Returning Members

Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between July 2, 2025 and September 17, 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@tbeoca.org or 561-391-8900.

Marilyn Abend	Bruce Goldfeder	Elias Mellul & Sara Rosenberg and their child, Matthew	Simara & Jordan Schneider and their child, Levi
Max Abraham & Rabbi Ashira Boxman	Mary Goldstein	Cheryl Meyer	Ruben & Taylor Schwartz and their child, Austin
Sasha & Sam Akabas and their children, Belle, Violet & Jasper	Kenneth Goski & Sheryl Mintz Goski	Joe & Arlene Miller	Idan & Denise Shani and their children, Cory & Scarlett
Michael & Shelby Albo and their child, Sidney	Stuart & Suzy Grant	Aleksey & Victoriya Mints and their children, Andrew & Elizabeth	Jaclyn & Darren Shlisky and their children, Harlow, Baker & Piper
Sheila Buchman-Alcalay & Yaniv Alcalay and their children, Aiden, Brody & Gabryel	Marta Arbones Rubio & Daniel Henick and their children, Oliver & Miles	Kenneth & Leslie Mishkin	Melanie Steinberg & Jad Shor
Gabriella Arbesfeld	Adam & Karen Herman and their child, Maxfield	Marla Mostyn	John & Lori Siegel
Ann Axelband	Melanie Holm and her child, Brian	Julie Murphy and her child, Simone	Nancy Siegel
Jodie & Heather Barkin and their child, Jacob	Adam & Ashley Horowitz and their children, Goldie & Lane	Lexi Newman & Charlie Myers	Irene & Stuart Siegel
Joanie Benbasat	Dave & Ben Houseman and their child, Eli	Jack & Sari Nitabach and their child, Kaia	Lindsey Donoff & David Silverman and their children, Luke, Cole & Jake
Shifra & Eyal Berger and their child, Lora	Adam & Jamie Jacobs and their children, Grayden & Skyler	Shannon North	Robert & Stacey Simensky and their child, Rebecca
Kari Berger	Jodie & Neal Joseph	Max Pawliger	Irina Sitnikov and her child, Eli
Danny & Joanna Bortnick and their children, Jace & Blake	Debra & Daniel Kamen and their children, Sydney, Kira & Matthew	Jodi & Adam Piccoli and their child, Presley	Ina & Leonard Skralivetsky
Danny & Nicole Boucher and their children, Isaiah & Kaelah	Sammy & Elizabeth Kaufman and their children, David, Arabella & Juliet	Philip Pollak	Michael London & Allison Spitzer
Jessica Caplin & Daniel Caplin	Andria Shore & Steven Kesten	Ana Cordero & Edward Poller and their children, Jacob, Jayda & Nicole	Josh & Jessica Strikowski and their children, Justin & Ethan
Jean Cohen	Alan & Marcia Kimbarow	Beth Polsky	Michael & Debbie Sufirin
Damon Colangelo & Farrah Hafeez and their child, Noor	Suzette & Steven Kolitch	Carole & Stuart Potter	Jeremy Treatman
Bob & Carole Cornell	Andrea & Larry Kutscher and their child, Hollie	David & Ilene Rappaport and their children, Cory & Cole	Brian & Stephanie Trew and their child, Levi
Scott Davidoff & Amy Malkin	Jill La Vea and her child, Randolph	Mara Reuben	Israel Tsadok & Yonit Matilsky Tsadok
Beverly Drady	Susan & Jacob Landau and their child, Leah	Santiago Ribadeneira & Diandra Dreyer and their child, Julian	Kristen Vargas
Kate Feingold	Lee Lasser	Beth Richter & Jerold Tilden	Judy Retchin & Elyse Wander
Ioana Lazar & Daniel Flexer and their children, Shane & Katai	Brooke Guldin & Max Leonard and their child, Greyson	Gail & Rob Riesenber	David & Rachel Weiner and their children, Madison & Levi
Connie Sadar & Mitch Fraiman	Michelle & Joseph Levy and their children, Harry & Max	Sarah & Matthew Rochman and their children, Hayden & Blake	Kerri & Marc Weingard
Tracy Freeman	Lee & Shara Levy and their children, Milah, Gabriel & Judah	David & Yelena Rose and their children, Olivia & Emilia	Marilyn Weininger
Jonathan & Jessica Freilich and their children, Alexandra, Isabelle & Olivia	Chad & Lexi Lewark and their child, Sawyer	Lori & Gary Rosen	Barbara & Barry Weinstein
Sari & Carl Fremont	Brenna Litowich Appel and her children, Bradley & Bayla	Jennifer Rosen and her child, Brielle	Steven & Carol Weiss
Stephen & Jacky Friedman	Tyler Littman	Cindy Rosenthal	Elliott & Karen Willis
Matthew & Nikki Friendly and their children, Sydney & Remy	Corrine & Michael London	Evan Rosenthal and his child, Abigail	Spencer & Emily Winepol and their child, Zoe
Sydney & Mark Gellman and their child, Eliza	Jeff Lynn	Vicki Rother-Pliskin	Ryan Yaccarino
Carol & Steve Ginsburg	Koren Marinberg & Allison Goyette	Jennifer Rubolino and her children, Braden & Bella	Camy & Reid Zachofsky and their children, River, Zoe & Ronen
Mitchell Gluck	Bobby & Lauren Martenfeld and their child, Lily	Linda & Matthew Rudick	Gabrielle & Michael Zaidman and their child, Harrison
Marilyn Goldberg	Andee & Evan Martin	Lauren & Louis Saltzman and their child, Grace	Sloane & Joshua Zamat and their children, Cooper & Cody
Susan & Mark Goldberg	Eve & Christopher Mason	Raymond & Deborah Samuel and their child, Daniel	John Zissel & Janet Chaikin



Life Legacy LORI

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF
CANTOR LORI BROCK'S
music, legacy and devotion
to our Temple Beth El Congregation
and Jewish community.

starts at
6:30 PM

SATURDAY

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APRIL

BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

For more information, please contact
Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development,
at 561-701-6217 or DHurwitch@tbeboca.org.
Sponsorships available. Registration opens in January.

TEMPLE BETH EL'S First Forever Members

On September 1, 2025, Betsy and David Blechman celebrated their 41st anniversary as members of Temple Beth El in a truly remarkable way: by becoming Temple Beth El's very first Forever Members.

As part of the BE The Future Endowment Campaign, Temple Beth El introduced a Lifetime Congregational Commitment Endowment—an innovative “legacy membership” available to members age 55+. This initiative not only secures the Temple's future, but it also eliminates a member's annual congregational commitment for the rest of their lives.

For Betsy and David, the choice was clear. This wasn't just a chance to give back—it was a way to ensure that Temple Beth El, a cornerstone of their lives for more than four decades, will continue to thrive for generations to come.

“Temple Beth El has a special place in our hearts. Over the past 40 plus years, we've seen this community transform and grow in the most beautiful way. During this time, you could find Betsy involved on committees, the board of trustees, as part of the religious school staff, and volunteering in many other ways. Our children also have deep connections with Temple Beth El from birth, Jewish lifestyle events, lifelong friendships and many other milestones. And now, our grandchild has entered the Beth El Early Learning Center, making us a three generation Temple Beth El family. While working on our estate plans, we expected to include donations to Temple Beth El as part of our legacy. We were happy when Derek explained the BE The Future Endowment Campaign, and we understood this was a way for our donation to benefit others, sooner rather than later. It's beautiful to think that there will be individuals and families who will get to experience Temple Beth El in the future because of the actions we are taking today.” - Betsy and David Blechman

BE The Future is the endowment campaign to secure Temple Beth El's tomorrow. It is the strength against uncertainty in the form of everlasting funding, allowing Temple Beth El to accommodate the needs of both current and future generations.

For more information on becoming a “Member Forever,” or endowment related questions, please contact Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development at 561-701-6217 or DHurwitch@tbeoca.org.



If Temple Beth El is a
Meaningful Part of Your **Life...**

...Let it Be a **Meaningful**
Part of Your **Legacy**

Thank you for your participation,
your generosity, and your commitment
to Temple Beth El.

If you would like to participate
in Temple Beth El's BE The Future Campaign
or have any questions, please contact
Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development,
at 561-701-6217 or
DHurwitch@tbeboca.org.



Shabbat



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Shabbat Minyan

10:45am
Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Family Participation

6:00pm Snacks
6:30pm Shabbat Service
Beck Family Campus

Join us for this lively and interactive family service filled with music and fun! Register at tbeboca.org/family-shabbat

Rabbi Michael Marmor

The Benefit of Doubt
with Rabbi Michael Marmor
6:00pm Shabbat services

We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Marmor to Temple Beth El from Jerusalem. His teaching will highlight doubt rather than certainty, and suggest that doubt is to be embraced as a crucial tool rather than demonized or rejected. Where does doubt figure in Jewish tradition? Following services, as part of our first Wisdom and Wonder series, Rabbi Marmor will lead us in a dynamic and thought-provoking learning session with an optional dinner to follow. See page 22. Register for the Optional Dinner and Learning at tbeboca.org/marmor

We will also honor the veterans in our congregation with a special blessing and hear from The Giving Tree President Lauren Gross as she discusses the Holiday Wish List Project.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Be Thankful Tot Shabbat

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

Join us for a yummy pizza dinner, and afterwards let's come together in gratitude, giving thanks for our blessings as we welcome Shabbat with a special family service filled with joy, connection, and community. Register at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat

Israel Solidarity Shabbat

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a heartfelt Friday night Shabbat service that celebrates the enduring love of Israel, a cornerstone of Jewish identity and heritage. Through prayers, songs, and reflections, we'll explore Israel's significance as a homeland and a symbol of hope, resilience, and unity for the Jewish people. Together, we'll honor our connection to the land, its history, and the vibrant culture that continues to inspire generations around the world.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

November Birthdays

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Shabbat Service

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Brotherhood Shabbat

6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
As we read the story of brothers Jacob and Esau reconciling after years of strife, we welcome the leaders of our Temple's Brotherhood to lead us as we celebrate their contributions to our congregation. We will also be celebrating the aufruf of Cantor Jake Harris and his fiancée, Cantor Rachel Slusky, and wishing Cantor Jake well as he begins the next chapter of his Cantorial journey at the end of December.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Shabbat Minyan

10:45am
Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Shabbat Service

7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
As we celebrate Shabbat, we honor Claire Weisman, daughter of Rabbi Greg and Tami Weisman, on the eve of her Bat Mitzvah.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Rabbi Michael Paley

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Paley to Temple Beth El from Budapest, Hungary. He will present “Are We the Ever Dying People? A Case Study in Jewish Resilience”. Following services, as part of our Wisdom and Wonder series, Rabbi Paley will lead us in a dynamic and engaging learning session with an optional dinner to follow. See page 23. Register for the Optional Dinner and Learning at tbeboca.org/paley



FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Kol HaNeshama

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Welcome Shabbat with a peaceful mind and an open heart at our service in the round. 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.

Shabbat Service

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

A Very Jazzy Shabbat Shira

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Celebrate Shabbat Shira with an unforgettable evening of soul-stirring music and spiritual storytelling. Led by our Clergy and orchestrated by Aaron Kula’s renowned Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra, this Very Jazzy Shabbat blends the rich sounds of jazz and klezmer with the timeless story of our redemption. This evening is generously underwritten by our Friends of Music and the Arts (FOMA) and The Procacci Family Artist in Residence Endowment. See page 13. Register for dinner at tbeboca.org/jazzy



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Latkes, Lights & Billy Joel Nights

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a unique and unforgettable celebration of Shabbat and Chanukah, where timeless tradition meets the iconic music of Billy Joel. This special evening is perfect for all ages—filled with music, joy, and meaning. We’ll sing, laugh, and relive the story of the Maccabees, a tale we’ve been telling “For the Longest Time.” See page 12. Learn more and register at tbeboca.org/chanukah



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

December Birthdays

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Special blessing on the bima for everyone born in the month of December.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Shabbat Service

6:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus



SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Shabbat Minyan

10:45am

Schaefer Family Campus

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Pajama Tot Shabbat

6:00pm Pizza Dinner

6:30pm Shabbat Service

Beck Family Campus

We’re having a Pajama Tot Shabbat Party and you’re invited! Dress in your most comfortable jammies, bring your favorite lovey, and enjoy a delicious pizza dinner & family Shabbat service. After the service, enjoy a special oneg with cookies and special treats!

Oneg sponsored by Little Llamas (100), Baby Bears (101), Playful Penguins 1 (102), Playful Penguins 2 (103) & Creative Caterpillars (120).

Register at tbeboca.org/tot-shabbat

January Birthdays

7:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Special blessing on the bima for everyone born in the month of January.

LATKES, LIGHTS & BILLY JOEL NIGHTS CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:00PM CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE

7:30PM CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Join us for a unique and unforgettable celebration of Shabbat and Chanukah, where timeless tradition meets the iconic music of **Billy Joel**. This special evening is perfect for all ages—filled with music, joy, and meaning. We'll sing, laugh, and relive the story of the Maccabees, a tale we've been telling "For the Longest Time."

After services, enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Artisan Foods and keep the fun going with gelt, a festive photo station, creative crafts, and games.

MEMBERS: \$30 per adult, \$15 per child ages 4-12,
Free for children ages 3 and under

GUESTS: \$35 per adult, \$20 per child ages 4-12,
Free for children ages 3 and under

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of Tuesday, December 9.

Last day to register is Monday, December 15.

Register at tbeboca.org/chanukah

For more information, please contact Elinor Josephson at
EJosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833.



FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 14 • 5:30pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Celebrate the first night of Chanukah with Rabbi Dan Levin and Cantorial Soloist Chris Mason as we light the menorah together. Let's welcome the Festival of Light as one community—united in song, spirit, and tradition. Following the lighting, enjoy delicious sufganiyot and Chanukah cheer with family and friends!



Register at tbeboca.org/menorah-lighting

Celebration of Legacy & Light Exhibit

**DOES YOUR CHANUKAH MENORAH
HAVE A STORY? SHARE IT WITH US!**

This December, Temple Beth El will feature a special exhibit of Chanukah menorahs in our Schaefer Family Campus lobby—each with a meaningful story to tell.

Was your menorah passed down through generations? Carried across continents? Part of a milestone or memory? Whatever its journey, your menorah's story can inspire and connect our community.

If you'd like to participate, please submit:

- A photo of your menorah
- A short story (150 words or less)
- Submit by Friday, November 14 at tbeboca.org/menorah

Selected menorahs will be displayed throughout December as part of our Celebration of Legacy & Light Exhibit.

Due to space constraints we cannot accept all menorahs.

SHABBAT SHIRA



A VERY JAZZY SHABBAT

WITH AARON KULA
AND THE KLEZMER COMPANY JAZZ ORCHESTRA

FRIDAY | 01/30 | 2026
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS | 6:00PM

DINNER PRICES

MEMBERS
\$35 per adult
\$20 per child ages 4-12

GUESTS OF MEMBERS
\$40 per adult
\$25 per child ages 4-12

Children
3 and under Free

Prices increase by
\$5 per person as of
Tuesday, January 20,
2026.

Register for dinner at
tbecoca.org/jazzy

6:00PM SHABBAT SHIRA SERVICE
7:30PM SHABBAT DINNER CATERED BY ARTISAN FOODS

Join us for Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song—an unforgettable evening of soul-stirring music and spiritual storytelling led by our clergy and brought to life by Aaron Kula's acclaimed Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra. This "Very Jazzy Shabbat" weaves the vibrant sounds of jazz and klezmer with the timeless story of our redemption, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner catered by Artisan Foods.

Last day to register is Monday, January 26, 2026.

This evening is generously underwritten by Friends of Music and the Arts and the Procacci Family Artist in Residence Endowment

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FINANCIAL REPORT CARD

2024 | 2025

TOPICS
Revenue
Expenses
Membership
Religious School
Early Learning Center
Beth El Mausoleum
Construction and Debt
Endowment

We're excited to share this year's Financial Report Card—a clear snapshot of the Temple's financial health for the 2024–2025 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2025. Being open and transparent about how we manage your generous contributions is incredibly important to us. You deserve to know exactly how we're doing, and we're proud to report that your support has helped keep our Temple strong and financially secure.

Every year, we go the extra mile to ensure we're managing our resources responsibly. We bring in an independent accounting firm to conduct a full audit of our financial records and internal controls. Their findings are then carefully reviewed by our Finance Advisory Group—a team of dedicated volunteers with deep financial expertise—along with our Board of Trustees. We're proud to share that this year, once again, we received a clean audit, confirming that our financial reporting and practices are solid and sound.

A Healthy Financial Position

Temple Beth El finished the 2024-2025 fiscal year ahead of plan, with revenues from operations exceeding operating expenses primarily because:

- Membership growth was stronger than expected.
- Religious School enrollment exceeded expectations.
- Significantly stronger than expected Mausoleum sales revenue.
- Interest earnings on short term investments surpassed plan as interest rates remained high.
- Salary expenses were lower than projected due to overly conservative budgeting, and our inability to fill open positions with qualified candidates.
- Insurance expenses were lower than budget because the premium increases were not as high as we had expected.

\$500,000 from last year's operating budget will be transferred to capital reserves, which we will need in the future to complete major maintenance projects such as roofing, painting, parking lot paving, playground equipment replacement, audio/visual and technology equipment upgrades, and new carpeting and air conditioning equipment replacements.

We spent over \$2 million on deferred major maintenance projects in 2018-2019 concurrent with the expansion and renovation of both campuses. Those improvements are now about six years old. As a result, over the next four to nine years, our facilities will require several million dollars of major maintenance and equipment replacements.

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 a special assessment when those inevitable capital improvements are needed. Construction costs have risen dramatically in recent years so the need for a healthy Capital Reserve fund is more important than ever.

We will also set aside most of the excess funds from last year to reduce the amount of debt we would otherwise need to complete the Mausoleum Phase 4 construction project, which will decrease our interest expense on the project.

REVENUE

Congregational Commitments	4,281,024	23%
Religious School Fees	926,520	5%
Early Learning Center	6,816,448	36%
Fundraising	1,661,890	9%
Facility Rentals	831,948	4%
Program Fees & Other Income	1,468,703	8%
Mausoleum Sales Phase 4	1,120,904	6%
Mausoleum Sale Phase 1 – 3	1,749,784	9%

Total Income **18,857,221**

EXPENSES

Program: Religious Activities	4,809,556	26%
Program: Education	7,680,484	41%
Program: Mausoleum	1,073,487	6%
Administration and General	2,325,283	12%
Fundraising and Project Expenses	1,061,528	6%
Transfers to Other Funds	1,906,883	10%

Total Expense **18,857,221**



Our Revenue

Temple Beth El's financial strength comes from a diverse mix of revenue sources, each of which reflects the vibrant life of our congregation and the generosity of our community. Below is a snapshot of how your support, participation, and engagement sustain our mission. These are not all of the Temple's revenue sources, only the highlights.

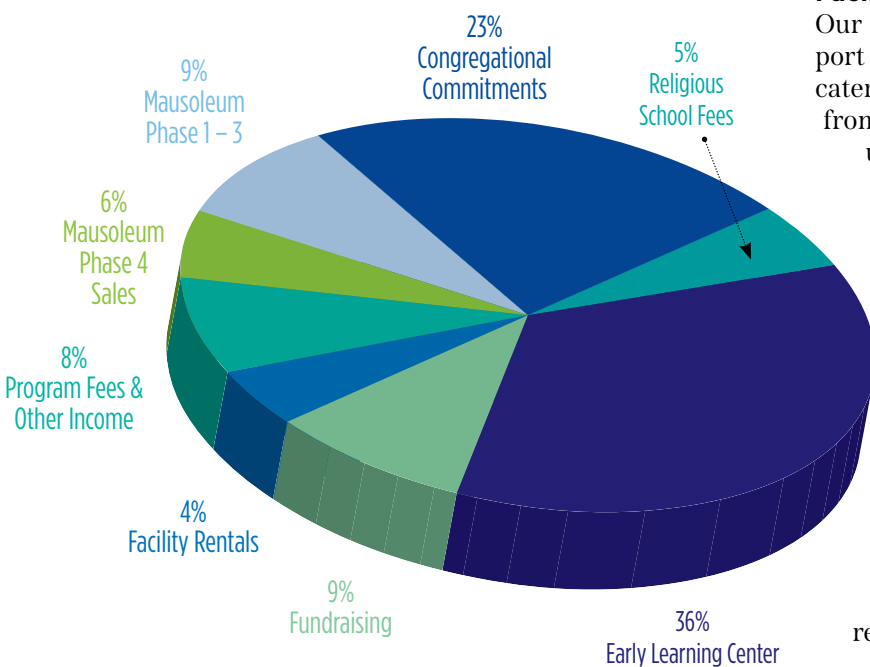
Early Learning Center (ELC) Tuition - 36% of Revenue

Our largest source of operating revenue is tuition from the Beth El Early Learning Center, which brought in approximately **\$6.8 million** during the 2024–2025 fiscal year. The ELC continues to thrive, serving **314 students** this year and maintaining waitlists at most grade levels.

More than just a strong financial foundation, the ELC is a vital gateway for young families to experience Jewish life at Beth El. We are deeply proud that so many of these families grow with us, building lifelong connections to our congregation.

Beth El Mausoleum - 15% of Revenue (9% from Phases 1-3 + 6% from Phase 4)

The Beth El Mausoleum remains both a deeply spiritual part of our Temple and a steady source of financial stability. This unique offering reflects our commitment to honoring life and memory while supporting our broader mission. Total sales revenue for the Beth El Mausoleum during fiscal year 2024–2025 was \$2,852,000, of which \$1,121,000 are presales of Phase 4, which are set aside to pay for the construction costs of the new building.



Fundraising & Voluntary Contributions - 9% of Revenue

Temple Beth El is blessed with extraordinarily generous members and friends whose voluntary gifts (beyond Congregational Commitment) help us thrive.

- **High Holy Day Appeal:** In 2024–2025, this annual campaign raised **\$624,000**, exceeding our goal by **\$224,000**. These gifts ensure that no one is ever turned away from membership due to financial hardship and that we can continue to create meaningful Jewish experiences for all.
- **Beth El Bash:** In April 2025, our Las Vegas-themed Beth El Bash brought our community together for a night of fun and generosity, raising **\$281,000 in net proceeds**. These funds provide scholarships that allow children, families, and individuals to fully participate in Temple life—currently, about **20% of Beth El households** receive some level of scholarship support.

Congregational Commitment - 23% of Revenue

While membership dues are often the largest source of synagogue income—making up two-thirds of operating revenue at most congregations—Temple Beth El's diversified model means that Congregational Commitment represents just **23% of our total revenue**. This diversification strengthens our financial resilience and helps protect our community from economic uncertainty. Total Congregational Commitment revenue in 2024–2025 was approximately \$4.3 million.

Facility Rentals & Leasing - 4% of Revenue

Our beautiful facilities are a source of pride and support for our Temple. In 2024–2025, event rentals and catering generated **\$130,000**, while lease income from the Somerset Academy Charter School contributed **\$553,000**. Together, these resources allow us to invest more fully in programs, worship, and community impact.

Endowment Distributions - 3% of Revenue

The Temple's Endowment Funds are critical to our financial stability. We are prohibited from invading the principal. It will be there in perpetuity. However, the interest earnings are distributed annually to support general operations as well as specific donor-restricted programs and purposes. In the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the Endowment distributed **\$555,833** which represented roughly 3% of total operating revenue.

Our Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

Like most service organizations, our most important asset, and our largest expense, is our people. \$11.5 million was spent on salaries and benefits last year across the organization's 186 full-time and part-time employees.

Number of Employees By Department

Clergy	10
Administration	28
Facilities Maintenance	11
Early Learning Center	95
Religious School	38
Mausoleum	4
Total Employees	186

Security

Security costs are another one of our largest expenses. Last year security costs exceeded \$468,000. After October 7, 2023, we added materially more security personnel and infrastructure, which fortunately has been heavily subsidized by grants from the State of Florida Department of Education and the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

We have also dramatically increased our spending on cyber security systems and training. While not visible to the congregation, the attempted cyber-attacks on our computer

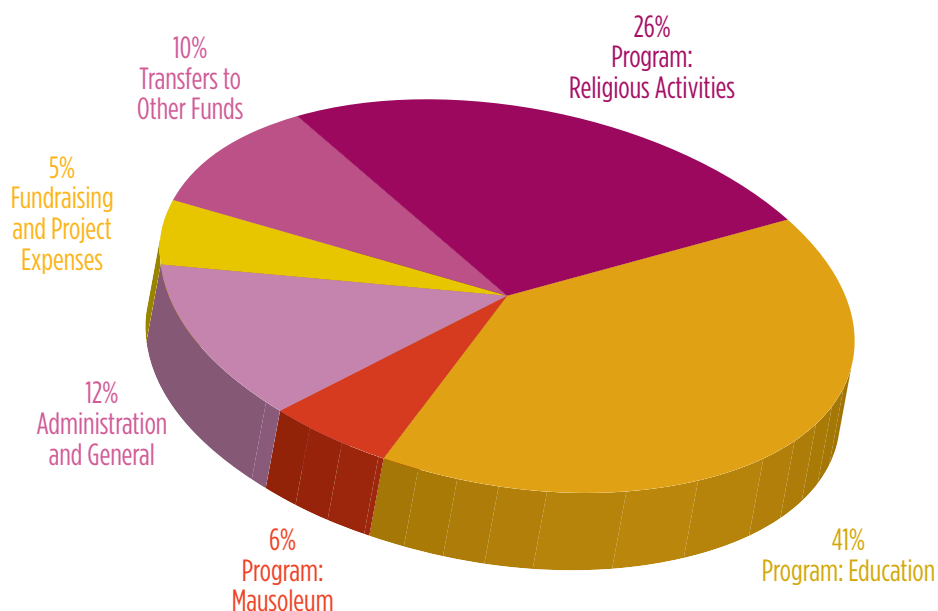
systems happen daily. We are therefore continually training staff on how to recognize and thwart these attempts, and hiring specialized consultants to evaluate our computer systems and make recommendations for mitigating vulnerabilities.

Supplies and Facility Costs

Last year the Temple spent \$1.7 million on supplies and facility related expenses. These include things like utility costs, property insurance, computer equipment, telephone and internet services, building and equipment maintenance and repairs, janitorial supplies and school supplies.

This does not include major maintenance items such as roof replacements, air conditioner replacements, painting, carpet replacement, playground equipment replacement, artificial turf replacement and furniture replacement. These are what are known as capital improvements.

Temple Beth El used to charge new members a "Facility Maintenance Fee" (also known as the "Building Fund") of \$3,000 which was payable over the first six years of membership. We no longer have a "Building Fund" at Temple Beth El. Instead, we allocate \$500,000 per year of our operating expenses to a Capital Reserve fund which is used to pay for these very expensive, but relatively infrequent, costs.





Membership

The Temple's membership continues to increase steadily. We finished the fiscal year on June 30, 2025 with 2,026 member households, compared to 1,935 in 2024 (4.7% increase).

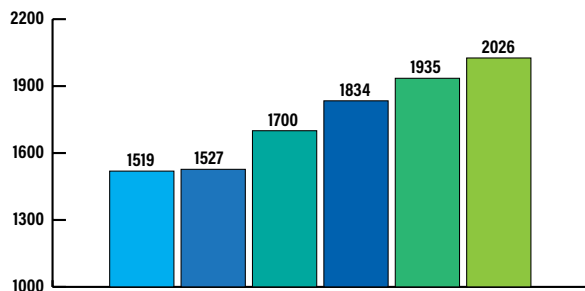
TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS AS OF JUNE 30

2020	1,519
2021	1,527
2022	1,700
2023	1,834
2024	1,935
2025	2,026

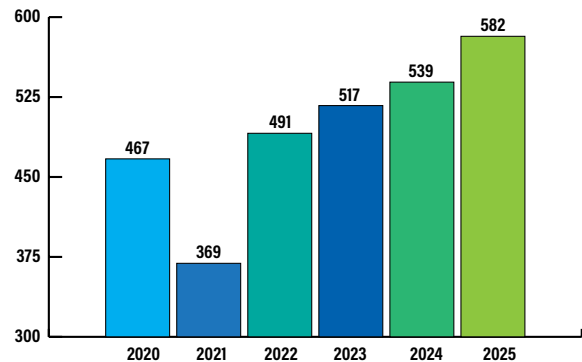
There are not many Reform congregations in North America with more than 2,000 member households. In fact, according to the Union for Reform Judaism ("URJ") – the umbrella organization for Reform Judaism, Temple Beth El of Boca Raton is one of only six URJ congregations with more than 2,000 member households. This is quite an accomplishment. However, bigger does not mean better, it just means bigger. This is why we are continuously striving to make a large congregation feel small, and meet all of our congregants needs, whatever they may be.

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

TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Religious School

Our Religious School is growing—and fast! We wrapped up the 2024–2025 school year with 582 students, an 8% increase from the prior year. Families are clearly responding to our creative, flexible approach to Jewish education, and we couldn't be more excited.

Sunday mornings at the Beck Family Campus are now buzzing with so much energy that we've actually run out of space for some grades. To make room for everyone, we added midweek evening classes, which also quickly filled up! We're continuing to think outside the box, offering innovative programs like our Beyachad Teen program, where parents and teens learn side by side. It's inspiring to see families embracing new ways to grow and connect Jewishly together.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30

2020	467
2021	369
2022	491
2023	517
2024	539
2025	582

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

Early Learning Center

The Beth El Early Learning Center (ELC) continues to be one of our most in-demand programs. We ended the 2024–2025 school year with 314 little learners—essentially the same as last year’s 313—not because demand is flat, but because we’re at full capacity with waitlists for every age group. Families in our community know there’s something special about our preschool, and we’re so proud of that.

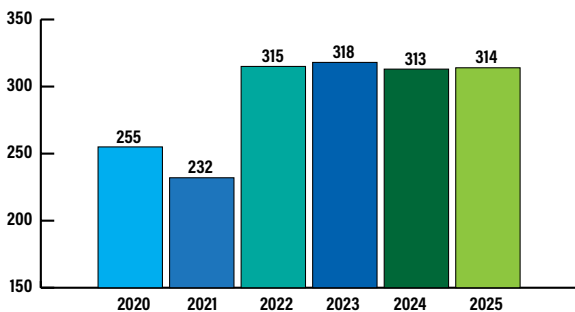
One thing that sets us apart is that we welcome infants as young as three months old, something many other Jewish preschools don’t offer. We’re also open from 7:30am to 6:00pm, making it easier for families where both parents work full-time. But what truly makes the ELC shine is our incredible staff. They create a warm, nurturing space where children grow in confidence and curiosity, develop lifelong friendships, and begin their Jewish journey surrounded by joy, kindness, and respect.

TOTAL ELC ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30

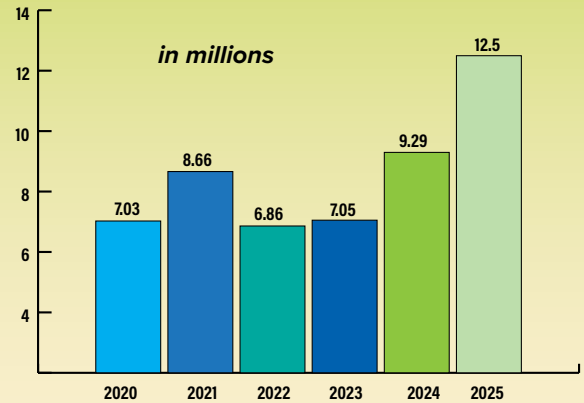
2020	255
2021	232
2022	315
2023	318
2024	313
2025	314

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

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT



ENDOWMENT BALANCE



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.

As of 06/30/2025, the balance of the Endowment was \$12,496,183. While this may seem like a lot of money, for an organization of our size and stature, it is not. Endowment best practices suggest that annual distributions from a healthy endowment should cover at least 20% of the annual operating budget. Our current Endowment distributions cover only about 3% of our annual budget.

Last year the Temple launched a campaign, **BE THE FUTURE**, to grow the Endowment by at least an additional \$36 million. We plan to achieve this goal by a combination of cash gifts and bequests to the Endowment. We have already raised approximately \$26 million, but we still need another \$10 million to achieve our goal.

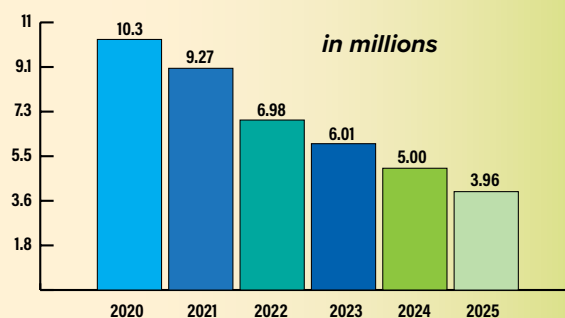
Ensuring the growth of Temple Beth El’s Endowment ensures the future sustainability of Temple Beth El. If Temple Beth El is a meaningful part of your life, let it be a meaningful part of your legacy. To participate in the BE The Future Campaign, please contact Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development at DHurwitch@tbeoca.org.



Construction & Debt

In March 2020, we completed a multi-year construction 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 which we are paying off steadily. Last fiscal year we paid down a little over \$1 million in principal on this loan, as you can see in the table here.

OUTSTANDING DEBT



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
2025	\$3,957,835

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 2024-2025 fiscal year was \$2,870,688 compared to \$2,128,546 in the prior year. This represents a 35% increase year-over-year. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year we completed 129 sales transactions and in the prior fiscal year we completed 102 sales transactions (26% increase).

The main reason for the significant increase in Mausoleum sales volume is that we are now selling inventory for our Mausoleum expansion project (Phase 4) which is currently under construction. Roughly 40% of total sales revenue last year was attributable to Phase 4 pre-sales.

All revenue from Phase 4 pre-sales is set aside to pay for the construction of the new building. The anticipated construction completion date is April, 2027. Total project costs (excluding interest on the debt) are estimated at \$12.5 million.

To pay for most of the construction costs, the Temple took out a loan as

we did with the first three phases of the Mausoleum. The money to repay the debt will come from current and future Mausoleum Phase 4 sales. We will not combine the existing loan with the Mausoleum expansion loan since the cash flow streams to repay the debt are distinct and each project should financially stand on its own. The Temple closed on this Mausoleum Phase 4 loan in March 2025. It is a ten year loan with a fixed interest rate of 5.36%.

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 in perpetuity. As of 06/30/2025, the balance in the Mausoleum Perpetual Care Fund was approximately \$5.6 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.

We hope this Financial Report Card gives you a clear and helpful snapshot of our finances this past year. It's meant to give you the big picture of how we're doing, not every detail of our financial statements.

Because of the incredible generosity of our members and friends, and the dedication of our amazing staff, Temple Beth El continues to thrive and grow stronger every year. We are deeply grateful for your trust, support, and commitment to our community

Should you want more information about the Temple's finances, please contact Cindy Chieffo (Chief Financial Officer) or Steve Kaufman (Executive Director) and we will gladly answer your questions.

Lunch & LEARN



Who Are the Jews— and Who Can We Become?

Exploring the Work of Rabbi Donniel Hartman with Rabbi Laila Haas

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 9, 16

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus and Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

This six-session course explores Rabbi Donniel Hartman's book, *Who Are the Jews—And Who Can We Become?* We will examine the tension between Genesis Judaism (identity through belonging) and Exodus Judaism (identity through values and practice) and consider how their interplay shapes our collective story and helps us write the next part of our story.

Our Core Social Justice Principles

With Rabbi Greg Weisman

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

The Social Justice work at Temple Beth El is based on thirteen Core Principles, grounded in 5 Jewish Values. Join Rabbi Greg Weisman for an exploration of the Jewish teachings – some ancient, some modern, some in between – that illustrate our Social Justice Core Principles. Explore how these texts guide and inspire the work of our congregation to pursue a world that is more fair and just.



The Song of Redemption and the Song of Confession

with Special Guest Cantor Josh Breitzer

Tuesday, January 27

12:00 – 1:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

On Shabbat Shira, we recount the Exodus from Egypt and the ancient tune our people sang on the shores of the sea. Throughout Yom Kippur, we count our shortcomings by tapping our hearts in time to a version of that same tune. How can this be? Explore the musical connection between two starkly contrasting sacred occasions and consider its implications for us today.

Cantor Josh Breitzer is president of the American Conference of Cantors and has served Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn since his 2011 ordination from Hebrew Union College. Named by The Forward as a leading voice of Jewish music, Cantor Breitzer has sung and taught in communities throughout North America and around the world. Cantor Breitzer is an instructor at HUC and on faculty at URJ Crane Lake Camp. He lives with his wife Donna and their two sons, Jonah and Gideon.

Wisdom & Wonder SERIES

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

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

The Benefit of Doubt

WITH RABBI
MICHAEL MARMUR

*Followed by Optional
Dinner & Learning Experience*

Friday, November 7

6:00pm Shabbat Services

with Optional Dinner & Learning to follow

Schaefer Family Campus



In this week's Torah portion, we read of the Binding of Isaac, often read as the classic example of religious certainty. In this session, and in Rabbi Michael Marmur's remarks during Friday night Shabbat services, we will highlight doubt rather than certainty, and suggest that doubt is to be embraced as a crucial tool rather than demonized or rejected. Where does doubt figure in Jewish tradition?

Dinner and Learning Experience

Members: \$38 per person

Guests of Members: \$43 per person

*Prices increase by \$5 per person as of
Monday, October 27.*

*Registration closes at 12:00pm on
Tuesday, November 4.*

Register at tbeboca.org/marmur

Torah Study

“DECENCY AND SOCIETY”

WITH RABBI MICHAEL MARMUR

Saturday, November 8 * 9:30am

Followed by kiddush

Schaefer Family Campus

In this session we embark on a journey which begins in ancient Rome and ends up in 2025. We will explore concepts of decency as they are expressed in Jewish tradition, and ask: do we live in decent societies? How do we strive to behave decently in challenging times?

Understanding the Ideals and Realities of Islam

WISDOM AND WONDER

WITH RABBI MICHAEL PALEY

Thursday, January 15

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus



The Arab world and the People of Islam have become an everyday concern for us as Jews and as Americans. Words like Hamas, Sunni and Shi'a are commonplace but what do they mean? Our session will be devoted to telling the origin story of Islam in a way that will also engage Jewish history and tradition. We will learn about how and why Islam grew so fast and what happened when it confronted the modern world. Terms and perspectives will be clarified and put into a broader context to help us understand the ideals and realities in Islam.

Rabbi Paley earned graduate degrees in Jewish and Islamic Philosophy and Science at Temple University.

Register at tbeboca.org/islam





SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

Are We the Ever Dying People? A Case Study in Jewish Resilience

WITH RABBI MICHAEL PALEY

Followed by Optional Dinner & Learning Experience

Friday, January 16

6:00pm Shabbat Services

With Optional Dinner & Learning to Follow

Schaefer Family Campus

In 1967, Prof. Simon Rawidowicz's article, "Israel: The Ever Dying People" was published 10 years after his death. The 1950s had been a time of Jewish optimism, but around the Six Day War fear had returned to the Jewish community. The essay focused on how every generation of Jews feels they are the last ones. Antisemitism, pogroms, expulsions and assimilation were always about to overcome us. In our times, we are no different. So how did we not only survive but thrive? Together we will explore the challenges of the post Holocaust, post-Communist Hungarian Jewish community as a case study of Jewish innovation and resilience.

Dinner and Learning Experience

Members: \$35 per person

Guests of Members: \$40 per person

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of Monday, January 5.

Registration closes at 3:00pm on Friday, January 9.

Register at tbeboqa.org/paley

Torah Study

"THE MAGIC STAFF AND THE DE-CREATION OF EGYPT"

WITH RABBI MICHAEL PALEY

Saturday, January 17 • 9:30am Followed by kiddush • Schaefer Family Campus

This parsha features the first seven plagues and represents one of the turning points of the Torah. We will explore the roots of the renewed covenant and the confrontation between Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh, and the Egyptian magicians. In doing so, we will uncover threads that reach back to the beginning of creation and find expression in our Friday night Kiddush.

**GET TO KNOW
RABBI MARMUR AND
RABBI PALEY**

Rabbi Michael Marmur

Michael Marmur is Associate Professor of Jewish Theology at HUC-JIR/Jerusalem. Until July 2018, he served as the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at HUC-JIR, having previously been Dean of the Jerusalem campus. After almost 20 years in administrative capacities, he now concentrates his energies on teaching and writing.

Born and raised in England, Rabbi Marmur completed a B.A. Degree in Modern History at the University of Oxford before moving to Israel in 1984. While studying for an M.A. in Ancient Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he completed his studies in the Israel Rabbinic Program of HUC-JIR in Jerusalem, and was ordained in 1992. For six years following his ordination, he worked as rabbi and teacher at the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa. He has been an employee of HUC-JIR since 1997. He has lectured and taught courses in several countries around the world. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Marmur from Jerusalem.

Rabbi Michael Paley

Michael Paley is a senior scholar for the JDC and the founding director of the Tarbut Fellowship in Budapest, Hungary. Previously, he was the scholar in residence of the UJA-Federation of New York and prior to his arrival at UJA, he was a professor of Jewish Studies and Dean at Bard College, the Vice President of the Wexner Heritage Foundation and served as the University Chaplain at Columbia University and Associate University Chaplain at Dartmouth College. Additionally, he was the founding director of the Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel.

Rabbi Paley earned his bachelor's at Brandeis, graduate degrees in Jewish and Islamic Philosophy and Science at Temple University and received his rabbinic ordination from Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. He lives with his family in Budapest, Hungary. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Paley from Budapest, Hungary.



Upcoming Tot Shabbats

Be Thankful Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 14
6:00pm Pizza Dinner
6:30pm Shabbat Service
Beck Family Campus

Join us for a yummy pizza dinner, and afterwards let's come together in gratitude, giving thanks for our blessings as we welcome Shabbat with a special family service filled with joy, connection, and community.

Register at tbeoca.org/tot-shabbat

Pajama Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 9
6:00pm Pizza Dinner
6:30pm Shabbat Service
Beck Family Campus

We're having a Pajama Tot Shabbat Party and you're invited! Dress in your most comfortable jammies, bring your favorite lovey, and enjoy a delicious pizza dinner & family Shabbat service. After the service, enjoy a special oneg with cookies and special treats!

Oneg sponsored by Little Llamas (100), Baby Bears (101), Playful Penguins 1 (102), Playful Penguins 2 (103) & Creative Caterpillars (120).

Register at tbeoca.org/tot-shabbat

Beth El
Early Learning Center

FALL MARKET

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

SHOP A VARIETY OF LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES INCLUDING WOMEN & CHILDREN'S APPAREL, ACCESSORIES, JEWELRY, JUDAICA, SWEETS & MORE.

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR \$5.00 EACH BY SCANNING THIS CODE. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE EVENT.

CONTACT PARENTHOOD@TBEOCA.ORG

COFFEE & LIGHT BITES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.





important dates

November

4-5-6	T-W-Th	Man in My Life for 4's, 2's, 3's	9:30am
6	Thursday	Man in My Life for Childcare	3:30pm
12	Wednesday	Fall Market	11:30am
14	Friday	Be Thankful Tot Shabbat Pizza Dinner	6:00pm
14	Friday	Be Thankful Tot Shabbat Service	6:30pm
19	Wednesday	Parenthood Meeting	9:30am
24-25	M-T	Thanksgiving Celebration for students	
26-27-28	W-Th-F	Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL

December

5	Friday	Parent-Teacher Conferences	NO SCHOOL
10	Wednesday	Parenthood Meeting	7:30pm
14	Sunday	First Chanukah Candle	
15 to 19	M to F	Scholastic Book Fair	
16-17-18	T-W-Th	Chanukah Celebrations for 4's, 2's, 3's-Parents Invited	
18	Thursday	Chanukah Celebrations for Childcare	3:30pm
12/24/25 to 1/2/26		Winter Break	NO SCHOOL

January

5	Monday	School resumes	
9	Friday	"Wear your "P.J.'s" to School" Day	
9	Friday	PJ Tot Shabbat Pizza Dinner	6:00pm
9	Friday	PJ Tot Shabbat Service	6:30pm
10	Saturday	Parenthood "Parents Night Out"	TBD
19	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	NO SCHOOL
21	Wednesday	Parenthood Meeting	9:30am
24	Saturday	Family Fun Day	





Religious School Events

Middle School Takes on Xtreme Action Park

Saturday, November 1

\$54 per participant

Includes bus to and from Beck Family Campus, Xtreme activities and pizza



Parent Tribe Presents: Family Bingo

Sunday, January 11

6:00 – 8:00pm

\$36 per family

Includes pasta bar dinner & great prizes!

Shabbat Unplugged

Friday, February 6

6:00pm Welcome and Pre-neg

6:30pm Shabbat Unplugged Service

7:15pm Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner and Dessert Food Truck

MINI CIRCLES

(*for enrolled Religious School students only)

Snap and See Photography Mini Circle

Grades 2-4

November 2, 9, 16

12:30 – 2:30pm

Shabbat Mini Circle

Grades K-1

January 23, 30, February 6

4:00 – 6:00pm

Backyard Explorers

Grades K-2

October 26, November 2, 9

12:30 – 2:30pm



Danielle Simon



Ashton Nieves



Madison Gould



Ryan Birnbaum



Benjamin Owens



Dylan Brooke Mayer



Andrew Fischer



Emerson Rosenfeld



Sydney Stahl

Danielle Simon
 Daughter of Heather and Jay Simon
 November 1, 2025 at 9:00am

Ashton Nieves
 Son of Naomi Denish and Amalio Nieves
 November 1, 2025 at 11:30 am

Madison Gould
 Daughter of Tracy and Jason Gould
 November 1, 2025 at 5:30pm

Maddox Bailin
 Son of Molly and Josh Bailin
 November 8, 2025 at 9:00am

Keaton Lewis
 Son of Kimberly and Gregory Lewis
 November 8, 2025 at 11:30am

Samuel Andrews
 Son of Karl and Jen Andrews
 November 8, 2025 at 6:00pm

Eli Kay
 Son of Rebecca and Eric Kay
 November 15, 2025 at 9:00am

Ethan Kay
 Son of Rebecca and Eric Kay
 November 15, 2025 at 9:00am

Ryan Birnbaum
 Son of Courtney and David Birnbaum
 November 15, 2025 at 6:00pm

B'nai Mitzvah



Maddox Bailin



Keaton Lewis



Samuel Andrews



Eli Kay



Ethan Kay



Orli Beck



Olivia Karp



Claire Weisman



Jeremy Shiff



Ezra Seider



Jack Moscov



Rachel Hoffman



Liora Camryn
Goldberg Gonzalez



Zachary Baer

Benjamin Owens
Son of Nina and Jonathan Owens
November 22, 2025 at 11:30am

Dylan Brooke Mayer
Daughter of Adam and Jennifer Mayer
November 29, 2025 at 5:30pm

Orli Beck
Daughter of Noa and Brian Beck
December 6, 2025 at 10:45am

Olivia Karp
Daughter of Dana and Scott Karp
December 6, 2025 at 5:30pm

Claire Weisman
Daughter of Rabbi Greg and Tami Weisman
December 13, 2025 at 5:30pm

Jeremy Shiff
Son of Barbara and Gary Shiff
December 20, 2025 at 10:45am

Ezra Seider
Son of Jonas and Samantha Seider
January 3, 2026 at 11:30am

Andrew Fischer
Son of Jared and Kimberly Fischer
January 10, 2026 at 11:30am

Emerson Rosenfeld
Daughter of Amie and Scott Rosenfeld
January 17, 2026 at 9:00am

Sydney Stahl
Daughter of Geoffrey and Wendy Stahl
January 17, 2026 at 11:30am

Jack Moscov
Son of Evan and Lauren Moscov
January 24, 2026 at 11:30am

Rachel Hoffman
Daughter of Kari and Drew Hoffman
January 24, 2026 at 5:30pm

Liora Camryn Goldberg Gonzalez
Daughter of Stefanie Goldberg
and George Gonzalez
January 31, 2026 at 11:30am

Zachary Baer
Son of Melissa and Jeffrey Baer
January 31, 2026 at 5:30pm

IT'S OUR TIME



OUR TURN

THE TREPECK FAMILY'S LOVE FOR TEMPLE BETH EL



Rooted in gratitude and guided by their love of community, Danielle and Hayden Trepeck are shaping the future of Temple Beth El through leadership, connection, and heartfelt commitment. Their story is one of belonging – and of stepping forward with purpose.

For Danielle and Hayden Trepeck, being part of Temple Beth El isn't simply about belonging to a synagogue, it's about living their values and giving back to the community that feels like home.

"It's our time, our turn," Danielle says with conviction. "We are so grateful for those who have led and built Temple Beth El into the vibrant community it is today. Now it's our turn to step up – to lead, to invest, and to ensure our temple thrives for generations to come."

That sense of gratitude and responsibility runs deep for the Trepecks, who met while both working for the Florida Panthers hockey organization, and both who were very involved in the organizations and communities they were a part of. After marrying in 2018 with Rabbi Dan Levin officiating, they quickly found themselves woven into the life of Temple Beth El. "Once we

met Rabbi Dan, we knew right away, he was our rabbi," Danielle recalls. "Temple Beth El became our home."

When their sons Levi and Ezra were born, both brises were lovingly officiated by Rabbi Greg Weisman, who also officiated the funerals of Danielle's beloved maternal grandparents. "It's incredibly meaningful that Rabbi Greg was part of those moments, from the birth of our children to saying goodbye to my grandparents," she says. "I know they are looking down, very proud."

Their connection to Temple Beth El deepened through every life stage – even during a brief move to New York. "Our relationship with Temple Beth El never wavered," Hayden shares. "We were in touch with Rabbi Dan and Rabbi Greg, and we would even watch the Temple Beth El YouTube channel. We never lost our engagement."



In 2024, the Trepecks returned to Boca Raton, enrolled their boys in the Beth El Early Learning Center, and jumped back into temple life with open hearts. “We missed everything about Temple Beth El – we loved the Temple, the community, how we could be so involved. We missed our Clergy. And now our relationships have deepened with all of the Rabbis, Cantors, and Temple and ELC staff – each and every person, who we are just so incredibly grateful for,” Danielle shares.

Now, Danielle and Hayden each serve in meaningful leadership roles. Danielle is a proud member of the Social Justice Task Force, Israel Task Force and leads the Antisemitism Social Justice Circle, as well as serving as the Secretary of the Parenthood Board at the ELC. “My passion and

professional background have always been in community, philanthropy, and social justice. There’s a lot of work to do, and I am so happy to do this alongside other Temple Beth El members who are likeminded.”

Hayden leads as President of Brotherhood, and also serves on the Temple’s Leadership Development and Governance Advisory Group. He is energized to build community among men of all ages and life stages. “My corporate roles have always been in transformation. I saw the

opportunity to change the outlook of what people at all stages of their life thought about Brotherhood. It was for all generations to network together to help each other, to build camaraderie, to build engagement – to be one with our people.”

In an effort to engage the younger families, Hayden created a WhatsApp group specifically for Temple Beth El dads. “We currently have more than 150 dads in this group with a tremendous amount of engagement,” he says proudly. “Temple Beth El is a place to bring our passions to life. Having leadership roles at Temple Beth El gives us the chance to support our community and to show our boys what it means to be a leader, and have us lead by example.”

Their shared motivation is simple: gratitude. “Temple Beth El provides

We want our boys to grow up proud to be Jewish, living by the values of light and love.

– Danielle Trepeck

so much for us, not just physically, but also emotionally, spiritually, and as a community,” Hayden reflects. “It gives us the feeling of gratitude to be able to give back what the temple has given to us.”

Danielle adds, “It’s our second home. We can be our genuine selves here. We love our fellow congregants, and we love every part of Temple Beth El. This is where we belong.”

Together, they hope their story encourages others to find their own way to participate, no matter how big or small. “There are so many amazing and impactful ways to be involved at Temple Beth El,” Danielle says. “There’s something for everyone, some way to be connected. And if there’s something you’re passionate about, and it doesn’t exist yet, Temple Beth El will help you create it.”

For the Trepecks, Judaism isn’t only a religion – it’s a way of living with love, purpose, and pride. “We want our boys to grow up proud to be Jewish, to live by the values of light and love,” Danielle says. “Our hope is that Temple Beth El will be here for them, and for generations of Jewish families to come. That’s why we do what we do – because this community is our heart.”

*“When the soul sings,
the spirit soars.”*

– RABBI JONATHAN SACKS

What is Friends of Music and the Arts (FOMA)?



Many of you have asked, “What exactly is Friends of Music and the Arts?”

We’re excited to share more about this vibrant and meaningful part of our community.

Friends of Music and the Arts (FOMA) is a group of dedicated supporters who help underwrite much of the cultural programming at Temple Beth El. Thanks to FOMA, we’re able to offer concerts, film screenings, author talks, guest speakers, art exhibits, and more. FOMA also helps fund the talented musicians who enhance our Friday night and special Shabbat services with beautiful music.

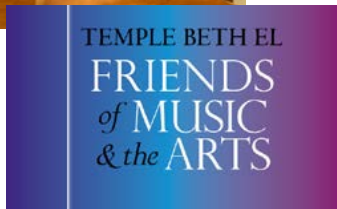
Judaism speaks to each of us in different ways. While many connect deeply through prayer and spirituality, others find their path through learning, social justice, or through music and the arts. FOMA is for those who are passionate about Jewish culture and want to help continue building a thriving center of artistic expression at Temple Beth El.

FOMA offers various levels of membership, with benefits that may include reserved concert seating and opportunities to meet guest artists. We are especially grateful to our committee chairs, Carol Niren and Marilyn Yentis, whose leadership and dedication help bring each cultural season to life. And we thank every FOMA member for their generous support in building this unique cultural initiative.

If you’re interested in learning more or getting involved with FOMA, please contact Shayna Martinoff at SMartinoff@tbeboca.org.

Artistically Yours,

Cantor Lori Brock & Rabbi Laila Flaas



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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.

For questions, please contact Michelle Cohen at MCohen@tbeboca.org



Sic AT TEMPLE BETH EL

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

- Joey Wiesenberg

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.

KIDS & TEENS

MALACHIM

Grades 3-5

Sundays, 12:00 – 1:00pm

Beck Family Campus

A FUN youth choir where kids participate in various Friday night services, holidays and end-of-year performance.

Register at tbeboca.org/malachim. Questions? Contact Chris Mason, Music Educator, at cmason@tbeboca.org.

TEEN MUSIC COLLECTIVE

Grades 6-12

Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:45pm

Beck Family Campus

Join us for an exciting journey where you can explore your Jewish and musical identities while having a blast with your peers!

This is a safe space for creativity and collaboration, where all musicians—regardless of experience level—are welcome. Whether you play an instrument (with at least 2 years of experience) or want to lend your voice (no experience required), this is your chance to shine. We'll come together to enhance our Jewish music with fresh ideas and unique arrangements. Get ready to make music, friends and memories!

Register at tbeboca.org/teen-music



November is **Giving Tree Month!**

HELP BRING HOLIDAY JOY THROUGH THE GIVING TREE PROJECT

While many of us look forward to the holiday season, for those living in poverty or distress, this time of year can be unbearably difficult. With your help, The Giving Tree of Temple Beth El will fulfill **Holiday Wish Lists for more than 2,000 children, families, and seniors throughout Palm Beach County**—and the need grows each year. Together, we can make holiday wishes come true!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pick a Holiday Wish List

In Person: Choose a Wish List from the Giving Tree at the Schaefer or Beck Family Campus, shop for items, and follow drop-off instructions

Online: Scan the QR code or visit thegivingtreeboca.org to select a list from the Virtual Giving Tree

Make It a Classroom Project

Partner with other families in your Early Learning Center or Religious School class to fill one or more Wish Lists



Prefer Not to Shop?

Donate at tbeboca.org/giving/the-giving-tree and we'll shop for you

Donate Gift Cards

Walmart, Target, or Amazon gift cards are always welcome. Email contact@thegivingtreeboca.org for details

Organize a Drive

Coordinate with your workplace, community group, or chavurah. Email contact@thegivingtreeboca.org to get started



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 31: Wish Lists available on campus and online.

Friday, November 7: Learn more at Shabbat when Giving Tree President Lauren Gross shares the project's impact, serving our community since the 1980s.

Friday, November 14: Be Thankful Tot Shabbat—celebrating gratitude and giving.

Monday, December 1: Deadline to fulfill Wish Lists to allow time for wrapping and distribution.

Monday, December 1: Gift wrapping begins! Email Robin Eisenberg at Robledeise@gmail.com to schedule a group wrapping time.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Civil Righteousness

THE JEWISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

with Guest Speaker Rabbi Peter Berg from The Temple in Atlanta
Wednesday, January 28 • 7:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus



Peter Berg became the fifth senior rabbi of The Temple since 1895 in July of 2008. Rabbi Berg is passionate about Jewish learning and meaningful worship, and he is an advocate for social change. Over the years, Rabbi Berg has spent a great deal of time working with advocacy groups on issues including but not limited to:

poverty & homelessness, criminal justice reform, preventing the human trafficking of minors, civil rights, religious freedom, ending mass incarceration, gun safety, hate crimes, the environment, combatting antisemitism, and strengthening the U.S.- Israel relationship. Rabbi Berg currently serves on the Board of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Anti-Defamation League, Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS), Faith In Public Life, OUTCRY: Faith Voices Against Gun Violence, Three Star, Home First, Georgia Interfaith Public Policy Center, The

Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, and the Commission On Social Action for Reform Judaism. He is Past President of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association. In 2013, Rabbi Berg was named by Newsweek and The Daily Beast as one of the top 50 most influential rabbis in the United States of America. From 2016-2022, he was named annually by Georgia Trend as one of the Most Influential Georgians and from 2019-2023 as one of Atlanta's Most Powerful Leaders. In 2023 he received Atlanta's highest honor from Mayor Dickens, the Phoenix Award, as well as the Distinguished Advocate Award from The American Jewish Committee. Rabbi Berg lives in Atlanta with his wife Karen, a teacher and tutor, and their three children.

Any Temple Member interested in Social Justice is invited to attend.

Register at tbeoca.org/social-justice



Interfaith Thanksgiving Seder

Hosted by the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association
Monday, November 17 • 7:00pm
Congregation Shaarei Kodesh
19785 Hampton Dr. Suite 1, Boca Raton

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.



Israel Bonds Unity for Israel Reception

HONORING JUDITH CHASON
Thursday, November 20
7:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Join together with Israel Bonds Palm Beach, Adam Hasner (President of Florida Atlantic University), and fourteen synagogues around Palm Beach as we honor Temple Beth El member, Judith Chason, and celebrate unity for Israel.

Scan the QR code to register.



Thankful Hearts

NEW CONNECTIONS AT TEMPLE BETH EL

As the season of gratitude and celebration surrounds us, it's the perfect time to give yourself the gift of community. At Temple Beth El, we are so thankful for the many ways our members are there for each other, to support one another, celebrate life's joyful moments, and create meaningful experiences together.

Get involved in our small group programs, **Beth El Circles** and **Beth El Chavurot**, for great ways to connect with your fellow congregants and have

fun! Whether you'd like to share a hobby, explore a passion, or simply spend time with friends, Circles and Chavurot offer opportunities to enrich our lives and foster lasting friendships.

Beth El Circles bring people together around shared interests - from art and games to music and wine tasting. Some groups meet in person, others online, and all offer a fun way to feel more connected. **Beth El Chavurot**, groups of friends in a similar life stage, gather for everything from Shabbat dinners to happy hours to game nights and more – just about any opportunity to connect, have fun, and make memories.

As we head into 2026, let's carry this spirit of gratitude forward by making more room for joy, friendship, and belonging. Join Circles, a Chavurah - or both - and discover connections to be thankful for all year long!

To learn more, please contact:
Beth El Circles: **Susie Federman**,
SFederman@tbeboca.org
Beth El Chavurot: **Rachael Rand**,
RRand@tbeboca.org



Sababa Boca!

20S & 30S GROUP

In your 20s or 30s—
or know someone who is? Sababa at
Temple Beth El is where it's at!

Sababa brings Jewish young adults together to build real community, create meaningful experiences and have fun. Think Shabbat vibes, nights out, new friends and unforgettable moments!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendsgiving Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 21
7:30pm

Chanukah Party

Saturday, December 20
8:00pm

Follow us on Instagram
[@sabababoca](https://www.instagram.com/sabababoca) or contact
Rabbi Ashira Boxman at
ABoxman@tbeboca.org
for more details.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SECURITY TRAINING

Wednesday, November 5

7:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Free to attend, but registration required at tbeboca.org/security

Each year in partnership with SCN (Secure Community Network) we offer a free security training course for Temple members and their guests. Brandon Waller, the Community Security Director for the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, will teach you how to recognize suspicious or potentially dangerous behavior and threats, and what to do whether you are in synagogue, at school, at work or going about your day. Additional topics will include enhancing your security awareness, identifying safety and security threats, recognizing and reporting suspicious activity and learning how to be an active participant in the safety of your community.

This program is made possible by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and the Secure Community Network. The Secure Community Network (SCN) is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America.

For additional safety and security resources, please visit securecommunitynetwork.org. Should you have any questions or require additional information about security, please contact the Temple's Security Manager, Michael Ropp at MRopp@tbeboca.org.



Yoga with a Twist

**INTEGRATING MUSSAR
AND MOVEMENT**

Thursday, October 30

Tuesday, November 18

Thursday, December 11

6:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join Rabbi Amy Pessah and yoga instructor Amy Appel for a 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.

Register at
tbeboca.org/mussar

Jewish Heritage Tour to Central Europe

**Led by Rabbi Dan Levin
& Elinor Josephson**
**Sunday, May 31 –
Thursday, June 11, 2026**

Join Rabbi Dan and Elinor Josephson next summer on an immersive journey across Central Europe. Together, you'll discover the profound history and vibrant heritage of Jewish communities, exploring significant landmarks, historical sites and cultural treasures.

Contact Elinor Josephson at
EJosephson@tbeboca.org or
561-314-2833 for more information.



CAN YOU IMAGINE?



MAKING YOUR MARK AT TEMPLE BETH EL

What would you create if someone gave you up to \$25,000 to bring a bold new Jewish idea to life at Temple Beth El? Temple Beth El's Jewish Ideas Incubator, funded by proceeds from the 2022 Beth El Bash, is here to help turn imagination into reality.

This initiative invites every member of our congregation—no matter your age, background, or level of involvement—to dream, dream big, and share your vision for how we can enrich Jewish life together. Whether it's a new program, project, or experience, if it strengthens our mission to enrich lives by generating bonds of love through exceptional Jewish experience, we want to hear it. If your idea is selected, Temple Beth El will provide up to \$25,000 to fund your idea.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Submit your idea. Share your dream with us at tbeboca.org/imagine.

Work with a partner. If your idea is selected, you'll be paired with a Temple Beth El staff member or volunteer who will help you shape and strengthen your concept.

Collaborate and refine. You'll join fellow visionaries to explore, workshop, and polish your idea into a compelling initiative.

Pitch your dream. A review panel representing the Incubator will evaluate submissions and select initiatives to bring to life. Not every idea will be chosen, but every idea will be valued and considered.

This is your chance to make your mark—to leave a legacy of innovation, creativity, and community that will inspire Jewish life at Temple Beth El for years to come.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Dan Levin at 561-391-8900 or DLevin@tbeboca.org.

"Can You Imagine?" is proudly sponsored by the Temple Beth El's Rabbi Dan Levin Jewish Ideas Incubator, committed to fostering creativity and innovation in modern Jewish life.

SAVE THE DATE! SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON



CHUTZPAH GIRLS

ARE COMING TO TEMPLE BETH EL!

FEATURING

Julie Esther Silverstein and Tami Schlossberg Pruwer

Authors of “Chutzpah Girls: 100 Tales of Daring Jewish Women”

Sunday, March 8 | Schaefer Family Campus



Chutzpah Girls: 100 Tales of Daring Jewish Women by Julie Silverstein and Tami Schlossberg Pruwer is an anthology featuring 100 inspiring short biographies of Jewish women from ancient times to the present day who demonstrated strength and resilience in diverse fields. Illustrated with original portraits by Jewish female artists, the book aims to spark Jewish pride and inspire readers to explore their heritage by showcasing women like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Mayim Bialik, and lesser-known figures who overcame adversity.

Julie Esther Silverstein is a messaging strategist and former speechwriter for Israel's UN Ambassador. She wrote *Chutzpah Girls* to honor daring Jewish women like her grandmother, who bravely confronted the Nazi police.

Tami Schlossberg Pruwer is a brand strategist who led award-winning campaigns for global organizations. Tami wrote this book to celebrate strong Jewish women in her heritage.





Sisterhood Sip, Shop & Support

Thursday, November 6 • 5:30 – 7:30pm

Barbara Katz

5050 Town Center Circle, Suite 208

Boca Raton

Grab your friends and join us for a fabulous and stylish night out at Barbara Katz's brand-new location, owned by Temple member Cassie Walin. Sip wine, enjoy lite bites, and share plenty of laughs while browsing the latest fashions. Plus, hear directly from the stylists as they share the season's hottest trends.

Admission: \$25 gift card minimum from your favorite store or restaurant (Gift cards will be used in a special fundraising feature at the Sisterhood Luncheon)

15% of every purchase goes right back to Temple Beth El's Sisterhood.

Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

For more information, contact Lisa Barenboim at 561-543-6252.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

at the Schaefer Family Campus

Your go-to destination for beautiful Judaica, unique holiday items, jewelry, and gifts for every occasion. Every purchase directly supports Sisterhood's programs, initiatives and acts of tikkun olam benefiting the Temple Beth El community.

The Gift Shop is open every Friday after Shabbat Evening Services. Please stop by to browse and shop—we even offer complimentary gift wrapping!



For shopping questions, please contact Jill Weiner at 954 205-0875 or TBEbocashop@gmail.com, and if you'd like to volunteer in the shop, reach out to Irene Abrams at IAbrams@tbeboca.org.

Temple Beth El
SISTERHOOD

You are invited to

The Winning Hand Brunch

Sunday, November 16
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Members \$45 | Non-members \$60

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of games, friendship, and delicious food at our annual Canasta, Mah Jongg, and Rummikub brunch! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the table, this event is a wonderful way to connect, play, and enjoy a relaxing day together.

Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

Bring your friends, bring your lucky hand and get ready for a fabulous day!

For questions, please contact:
Lori Caflun **Jenna Caflun**
lcaflun@gmail.com jennacaflun@gmail.com

A portion of proceeds will go to the Giving Tree.

Kindly RSVP by November 1

Dress in GAME DAY COLORS Black, White, and Red



College Connection: A Meaningful Mitzvah!

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 – 9:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join Sisterhood to assemble and package Chanukah goodies for Temple Beth El's college students. Whether you're packing for a student you love or simply lending a hand, your participation is a wonderful opportunity to give back and help spread holiday joy and care.

Rosh Chodesh

Sundays November 23

December 21,

January 25

9:15 – 11:15am

Location to be provided upon registration.

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

Day Trip to Flagler Museum & High Tea



Wednesday, December 10

9:00am: Meet at Schaefer Family Campus -

Bus will depart shortly after

4:00pm: Bus returns to Schaefer Family Campus

Step into the splendor of the Gilded Age as Sisterhood embarks on a special journey to the Flagler Museum - where history, beauty and elegance come to life. Enjoy a guided tour of this magnificent estate, followed by a High Tea luncheon, a "once-in-a-lifetime experience" to savor and share with friends. We are especially honored to have Rabbi Laila joining us, bringing a meaningful spiritual connection to this unforgettable day.

\$100 per Member

Register at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

Prices increase \$10 per person as of Monday, December 1.

Last day to register is Friday, December 5.

For more information, contact Emily Cohen at Sisterhood@tbeboca.org



Brotherhood Family Bowling Bonanza

Sunday, December 14 | 1:00 – 3:00pm

Lucky Strike, 21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33486

Get ready to roll into a day of fun, food, and family at our Family Bowling Bonanza! Gather your loved ones and join us for an afternoon of strikes, spares, and smiles, as we hit the lanes and welcome the Chanukah season together. Enjoy some friendly competition, savor a delicious lunch, and share a few laughs with your friends—all while making memories that are sure to last.

You can also catch the big football games of the day on big screens throughout the alley as well as challenge each other on your favorite arcade games.

Fun for all ages!



\$18 per Adult Member, \$23 per Adult Guest
\$10 per Child (6-12) Member, \$15 Child (6-12) Guest
Children age 5 and under are free.

Price increases by \$5 per person as of Monday, December 8.

Last day to register is Thursday, December 11.

Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood

Brotherhood Entrepreneur's Panel Discussion AI IN ACTION!

Wednesday, November 12

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Everyone is talking about AI...but what do you actually DO about it? Join Temple Beth El Brotherhood for a dynamic evening, exploring how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we live, work, and connect.

This interactive, town-hall style event will feature three leading experts shaping the future of AI.

KARIN KLEIN: Founding Partner at Bloomberg Beta, an early-stage venture capital firm investing in the future of work and artificial intelligence.

MATT SAVARICK: CEO and Co-Founder of Vibe GTM, helping organizations scale intelligently through AI-powered systems that multiply human potential.

TANNER STEVENS: AI Product Strategy Principal at Slalom, known for building responsible, audit-ready AI systems across industries from finance to healthcare.

Moderated by **WILLIAM HAAS EVANS:** Founder of Fugue and global expert in foresight and human-centered design.

Bring your questions, our experts will bring frameworks forged in billions of dollars of real-world AI experience. The evening will blend discussion, live audience exercises so you experience AI firsthand, and community dialogue.

Limited to 120 seats

Free to attend, but registration is required at tbeboca.org/brotherhood



BROTHERHOOD GOLF OUTING

Honoring

Rabbi Greg Weisman

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

BOCA RIO GOLF CLUB



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

Individual Golfer including
Cocktails/Awards Dinner
\$575

Foursome Package
(Includes Half Page Ad and Tee Sign)
\$3,000

Cocktails/Awards Dinner
\$180

Early Bird Discount:
\$525/Individual 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

BEIT KNESSET | HOUSE OF GATHERING
SIMCHAT TORAH: WE WILL DANCE AGAIN



**BEIT KNESSET | HOUSE OF GATHERING
AROUND BETH EL**



DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

June 16, 2025 – August 15, 2025

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my wife, Donna Baran by Max Baran
Lorrie Shafer by Katherine & David Snyder

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Mazel Tov To

July 28, 2025 through October 16, 2025

Joanne Douma on the birth of her grandson, Luka Scudney

Tina and Jeffrey Kranitz on the birth of their grandson, Thomas Vincent Shevlin

Mara and Michael Shapiro on the birth of their grandson, Corey Blake Modansky

Laura and Hank Schabot on the birth of their daughter, Penelope Schabot

Debra and Pierce Schultz on the birth of their son Garrett Stanley Schultz, big brothers Micah and Ryan

Marcy and Barry Schultz on the birth of their grandson, Garrett Stanley Schultz

Haley and Brandon Schwartz on the birth of their daughter, Aria Hope Schwartz, big sister Iyla

Tiffany and Timothy Shevlin on the birth of their son, Thomas Vincent Shevlin

Sherry and Daniel Weinberger on the birth of their granddaughter, Nora Everly Weinberger

Deborah and Jack Berger on the birth of their granddaughter, Penelope Schabot

Polly Emery and Jose Drowne on the birth of their son, Jacob Emery Drowne, big brother, Stephen

Davina Kirschenbaum and Robert Katzwer on the birth of their daughter, Luna Noa Katzwer, and big sister Lily

Jessica and Noah Kimmel on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Betty Kimmel, big brother Spencer

Deborah Perry Lynott on the birth of her granddaughter, Sophia J Suarez

Lisa and George Ponczek on the birth of their grandson, Liam Andrew Ponczek

Shannon and Jason Reasor on the birth of their daughter, Avery Morgan Reasor

Nina and Jordan Whitney on the birth of their son, Levi Gabriel Whitney, big sister Layla

Rebecca and Alan Klasfeld on the engagement of their daughter, Suzy Klasfeld to Jake Butler

Tobe and Joshua Rubin on the engagement of their daughter, Kayleigh Rubin to Matt Nierwienski

Patty Beck and Martin Rubenstein on their marriage

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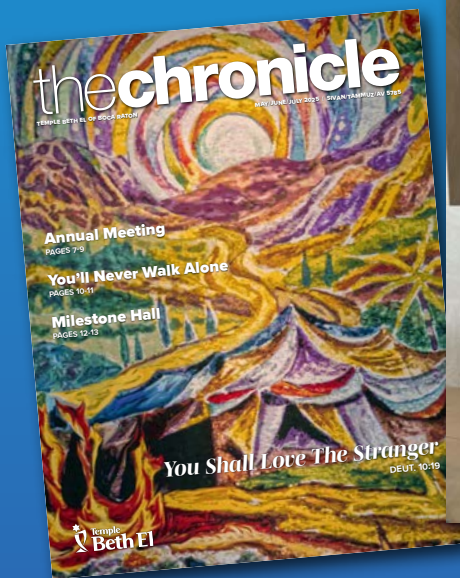
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