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Tears Are a Good Thing

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN
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This year I would like to suggest we all add one item to our New Year's Resolutions:

Cry more.

I know that may not make sense. After all, we all usually see each other on Rosh HaShanah and say: "Happy New Year!"

But the greeting we offer in Hebrew - לשנה טובה - L'Shana Tovah - wishes everyone a "good" New Year. And if the New Year is really going to be good, then it should be filled with tears.

Why are tears a good thing? Tears are what follows from living with soul.

I remember when I was seven, I was playing dodgeball on the playground at school. I fell and cut my head, which required a ride in an ambulance and six stitches. Later that afternoon, my next-door neighbor Miguel came over to check on me.

"Did it hurt?" he asked. "Some," I answered.

"I figured," he said. "You cried a lot."

And from that day on, I never cried from an injury. Not once. Even with broken bones and other injuries, I never again shed a tear from pain. I learned to wall off my soul, to keep my feelings in check, and not to show my emotions.

It took years to unlearn that habit. I still never cry from pain, but I did learn to cry at far more important moments.

But the way we know our souls are working is when we feel, and feel deeply - when we care deeply, love passionately, and invest ourselves fully and presently in each and every rich and precious moment of lived experience.

We know our souls are working when they overflow with feeling. And that manifests itself with tears. Tears of frustration. Tears of anguish. Tears of gratitude. Tears of joy.

I remember on my wedding day, it was the first time I shed tears of joy.

I cry at movies and while watching TV. I cry in the theater, while reading a book, and while listening to music. I cry at weddings, and sometimes at funerals.

"There he goes again," my kids will say with their eyes rolling. But I know I'm in trouble when the tears don't come easily.

The task we are given at this time of year is to think long and hard about how we are choosing to use the very holy, precious, fragile and fleeting gift of life. Tradition guides us to perform a חשבון הנפש - Cheshbon HaNefesh - an accounting of our lives.

How did we choose to use our physical gifts and resources? On what did we spend our time and our energy, our money and our efforts?

How did we choose to use our intellectual capacity? What did we think about? What did we study? What did we learn? What did we try to understand?

But we also need to think about how we used our souls. How did we share and express love? What did we do to cultivate joy and offer gratitude? When we grew angry and indignant, what did we do with that anger and indignation? When we suffered disappointment and loss, how did we express our anguish and our grief?

We know our bodies are working when we feel healthy, capable, and strong. We know our minds are working when we can figure things out, solve the puzzle or find the solution.

But the way we know our souls are working is when we feel, and feel deeply - when we care deeply, love passionately, and invest ourselves fully and presently in each and every rich and precious moment of lived experience.

We know our souls are working when they overflow with feeling. And that manifests itself with tears. Tears of frustration. Tears of anguish. Tears of gratitude. Tears of joy.

That's why the practice of Jewish tradition is so rich. Jewish text and Jewish ritual combine to unlock our souls and spirits so that we can live with hearts awake and open.

Living with soul takes practice and commitment. We do not naturally allow ourselves to be open and vulnerable. It can be scary to expose our hearts and souls.

But the best way to inscribe ourselves in the "Book of Lives Well-Lived" is to live with soul, to push ourselves each day to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

In this new year 5787, I wish you a tearful and soulful, good New Year. לשנה טובה - L'Shana Tovah.



Living a Life with Light and Love



BY GINA SHUGAR
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This year my life has been rocked by a big transition. After 27 years of marriage, my husband Greg and I decided to separate and ultimately divorce. I won't dress that up — it has been painful and humbling, but today as I write this Chronicle article, I am genuinely grateful for the opportunity that it gave me to grow into my true self.

Navigating this change could not have happened without digging way deep and deciding to live with soul. So, here is what I know about living with soul, from the inside of my open heart, during a year I would not have chosen but could not avoid.

I found myself drawn to many sources of inspiration: rabbis and Jewish teachings, Stoic philosophy, and ancient wisdom from traditions separated by thousands of miles and hundreds of years. What surprised me was how much these diverse sources agreed with one another. When people who live in totally different times and places arrive at the same conclusions about how to live, it feels reliable.

*Living with soul means slowing down
enough to actually live your life,
not just get through it.*

Three ideas kept surfacing.

The first is presence.

Marcus Aurelius wrote, "Confine yourself to the present." Buddhist and Jewish teachings have been saying the same thing for centuries.

We live in a world that rewards busy. We rush through our days checking boxes, moving from task to task. We eat without tasting, listen without hearing, and move through life like we are late for a meeting.

Living with soul asks us to show up calmly for the ordinary moments that make up most of our lives. To cook a meal slowly and intentionally instead of rushing through it. To have a conversation without half our attention somewhere else. To notice the people right in front of us.

The Baal Shem Tov taught that God is present in every moment and every act — not just in the synagogue and not just on Shabbat. That means loading the dishwasher can be sacred if we bring ourselves fully to it. Presence is not automatic; it is a valuable skill that requires practice.

Living with soul means slowing down enough to actually live your life, not just get through it.

The second is intentionality.

Judaism has a word for this: kavanah, which means intention, direction, and purpose. Maimonides taught that prayer without kavanah is like a body without a soul. The same is true for life: absentmindedly repeating the same thing over and over is not living with soul.

We are each called to consciously choose what we value, how we spend our days, how we treat people, and what deserves our time and attention. I have come to understand that intentionality is not only about building. Sometimes it is about having the courage to change direction when the path you are on no longer leads where you need to go.

Living with soul means choosing your life deliberately rather than drifting through it on autopilot.

The third, and most important, is authenticity.

Rabbi Zusya is said to have taught: "When I die, I will not be asked why I wasn't Moses. I will be asked why I wasn't Zusya."

There is no single right way to live. The only question is whether we are living our own way, honestly and without apology. And if we truly believe that each person is walking their own unique path, then it becomes very hard to judge someone else's choices simply because they look different from our own.

Authenticity for ourselves requires grace for others. You cannot have one without the other.

This is what I love most about Temple Beth El. There is no single model of what Jewish life looks like here, and there is no judgment. One person finds meaning through Torah study. Another through social justice and Tikkun Olam. Another through Friday night services surrounded by people they love. Some connect through worship, some through friendship, some through learning, some through service. Each path is different because each soul is different. Each path is equally valuable. That freedom is the whole point of what we are building together here.

During the hardest year of my life I found something unexpected: the quiet, clarifying experience of living with soul. Not the life I had planned, and not the life that looks right to everyone else, but mine. That is what I wish for every one of you. Be present to the life you are living. Choose it deliberately and with kavanah. Be authentically yourself and allow others to do the same without judgment. For it is through living soulfully that we can fully connect to that divine spark that lives in each one of us and live a life filled with light and love.

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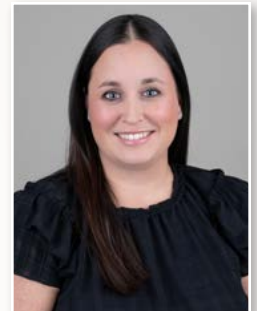
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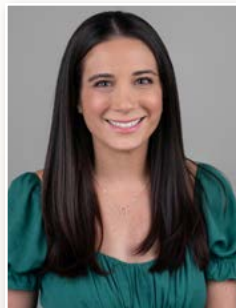
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Welcome New and Returning Members who have joined between March 24, 2026 and June 29, 2026. Additional members not listed at the time of printing will be included in our next list. For help getting involved, please contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming, at EJosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833.

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children, Avery & Zoe

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Open House for Prospective Members

Thursday, August 20

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/open-house

Two Time Slots Available:

4:30 - 5:30 pm or 5:30 - 6:30 pm

We're excited to welcome the community to the Schaefer Family Campus— a vibrant expression of Jewish life in our beautiful location in East Boca.

Members, please invite your friends, neighbors and anyone interested in learning more about our congregation. Everyone is welcome!

Join us for an inspiring experience where you'll have the opportunity to:

- Meet our warm and welcoming clergy, staff and volunteers
- Tour our stunning, state-of-the-art campus
- Explore our extraordinary Judaic art installations (including an optional exclusive tour with an Art Docent)
- Discover what makes Temple Beth El a truly special place to learn, connect, and belong

For any questions, please contact Susie Federman, Engagement & Programming Associate, at SFederman@tbeboca.org. We can't wait to meet you!



5787 AT A GLANCE

Saturday, August 15

Welcome Back Tot Shabbat

Friday, August 28

Welcome Back Shabbat & Oneg

Saturday, September 12

Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Sunday, September 13

Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Monday, September 21

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 25

**Lulavs and Levis Erev Sukkot
Shabbat Service and Dinner
Honoring Chai and New
Members**

Friday, October 2

**Dancing in the Streets of
Jerusalem – Erev Simchat Torah
Shabbat Service, Consecration &
Dance Party**

Friday, November 6

**Consecration of Cantorial
Associate Todd Herzog &
Optional Dinner**

Saturday, November 21

**Nefesh Boca Tov
Self-Care Shabbat**

Friday, December 4

**Chanukah Shabbat
Celebration & Dinner**

Friday, January 22

**Shabbat Shira & Consecration
of Senior Cantorial Leader
Michelle Auslander Cohen**

Saturday, January 23

**Early Learning Center
Family Fun Day**

Monday, January 25

Temple Beth El Golf Outing

Sunday, January 31

New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, February 21

**Cantor Stephen Dubov z"l
Memorial Concert**

Thursday, March 4

**Josh Warshawsky
Courtyard Concert**

Sunday, March 7

Sisterhood Luncheon

Monday, March 22

Erev Purim Adult Celebration

Saturday, April 3

Beth El Bash

Thursday, April 22

Passover Second Night Seder

Friday, April 30

**Confirmation & Senior
Graduation Shabbat & Dinner**

Sunday, May 2

Religious School Confirmation

Friday, May 7

**Project Nuremberg
Lawyers Luncheon**

Friday, May 14

**Yom HaAtzmaut
Blue & White Blue Jeans
Israel Shabbat & Dinner**

Sunday, May 16

**Early Learning Center
Pre-K Graduation**

Thursday, May 27

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 30

Musical Ensembles Concert

Membership & Engagement Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 27 • 7:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/membership-engagement

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved? Join the Membership & Engagement Committee and discover volunteer and leadership opportunities to give back to our Temple community. Whether you're welcoming new members, helping plan programming for empty nesters, or supporting other engagement initiatives, there's a place for you to make a difference.

For more information, contact Elinor Josephson, Director Engagement & Programming at EJosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833.

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH US 2026/5787



**All High Holy Day services will be held at the
Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus in East Boca Raton.**

Feeding the Hungry

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

Temple Beth El's 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 as we donate food 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.

Visit tbeboca.org/high-holy-days for drop-off dates and times or donate directly to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code.



Congregational Worship

These meaningful Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services will be held in both the Sanctuary and the Chapel. See page 9 for detailed information about service options.

Tickets are required.

Family Participation Services

These festive services include family-friendly liturgy and a participatory environment for families with children ages 8 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Services will be held at 1:30 pm on Rosh HaShanah and 1:45 pm on Yom Kippur.

Tickets are required.

Young Children's Services

These engaging services are filled with music, story and our famous High Holy Day skits, suitable for families with children 8 and under. Services will be held at 4:00 pm on Rosh HaShanah and 9:00 am on Yom Kippur.

Tickets are not required, but registration is requested.

See page 10 for a complete service schedule, including which services are available on various channels of Virtual Beth El.

Visit tbeboca.org/high-holy-days for service times, registration and the latest information and updates.



Your
High Holy Day
ticket gives you
access to your
choice of the
Congregational
Worship morning
service in the
Sanctuary, or in the
Chapel. Seating is
first come,
first served.

See page 11 for
information about
registering
for tickets.

Congregational Worship Morning Services in the Round

IN THE CHAPEL AT THE SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Rosh HaShanah Morning in the Chapel

Saturday, September 12 • 10:00 am

Schaefer Family Campus

Tickets are required. Please see the full High Holy Day Schedule on page 10.

We begin our year with new beginnings. As we usher in 5787 with word and song, we gather not as a crowd but as a circle to pray in the round, with faces turned toward one another. The new beginnings this year feel less like a theme and more like a shared experience, discovered together, in eye contact, in the shared hush before the shofar.

We will read Torah from the middle of the circle, voices rising and falling around us like a current. The shofar's blast moves through the room rather than at it. We will prepare ourselves to ask, "what am I ready to release, and what might I begin again?" We leave a little more known to each other, and to ourselves, ready to start the year.



Yom Kippur Morning in the Chapel

Monday, September 21 • 10:30 am

Schaefer Family Campus

Tickets are required. Please see the full High Holy Day Schedule on page 10.

Gather in the round as Yom Kippur invites us into sacred stillness, creating space to listen not only to the words of prayer, but also to the quiet voice of the soul. This worship experience weaves together sacred chant, meditation, music, personal reflection, and the healing resonance of sound bowls. Used intentionally throughout the service, these ancient tones and vibrations help quiet the distractions of everyday life, awaken deeper awareness, and open pathways to spiritual connection. Through soulful melodies, thoughtful intentions, and contemplative practices, we will journey inward together, nurturing the spirit and allowing the power of sound, silence, and prayer to guide us toward renewal.

Tashlich

Sunday, September 13

4:00 pm

Spanish River Library

Register at

tbeboca.org/tashlich

Join us as we gather for Tashlich, a meaningful High Holy Day tradition of reflection, renewal, and letting go. Together, we'll cast away the burdens of the past year through prayer and symbolic ritual in a beautiful outdoor setting at the lake and bridge area of Spanish River Library.

This location offers convenient parking and is accessible for individuals and families of all ages.

Come begin the new year with intention, community, and hope as we embrace the opportunity for a fresh start.



ALL SERVICES ARE AT TEMPLE BETH EL'S SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

SERVICE SCHEDULE		TIME	LOCATION	TICKETS REQUIRED
SELICHOT				
Saturday, September 5	Selichot With Soul	7:00 pm	Sanctuary	NO (registration requested)
KEVER AVOT				
Sunday, September 6	Kever Avot	10:30 am	Beth El Mausoleum & Eternal Light	NO
ROSH HASHANAH				
Friday, September 11	Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	NO
Saturday, September 12	Rosh HaShanah Congregational Worship Morning Service*	10:00 am	Sanctuary	YES
Saturday, September 12	Rosh HaShanah Morning in the Chapel (Schaefer Family Campus)*	10:00 am	Chapel	YES, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED SEATING
Saturday, September 12	Rosh HaShanah Family Participation Service* (for families with children 8-12)	1:30 pm	Sanctuary	YES
Saturday, September 12	Rosh HaShanah Young Children's Service* (for families with children under 8)	4:00 pm	Sanctuary	NO (registration requested)
Sunday, September 13	Rosh HaShanah Second Day Congregational Worship Morning Service*	10:00 am	Sanctuary	NO
Sunday, September 13	Tashlich	4:00 pm	Spanish River Library	NO (registration requested)
YOM KIPPUR				
Sunday, September 20	Yom Kippur Candlelight Kol Nidre Service	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	YES
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur Young Children's Service* (for families with children under 8)	9:00 am	Sanctuary	NO (registration requested)
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur Congregational Worship Morning Service*	10:30 am	Sanctuary	YES
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur Morning in the Chapel (Schaefer Family Campus)	10:30 am	Chapel	YES, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED SEATING
Monday, September 21	What is a Just War? A Text Study with Rabbi Dan Levin	1:15 pm	Chapel	NO
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur Family Participation Service* (for families with children 8-12)	1:45 pm	Sanctuary	YES
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur Service of Healing and Renewal	2:30 pm	Chapel	NO
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur Yizkor & Afternoon Service*	4:00 pm	Sanctuary	NO

*Livestream available at tbeboca.org/live

High Holy Day Tickets

TICKETING IS OPEN NOW!

We kindly encourage you to reserve your tickets as early as possible. Ordering early helps our staff prepare for the High Holy Days and ensures a smoother experience for everyone.

Due to seating capacity, tickets are available only to members and their guests. Guest of member tickets are extremely limited and are expected to sell out. Visit tbeboca.org/high-holy-days/tickets

Ticketing After you register for tickets online, you will receive a confirmation email. Rosh HaShanah QR code tickets will be emailed to you after Thursday, August 20, and Yom Kippur QR code tickets will be sent Monday, September 14. **Look out for an email from SimpleTix.** If you do not see this email, please check your spam or junk folders. 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 561-314-1988 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!

Ticket Details

Tickets for High Holy Day services are complimentary with Temple Beth El membership for all members and their children up to age 26 listed on their account.

Guest of Member tickets are \$118, per person per holiday (Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur)

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.

Need Help?

If you have trouble registering online, we will be happy to help you. Please contact Debbie Eisenberg at DEisenberg@tbeboca.org or **561-314-1988** 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**.



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 Monday, August 10, 2026 at 12:00 pm.



Sisterhood Honey Sale

Purchase a meaningful and delicious gift to celebrate the New Year! See page 34 for more information.

A Focus on Elul

Selichot with SOUL

LIVE RECORDING OF

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS WITH SOUL PODCAST

Saturday, September 5 • 7:00 pm

Live Recording of "With Soul" Podcast

Followed by Selichot services and oneg

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeoca.org/selichot



Take your seat as part of our live studio audience for the premiere episode of Essential Questions With Soul, a special series of Temple Beth El's podcast. Together, Rabbis Dan, Greg, Laila and Ashira will explore one of life's deepest questions: What is the soul?

Following the program, we will participate in a beautiful Selichot service, featuring original music by our new Cantorial Associate, Todd Herzog. Through music, prayer, and reflection, we'll prepare our hearts to enter a new year with intention, and soulfulness.

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

with Rabbi Laila Haas

Saturday, September 5 • 9:30 am

South Beach Park Pavilion

Register at tbeoca.org/mikveh



As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we gather at the ocean to immerse ourselves in the 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 connecting us to the themes of introspection, repentance, and renewal and then enter the water together. You can wear a bathing suit or clothing that is comfortable to



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

Want to ride together? Meet at the Schaefer Family Campus at 9:00 am to carpool together for easier parking at the beach!

Sacred Space for Sacred Preparation

August 18 - September 3

Tuesdays: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursdays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The month of Elul is a sacred threshold, a season of preparation that invites us to pause between what has been and what is yet to come. As we stand at the doorway of a new year, we are called to reflect on who we have been, who we are becoming, and what we hope to carry forward into 5787.

Throughout Elul, the doors of our sacred spaces will be open, creating



space for quiet reflection, personal prayer, and sacred intention. Come and stand in front of the open ark, in the

presence of our Torah scrolls. Bring your hopes, your questions, your gratitude, and your longings for the year to come. Allow yourself to linger in the stillness, to listen deeply, and to notice what is stirring within.

May this time offer a moment to reconnect with your truest self and to open your heart to the possibilities that await.

Come Alone.
Come with Family.
Come with a Friend.



Lulavs & Levi's

EREV SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER HONORING CHAI & NEW MEMBERS

Friday, September 25

6:00 pm Erev Sukkot Shabbat Service

Followed by Dinner

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/sukkot



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.

Put on your best blue jeans and join us for a meaningful service, followed by a festive dinner catered by Artisan Foods. A special blessing will be offered to both our Chai and New Members as we celebrate Shabbat and the strength of our community.

Dinner Prices:

Members: \$35 per adult | \$20 per child ages 4-12

Guests of Members: \$40 per adult | \$25 per child ages 4-12

Prices increase by \$5 per person as of Wednesday, September 16.

Registration closes at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22.

*All
are welcome
to attend...
wear your blue
jeans!*

DANCING IN THE STREETS *of Jerusalem*



*"The streets
of Jerusalem shall
once again be filled
with the sounds of
joy and gladness"
(Jeremiah 33:11).*

Simchat Torah Shabbat

Friday, October 2

6:00 pm Service & Consecration

Followed by Torah Dance Party, DJ & Pizza Oneg

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at

tbeboca.org/simchat-torah

On Simchat Torah, our community comes alive with music, dancing, and joy as we celebrate the gift of Torah together. We will consecrate our newest Religious School students, bless the babies born closest to this sacred day and experience the awe of unrolling the entire Torah scroll. Following the service, we will dance the Torah scrolls from the Sanctuary into a transformed Milestone Hall to look like the golden streets of Jerusalem. With an amazing DJ, pizza oneg, and dancing for all ages, we will fill the night with joy, connection, and Jewish pride.

Living with SOUL

Spiritual Growth at Temple Beth El

BY **RABBI LAILA HAAS**
LHaas@tbeboca.org

In designing the artwork for the Schaefer Family Campus, artist David Askelon and Rabbi Levin sought to find an appropriate image to express God's presence. David created a "swirl of light" to express the kabbalistic concept of "Shechinah" - the presence of God we experience in our mortal lives. Rabbi Levin asked David to adapt that image into door-pulls, so that as we enter into the sacred space of our sanctuary and chapel, we literally take hold of God's presence.



What does it mean to live with Soul?

As we stand at the threshold of a new year we take time to look beneath the surface of our lives, to listen more closely to what is stirring within us and to consider who we are becoming. We begin by turning inward toward the soul; that sacred place within that helps us to encounter wonder, cultivate gratitude, and awaken to the holiness already present in our lives.

In our tradition, we begin each morning with the ritual of reciting blessings. We take our first conscious breath, express gratitude for opening our eyes and before the demands and distractions of the day take hold, we remind ourselves that we are more than what we do; we are souls entrusted with the gift of another day. We recite the words,

אֱלֹהֵי נְשָׁמָה שְׁנָתָהּ בִּי טְהוֹרָה הִיא
Elohai Neshamah shenatata bi,
t'horah hi.

"My God, the soul You have given me is pure. You created it, You formed it, and You breathed it into me." Each day we are granted a renewed soul and what we choose to do with that gift may be the sacred work of our lives.

To live with soul is to live with gratitude, open to the mystery and beauty around us. It is a willingness to experience life as a sacred journey. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught that "our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted...never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed." Living soulfully means noticing the ordinary miracles of a sunrise, a breath, the face of someone we love, and allowing awe to rise in response. It is learning to live attune to the holiness woven through an ordinary day.

One of the great blessings of being one of your rabbis is having the privilege of sitting with you and listening to you share the words of your soul. Over the course of two years, you've expressed a longing for deeper meaning, authentic connection, balance, and ways to mark life's transitions rooted in our tradition. In response, we have created immersive experiences, communal and personal rituals, responsive gatherings, and creative worship experiences that have become the foundation of spiritual growth at Temple Beth El.

As we look ahead to the coming year, living with soul will become a shared practice woven throughout



the life of our congregation. As part of this journey, we are producing a special season of Temple Beth El's podcast, Essential Questions With Soul, featuring Rabbi Dan and Rabbi Laila. We will explore what it means to live with greater intention and spiritual awareness. Through authentic and honest conversations with featured guests, we will uncover how to navigate life's joys, challenges, relationships, and transitions with soul.

We will be launching "Thresholds", a growing collection of rituals designed to help mark life's transitions, both big and small. From the first day of school, a new job, retirement, or a new chapter of life to moments of healing, gratitude, and letting go, these rituals are crafted to meet you where you are. Rooted in Judaism's understanding of ritual as a pathway to meaning, "Thresholds" helps elevate everyday experiences into sacred moments.

Based on what I've heard from so many of you, we are creating Spiritual Growth Circles; small groups dedicated to meaningful connections through Jewish learning, healing, and creative soulful expression. These groups will explore what it means to live a purposeful life.

I am blessed to partner in this work with a thoughtful group of congregants who serve as Spiritual Advisors. They are therapists, educators, artists, ritualists, and seekers who walk alongside me as we imagine and curate rituals and experiences for our

community. Together we will continue listening so what we create emerges from the hopes and needs of our Temple family.

Alongside this work, a Sacred Space Task Force of lay leaders and staff has been assembled to explore how our physical spaces can better support worship, learning, gathering, reflection, and spiritual growth. Through collaborative reflection and inquiry, we are asking how our campuses can more fully nurture the sacred experiences we seek to create.

A soulful life embraces the full texture of being human: the smooth moments and the rough edges, the tears and the healing, the endings and the beginnings, the places where life feels whole and the places where we are still becoming. Rather than turning away from life's complexities, it invites

us to meet them with curiosity and an open heart. It is about tending to our inner lives as carefully as we tend to our outer ones. In a world that often pulls us toward distraction, living with soul calls us back to ourselves and to one another.

This, too, is what it means to belong to a spiritual home. We are a community that walks alongside one another through life's thresholds and transformations, helping each other uncover meaning, connection, and holiness in the moments that shape us.



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THE CALL OF THIS MOMENT

כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲרֵבִים זֶה בָּזֶה

"All of Israel is responsible for one another."

—SHEVUOT 39A

As the world seems to sink deeper into turmoil and division, as the "big lie" of antisemitism spreads like a pandemic across the globe... what are we supposed to do?

- How do we keep ourselves safe?
- What do we teach our children?
- How do we live in this fraught and difficult moment?

Temple Beth El is the answer to the question. A place of belonging for more than 2,100 households.



ANSWER THE CALL. **TOGETHER.**

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

At Temple Beth El, we strive in every moment of every day to empower our community to meet this moment.

- We teach our children the sacred truths of our tradition.
- We come together to share the rush of joy and pride in being Jewish.
- We sink deeper roots.
- We delve deep into the storehouse of Jewish wisdom.
- In a fractured world, we pull together – and show up for each other in moments of anguish and joy.

Temple Beth El is growing because we know this is a time we need to come together — to sink deeper roots into our Jewish heritage, to build rich, thick, meaningful, and passionate Jewish lives.

This sacred community continues to make a difference in the lives of every person looking for answers to the ultimate questions we face today.

We can't leave anyone out.
We can't leave anyone behind.

That's why your gift to Temple Beth El's Annual Appeal is of vital importance. It matters. It makes a difference.



Why We Chose to Endow Holocaust Remembrance and Antisemitism Awareness

BY MASON AND DANIELE SLAINE

Judaism has never been simply a religion to us. It is a civilization, a history, a moral compass, and a living testament to the resilience of the Jewish people. Our traditions have endured for thousands of years because each generation accepted the responsibility not only to inherit them, but to strengthen them for those who would follow.

That belief is what inspired us to establish an endowment to fund Holocaust Remembrance and Antisemitism Awareness at Temple Beth El.

As Holocaust survivors leave us, we are approaching a time when there will no longer be living witnesses to history's greatest crime. Soon, remembrance will depend not on personal testimony, but on education, scholarship, and the determination of those willing to preserve the truth. That responsibility now belongs to all of us.

The lessons of the Holocaust are not confined to the past. Around the world—and even here in the United States—we are witnessing an alarming rise in antisemitism. Hatred that many believed had been relegated to history has resurfaced in schools, on college campuses, online, and even in our neighborhoods. Ignorance has become fertile ground for prejudice, and silence allows it to spread.

History teaches us that antisemitism rarely begins with violence. It begins with words,



stereotypes, and indifference. If left unchallenged, those seeds can grow into something far more dangerous.

For that reason, Holocaust education is not only about remembering six million murdered Jews.



It is about teaching every generation where hatred can lead when truth is ignored and humanity fails to act. It also means defending democracy, protecting human dignity, and affirming the Jewish values of justice, compassion, and moral courage.

We believe that Temple Beth El of Boca Raton is uniquely positioned to lead this effort. As one of the largest Reform congregations in the Southeast, Temple Beth El is committed to enriching lives through meaningful Jewish experiences and lifelong learning. Our hope is that this endowment will provide lasting support for distinguished speakers, educational programs, student initiatives, survivor testimony, historical scholarship, interfaith dialogue, and community engagement for decades to come.

This endowment is not intended to look backward alone. It is intended to shape the future.

We want our children, grandchildren, and future generations to understand not only what happened, but why it happened—and what each of us can do to ensure that it never happens again. We hope they will

grow up with both pride in their Jewish identity and the confidence to stand against hatred wherever they encounter it.

Jewish history has demonstrated extraordinary resilience. Despite exile, persecution, and repeated attempts to destroy us, the Jewish people have endured because every generation chose hope over despair and education over ignorance. We believe this generation must do the same.

The Hebrew phrase *l'dor vador*—from generation to generation—captures the essence of this gift. We are merely temporary stewards of a remarkable heritage. It is both our privilege and our obligation to pass it forward stronger than we received it.

Daniele and I are deeply grateful to be part of this extraordinary Temple Beth El family. It is our sincere hope that the Daniele and Mason Slaine Endowment to support Holocaust Remembrance and Antisemitism Awareness will fund programs designed to inspire meaningful conversations, deepen understanding, strengthen Jewish identity, and help ensure that the words “Never Again” remain not simply a slogan, but a commitment.

That is the legacy we hope this endowment will help create.

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 Endowment
Campaign or have any questions, please
contact Craig Sumberg, Director of
Development, at CSumberg@tbeboca.org.



THE FUTURE

An Endowment Campaign
to Secure Beth El's Tomorrow



Shabbat

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Shabbat Minyan

10:45 am

Schaefer Family Campus

Join our clergy for a monthly Shabbat morning experience, that combines the ancient words of our sages with the beautiful power of music. A light nosh will be served following the service.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Shabbat Evening Services

6:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a soulful Shabbat service, filled with music, meaning, and community.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Shabbat Evening Services and August Birthdays

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

This Shabbat we will celebrate and bless all those born in the month of August.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Welcome Back Tot Shabbat

10:30 am

Beck Family Campus

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!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Shabbat Evening Services

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a joyful Shabbat service filled with music, wisdom and community.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Shabbat Evening Services with Welcome Back Oneg

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join as we come together for an uplifting Shabbat Service followed by an enhanced oneg as we reconnect with friends and family we have not seen all summer!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Shabbat Evening Services

6:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a soulful Shabbat service, filled with music, meaning, and community.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Shabbat Minyan

10:45 am

Schaefer Family Campus

Join our clergy for a monthly Shabbat morning experience, that combines the ancient words of our sages with the beautiful power of music. A light nosh will be served following the service.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Erev Rosh HaShanah

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Shabbat Shuva and September Birthdays

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Come experience a moving Shabbat Shuva service of return and renewal, accompanied by the beautiful voices of Koleinu, our adult choir. On this special Shabbat, we will also bless those born in September.



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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Lulavs & Levi's Erev Sukkot

6:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus
Shabbat Service Celebrating
Chai and New Members

Wear your best blue jeans and celebrate the joy of Shabbat Sukkot with an uplifting service filled with joyful music, as we come together in this season of rejoicing. Together, we will honor our Chai members, whose 18 or more years of commitment have helped shape our congregation, and warmly welcome our newest members into the Temple Beth El family.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Dancing in the Streets of Jerusalem: Simchat Torah Shabbat Service, Consecration and Dance Party

6:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Celebrate Shabbat and Simchat Torah, followed by an unforgettable Torah dance party. An amazing DJ will inspire us to dance and sing, as we celebrate the resilience, hope, and enduring spirit of the Jewish people.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Simchat Torah Festival Morning Service with Yizkor

10:45 am

Schaefer Family Campus

Join our clergy for a monthly Shabbat morning experience, that combines the ancient words of our sages with the beautiful power of music. In this special service, we also take time for Yizkor, to remember those we have loved and lost. A light nosh will be served following the service.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Creation Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm

Beck Family Campus

Join us in welcoming Shabbat with singing, dancing, and a lot of ruach (spirit) as we celebrate the beautiful world around us. With music and stories, we will explore the story of Bereishit, creation, with our clergy and Temple community. We can't wait to see you there!

Shabbat Evening Services

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a meaningful Shabbat evening of healing and renewal as we read the story of creation, Parashat Bereishit. Dr. Zohar Raviv of Taglit-Birthright Israel will offer inspiring insights on the story of creation, and the incredible journey of Jewish peoplehood.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

October Birthdays

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us this Shabbat as we bless and celebrate those born in October.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Kol HaNeshama

6:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Kol Haneshama is an intimate, soulful service in the round that invites you to slow down, connect and reflect. This one-hour service will nourish your heart and inspire your soul while welcoming the beauty of Shabbat.

Shabbat Evening Services

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a beautiful Shabbat service filled with music, wisdom and community.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Shabbat Evening Services

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for a beautiful Shabbat service filled with music, wisdom and community.

Lunch & LEARN

AUGUST

The Poetry, Prayer and Music of the Days of Awe

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm

August 4 - Senior Cantorial Leader

Michelle Auslander Cohen and

Cantorial Associate Todd Herzog

August 11 - Rabbi Greg Weisman

August 18 - Rabbi Ashira Boxman

August 25 - Rabbi Laila Haas

Schaefer Family Campus

& Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

The High Holy Days are filled with some of Judaism's most beautiful and powerful prayers, poems, and melodies. Throughout the month of Elul, join members of our clergy team as each session explores a different sacred text or musical piece, uncovering its history, meaning, and enduring spiritual wisdom. Together, we will discover how these sacred words and stirring liturgical music can deepen our preparation for the Days of Awe and open us to reflection, meaning, and renewal.

SEPTEMBER

Israel Votes 2026 - "Never Has There Been Such an Important Election"

with Michael Hollander

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm

September 8, 15, 22, 29

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)



One of the more popular questions Michael Hollander has faced in teaching about Israel over more than 40 years is "Why is the Israeli system of governance so crazy? It seems like your government barely survives its fragile coalition and you are always on the brink of heading to new elections. Why does everything feel like such a 'balagan' here?" This four part series is designed to help understand the nature of Israeli democracy and how the uniquely Israeli political system and elections work. Three sessions will be offered during the campaign and before the elections, and the fourth will be shortly after the dust settles and a coalition is made to form a new Israeli government.

- **Part I** - Israeli Democracy 101: How a People Without Power Became a Powerful People: Israeli Democracy
- **Part II** - Israeli Politics 102: "Continued Challenges to Israeli Democracy" How did Israel go from its broadest – yet most short-lived - coalition, to the most right-wing government in its history in the 4th and 5th elections over 3 ½ years? What challenges has Israel faced during this topsy-turvy period?
- **Part III** - Israeli Elections 2026: Who are the parties and leaders, and what are the platforms and issues in this election?
- **Part IV** - What now and where are we heading after the elections? Possible scenarios for a government coalition after the elections.

Mike Hollander is an Israeli tour educator, lecturer, and licensed guide with more than 30 years of experience teaching Jewish history, Zionism, and Israeli society. Originally from Canada, he made aliyah in 1988 and has spent his career leading educational journeys throughout Israel, Eastern and Central Europe, and lecturing to Jewish communities across North America. Mike also served as an educational emissary (Shaliach) for the Jewish Agency in the United Kingdom, where he helped develop programs for more than 1,000 Jewish youth annually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he created a widely attended series of virtual educational tours and lectures, and since October 7, has continued to present programs on Israel's history, politics, and current events to communities around the world.

OCTOBER

The Wholeness of a Broken Heart: Pathways to Resilience and Renewal

with Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

We are living during challenging times and it's easy to feel overwhelmed and hopeless. How do we move forward from disappointment and loss? How can we sure up our spirits when our lives seem to ebb and flow?

Join Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah for an exploration of hope and resilience inspired by her new book, *The Wholeness of a Broken Heart*. Drawing on Jewish wisdom, she will share practical insights for moving forward after disappointment, rupture, or loss—and show how, even in the face of life's challenges, we can remain whole.

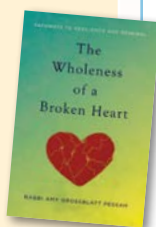
CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF The Wholeness of a Broken Heart: Pathways to Resilience and Renewal

By Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah

Tuesday, October 13 • 7:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/heart



Celebrate the official publication of Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah's new book, *The Wholeness of a Broken Heart: Pathways to Resilience and Renewal*. Join Rabbi Laila in conversation with Rabbi Amy as they explore the journey behind the book, the wisdom it offers for navigating life's challenges, and the power of healing through community.

Light refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase and signing.

Hebrew Marathon

LEARN TO READ HEBREW
IN JUST ONE DAY!

Saturday, August 29

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/hebrew-marathon

\$36 per person, includes materials and lunch



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.

Our "Hebrew Marathon" is designed to teach 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.



Shugar Family Introduction to Judaism Program

Begins October 21 • 7:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus & Virtual Beth El (Zoom)

Register at tbeboca.org/intro

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 with other experts in the community covers topics such as holidays, customs, life-cycle events, values, theology, prayers and rituals, Jewish texts, history, and Hebrew.



Introduction to Judaism is open to Jews and non-Jews alike. Often, a Jewish partner, friend, or family member will choose to accompany the prospective convert to the

classes. This class is also useful for non-Jews who do not intend to convert but are interested in learning more about Judaism. It is also helpful for people who were born and raised as Jews but feel as though they never received a solid Jewish education. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Aileen Spilka at ASpilka@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2656.

THRIVING *Not* SURVIVING

Wisdom and Wonder Series
with Dr. Zohar Raviv Joining Us from Israel



Join Temple Beth El for a special multi-day installment of our Wisdom & Wonder Series featuring internationally acclaimed Jewish educator and thought leader, Dr. Zohar Raviv. Through inspiring conversations, thought-provoking learning, and meaningful community engagement, Dr. Raviv will invite us to explore contemporary Jewish identity, Israel, Torah, and the questions that shape our collective future.

Thriving Not Surviving

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at

tbeboca.org/thriving

As we honor and remember those impacted by the horrific events of October 7, 2023, Dr. Raviv will help us explore how we can honor our history while drawing upon the resilience and strength of the Jewish people, reframing our narrative from one of survival to one of renewal and thriving. This evening will include a questions and answer session and a reception following the program.

Parsha Perspectives

Friday, October 9

11:00 am

Schaefer Family Campus

and Virtual Beth El

Dr. Raviv will lead *Parsha Perspectives* to explore how *Parashat Bereishit*, the story of creation, serves as a foundation for the unfolding story of the Jewish people and their place in the world.

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, October 9

7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

and Virtual Beth El

Dr. Raviv joins us for Shabbat services and will offer a D'var Torah where he will explore how the opening chapters of Bereishit speak to the Jewish people's remarkable ability to renew and recreate themselves in every generation. Through the lens of resilience, memory, and hope, he will offer a meaningful perspective on how we navigate hardship while continuing to build a vibrant Jewish future.



Dr. Zohar Raviv is an internationally recognized Jewish thought-leader, educator and speaker. Raviv serves as the International Vice President of Educational Strategy for Birthright Israel, as well as Scholar in Residence for Momentum Unlimited. His professional experience spans Israel, North America, South America, Europe, South Africa and Australia. Raviv holds a B.A in Land of Israel Studies from Bar-Ilan University, a Joint M.A in Judaic Studies and Jewish Education from Brandeis University, as well as M.A in Near Eastern Studies and a PhD in Jewish Thought — both from the University of Michigan.

Raviv plays a central role in shaping Birthright Israel's educational philosophy, language and pedagogy, and is considered a leading global voice in some of the paradigm shifts concerning contemporary Jewish identity, Israel-world Jewry relations, Jewish peoplehood and the overall mandate of Jewish and Israel education in the 21st century.

Raviv was the recipient of the 2015 Bernard Reisman Award at Brandeis University, where he was recognized as "One of the most influential Jewish educators in the world".



Meet Your Teachers

Please join us as we begin the 2026-2027 school year!

Schaefer Family Campus
Wednesday, August 5
5:00 – 6:00 pm

Beck Family Campus
Sunday, August 9
10:00 – 11:30 am

Religious School Tribes

Upcoming activities to look forward to!

- Bowling
- Backyard Party
- Kidokinetics
- Art Mini Circle
- Shabbat Mini Circle
- Music and Movement Mini Circle

**Mini Circles are 3-4 week-long interest based groups.*



MEET Ollie Frieze

TEMPLE BETH EL'S NEW TEEN ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

It has been an exciting time since I moved from Manchester, England, in January to join the Temple Beth El team, and it has already been an incredible experience. Before coming to Boca Raton, I spent four summers at URJ 6 Points Sports Academy in Asheville, NC, where I discovered my passion for Jewish youth engagement and leadership. That journey ultimately led me here.

Over the past few months, our teens have been busy building community, making memories, and giving back. From backyard hangouts and a trip to Disney to social action projects like gleaning and packing pencil cases for those in need, it has been amazing to see our teens show

up with enthusiasm and heart. We also participated in Camp Jenny, where our community raised more than \$7,000 to help provide meaningful camp experiences for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting year planned. Teens will have the opportunity to volunteer at Give Kids the World Village, travel to Washington, D.C., for the L'Taken Social Justice Conference, and get involved in leadership through BOFTY, our teen youth group, with board applications opening soon. We are also bringing back BOFTY Tuesday night programming and launching Saturday morning teen brunches.



The best way to stay up to date with everything happening in our teen community is by following our Instagram, @Beth_El_Teens, where I post event information, updates, photos, and announcements. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the months ahead!

Parent Tribe

Hello Religious School Parents! My name is Josh Blasberg, and I am honored to serve as your Parent Tribe Co-President this year alongside Jake Wiseman. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to working together to support our students, teachers, and Religious School community. This year, we hope to create fun events, meaningful programs, and positive experiences for our kids, but we can't do it without your involvement. Whether you can volunteer regularly, help at a single event, share ideas, or simply stay connected, every contribution makes a difference. We encourage each of you to get involved in whatever way works best for your family. Together, we can make this an amazing year for our children and our school. We are truly excited for the new school year and all that we can accomplish together. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself, ask questions, or join us. We'd love to have you involved!



UPCOMING PARENT TRIBE EVENTS

Parent Schmooze

Sunday, August 23, 9:00 am

Tuesday, August 25, 5:15 pm

Connect with fellow parents while the kids are in religious school. Hear updates about the program and learn with our clergy over some nosh!

Parent Tribe's Annual Family BINGO: Under the Branches!

Sunday, September 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sukkot + BINGO = Instant Family Winner! Shake your lulav and blot out your bingo board. Bring the family out for BINGO and celebrate sukkot with us!



B'nai Mitzvah



Darren Gordon



Brian Greenspon



Jesse Vahab



Talia Wiseman



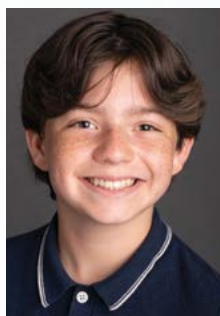
Lily Garvis



Samantha Garvis



Simon Arenson



Sage Melzer



Stella Bailin



Mia Berro



Judah Levy



Mollie Marcus



Sloan Tomalty



Lainey Richards



Brielle Harbur



Jude Lusthaus



Morgan Wilson

Darren Gordon
Son of Jason and
Elisabeth Gordon
August 29, 2026 at 9:00am

Brian Greenspon
Son of Jody
and Marc Greenspon
August 29, 2026 at 11:30am

Jesse Vahab
Son of Andrew
and Jackie Vahab
September 5, 2026 at 9:00am

Talia Wiseman
Daughter of Lara
and Jacob Wiseman
September 5, 2026 at 11:30am

Lily Garvis
Daughter of Wendy Garvis
and Scott Garvis
October 3, 2026 at 9:00am

Samantha Garvis
Daughter of Wendy Garvis
and Scott Garvis
October 3, 2026 at 9:00am

Simon Arenson
Son of Cindy
and Matt Arenson
October 3, 2026 at 11:30am

Sage Melzer
Son of Brian Melzer
and Marnie Melzer
October 10, 2026 at 9:00am

Stella Bailin
Daughter of
Josh and Molly Bailin
October 10, 2026 at 11:30am

Mia Berro
Daughter of
Dani and Michael Berro
October 10, 2026 at 5:30pm

Judah Levy
Son of Shara and Lee Levy
October 17, 2026 at 9:00am

Mollie Marcus
Daughter of Matthew Marcus
and Tracey Marcus
October 17, 2026 at 11:30am

Sloan Tomalty
Daughter of Erica
and Jordan Tomalty
October 17, 2026 at 6:00pm

Lainey Richards
Daughter of Samantha and
Marc Richards
October 24, 2026 at 9:00am

Brielle Harbur
Daughter of Elizabeth Harbur
and Alexander Harbur
October 24, 2026 at 11:30am

Jude Lusthaus
Son of Amy Lundy
and Adam Lusthaus
October 31, 2026 at 10:45am

Morgan Wilson
Daughter of Kathryn Wilson
October 31, 2026 at 6:00pm



Early Learning Center Dates

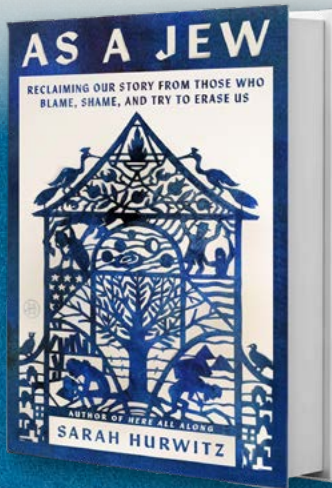
AUGUST			
3-7	Mon-Fri	ELC Staff Development Week	
10	Mon	Parent Orientation-Childcare, Turning Twos, & 2s	5:00 pm
10	Mon	Parent Orientation – 3s & 4s	7:00 pm
11	Tues	Student Visiting Day	
12	Wed	First Day of School	
12-14	Wed-Fri	Staggered start for Childcare & Turning Twos	
15	Sat	New Family Meet & Greet Breakfast	9:30-10:30 am
15	Sat	Welcome Back Tot Shabbat	10:30 am
26	Wed	Parenthood Meeting	7:30 pm
SEPTEMBER			
2	Wed	Parenthood & Nefesh Girls' Night Out Challah Bake	7:00 pm
7	Mon	Labor Day – No School	
11	Fri	Erev Rosh HaShana – No School	
21	Mon	Yom Kippur – No School	
23	Wed	Parenthood Meeting	9:30 am
29	Tues	Sukkot Holiday Program – School in Session	
29-30	Tues-Wed	Sukkot Splash Spectacular for 2s & 3s	
OCTOBER			
1	Thurs	Sukkot Splash Spectacular for 4s	
2	Fri	Simchat Torah Holiday Program – School in Session	
9	Fri	Creation Tot Shabbat	6:00 pm
12-14	Mon-Wed	School Portraits	
19-23	Mon-Fri	Occupational Therapy Screening by Tammi Stein	
19-23	Mon-Fri	Speech Therapy Screening by Melissa Centofanti	
21	Wed	Parenthood Meeting	7:30 pm
27-29	Tu-Thurs	Man in My Life Celebrations 4s, 2s, 3s	9:30 am
29	Thurs	Man in My Life Celebrations Childcare	3:30 pm



AS A JEW

*Reclaiming Our Story from Those
Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us*

WITH SARAH HURWITZ



Sarah Hurwitz is a bestselling author, sought-after speaker, and former White House speechwriter who served as a senior speechwriter for President Barack Obama and as head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama. During her eight years in the White House, she helped craft some of the administration's most memorable speeches and traveled extensively with Mrs. Obama around the world.

After a successful career in politics and public service, Sarah embarked on a personal journey that led her to rediscover Judaism as a source of meaning, wisdom, and spiritual depth.

Sarah has been featured by major media outlets including The Washington Post, The Today Show, NPR, and The Guardian. Through her writing and speaking, she helps audiences explore Jewish identity, spirituality, leadership, storytelling, and the enduring relevance of Jewish wisdom in modern life

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**6:00 PM VIP MEET & GREET
WITH HORS D'OEUVRES**

7:00 PM PROGRAM

BOOK SIGNING AND ONEG TO FOLLOW

SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Register at tbeboca.org/as-a-jew

Join us for an urgent exploration of how antisemitism has shaped Jewish identity, and how we must reclaim our unique Jewish story and live as proud Jews in 2026. Sarah Hurwitz, celebrated White House speechwriter and acclaimed author of *As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Try to Blame, Frame and Try to Erase Us* and *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism* will share her insights and a prescription for how to address this most important challenge of our time

Presenting Sponsors Emily and Richard Cohen

\$100 VIP Meet & Greet

Includes a copy of the book (only open to Temple Beth El members and their guests)

\$18 General Admission

Free for Students with ID

FINDING OUR HOME

LGBTQ+ JOURNEYS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Sunday October 18 • 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Register at tbeboca.org/finding-home

Free &
open to the
community

What does it mean to create a Jewish community where everyone feels seen, valued, and at home?

Join us for a meaningful and timely conversation, Finding Our Home: LGBTQ+ Journeys in the Jewish Community, exploring the intersection of Jewish identity, belonging, and LGBTQ+ advocacy. Moderated by Rabbi Greg Weisman, this thought-provoking panel will feature special guest Rabbi Micah Buck of Keshet, a national organization working for LGBTQ+ equality in Jewish life. Members of our own Temple Beth El community will also share their personal experiences and perspectives.

Through stories of family, faith, identity, and inclusion, our panelists will examine what makes LGBTQ+ advocacy a deeply Jewish value and how we can continue building communities of compassion, understanding, and belonging for all.

Come listen, learn, and join the conversation as we continue creating a community where everyone can truly find their home.

REPORT from The GIVING TREE

Setting up The Giving Tree space is well under way, with construction of a reception area, snack and beverage station for volunteers, and sturdy new shelving. The Back-to-School program yielded 700 filled backpacks for students in need, with help from our Early Learning Center students and Beth El Teens packing the pencil cases, and every single volunteer who packed or donated funds. Thank you to Lizzie Pascal, VP of Giving Tree Back to School for making it all happen!



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Giving Tree –

Past, Present and Future

Wednesday, October 14 • 7:00 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Anyone interested in volunteering for The Giving Tree should attend!



SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLES

Temple Beth El members are invited to take part in Social Justice Circles—small, focused groups that turn our shared values into action. Each Circle is based on one of our Core Social Justice Positions and currently include Immigration, Reproductive Freedom, LGBTQ+ Rights, Protecting Democracy and Antisemitism.

Visit tbeboca.org/social-justice for upcoming meetings and activations.

Email SStallone@tbeboca.org to be added to the Social Justice email list.

VOTING is as easy as 1-2-3!

VOTING FAQ FROM THE PROTECTING DEMOCRACY SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE

Our Jewish tradition is clear: “A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted” (Babylonian Talmud Berachot 55a)

The Protecting Democracy Social Justice Circle is working to ensure that every eligible member of the community has the chance to share their views and cast their vote.



- **Early Voting:** August 8-16
- **Primary Election Day:** August 18
- **Deadline for Voter Registration:** October 5
- **Early Voting:** October 24-31
- **General Election Day:** November 3



Find important dates, information and links for Palm Beach and Broward Counties at tbeboca.org/social-justice/vote

NEFESH SOCIAL

— PRESENTS —

SUKKAH SOIREE

Thursday, October 1 • 7:30 pm

Schaefer Family Campus

\$45 per person

Register at tbeboca.org/nefesh-sukkah

Join us for a festive soirée as we celebrate the joy of Sukkot together! Gather under the stars in the Temple Beth El sukkah for an evening of connection, community, and fabulous food.

Enjoy an elevated, authentic Italian dining experience, featuring chef-attended stations where dishes are freshly prepared before your eyes. Savor delicious food, sip from our bar, and share a l'chaim as we come together to make blessings in the sukkah.

Follow [@NefeshSocial](#) on Instagram for the most up-to-date information.



BOCA TOV 2026

A SHABBAT WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

Saturday, November 21 • 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Registration coming soon at tbeboca.org/nefesh-social

Join us for a rejuvenating Shabbat wellness experience, designed for those in their 20s and 30s.

Take a break from the chaos of the outside world and embrace the true essence of Shabbat—rest, reflection, and meaningful connection. Together, we will unwind, reconnect inward, and build community in a peaceful environment.

The experience will feature workout classes, yoga, sound bath and breathwork, ice bath and sauna, coffee carts and treats, wellness vendors, and a unique spiritual Shabbat service led by Rabbi Ashira Boxman.

Don't miss this special opportunity to relax, recharge, and connect!

Stay tuned for information and more on Instagram [@NefeshSocial](#)



Volunteer on Our Chaverim Team and Make a Meaningful Difference



Volunteers make brief phone calls to fellow Temple Beth El congregants before the Jewish holidays to say hello, check in, and wish them a happy holiday. These simple calls help strengthen connections and remind members that they are a valued part of our Beth El family. A calling list and optional script are provided, making participation easy.

With Rosh HaShanah approaching, now is the perfect time to help spread warmth, kindness, and a heartfelt Shana Tova! Our goal is for EVERY member of our Beth El family to receive a personal New Year wish; and as our congregation continues to grow, we need more volunteers than ever. Together, we strengthen our community...one phone call at a time.

To learn more, please contact Susie Federman, Engagement & Programming Associate, at SFederman@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2783.

New Beginnings, New Connections

A new membership year is the perfect time to make new connections, explore new interests, and become more involved in our Temple Beth El community.

Beth El Circles and Beth El Chavurot offer fun and meaningful ways to connect with fellow congregants. Whether you're interested in sharing a hobby, discovering a new passion, or simply spending time with friends, there's a place for you!

Beth El Circles bring people together around shared interests, while **Beth El Chavurot** connect members in similar

life stages through social gatherings, Shabbat dinners, outings, and more.

As we begin this new year together, we invite you to join a Circle, a Chavurah, or both—and discover new friendships, new experiences, and a deeper sense of belonging.

To learn more about Circles, contact Susie Federman at SFederman@tbeboca.org.

To learn more about Chavurot, contact Hannah Morris at HMorris@tbeboca.org.



Rosh Chodesh

Schaefer Family Campus • 9:30 – 11:00 am
Sunday, October 18, Sunday, November 8
Sunday, December 6

Give yourself the gift of connection by joining our monthly Women's Rosh Chodesh gatherings for community, friendship, and spiritual growth. Together, we will explore Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah's new book, *The Wholeness of a Broken Heart: Pathways to Resilience and Renewal*. Through discussion and different modes of discovery, we will explore meaningful pathways to resilience, healing, and a deeper relationship with ourselves, each other, our community and the Holy One. Each month, our conversations will be guided by a rotating team of clergy: Senior Cantorial Leader Michelle Cohen, Rabbi Laila Haas, and Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah, each bringing their own unique voice and perspective to our journey.



Reconnecting to Israel –

THE STATE, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

Led by Rabbi Dan Levin and Elinor Josephson
Oct 18-28, 2026

Join Rabbi Dan and Elinor Josephson on this insightful journey of unity and resilience. Designed for those who have traveled to Israel previously, this experience will provide a unique opportunity to explore the Israel you didn't see in your first visit. We will stay at unique, boutique locations in the Galilee, Jerusalem, and the Negev and we will dig deeper into the complexities facing Israel today, Israel's growing cultural scene, and engage with Israel in a much deeper experience. Those who will be visiting Israel for their first time can plan extensions of our trip to see some of Israel's iconic sites and experiences.

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

Brotherhood & Nefesh Kickoff Party

Wednesday, September 9 • 7:30 pm

Miller's Ale House

1200 Yamato Road, Boca Raton

Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood

Kick the year off with food, fun and football at Miller's Ale House. We will have plenty of food, drinks and TVs as we watch the 2026 Super Bowl Champion Seattle Seahawks take on the New England Patriots in a rematch. Wear your jerseys or other football-themed attire, and come ready to have fun with temple friends.

Members: \$36 • Guests: \$41

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

Includes food, 2 drinks, and a copy of Jack Miller's recently published memoir *Our Way: How Claire and Jack Miller Built America's Favorite Ale House*



Brotherhood Bourbon Tasting in the Sukkah



Thursday, October 1

7:30 pm

Beck Family Campus

Register at

tbeboca.org/brotherhood

Sukkot is a celebration of nature's gifts, and on this night we will sit in the sukkah, wave lulav and etrog, and learn about the finest spirits the world has to offer. Join the Temple Beth El Brotherhood for this engaging social event as we fulfill the mitzvah to celebrate the festival.

Members: \$36 • Guests: \$41

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

Must be 21 or over to attend. Includes dinner and bourbon tasting.

TEMPLE BETH EL ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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Registration coming soon.

For more information, contact Shayna Martinoff at
SMartinoff@tbeboca.org.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

This Rosh HaShanah, give the gift of honey – and your heart.

Looking for a sweet way to wish family and friends a Shanah Tovah? Purchase your honey at the Sisterhood Gift Shop at the Schaefer Family Campus, and make this New Year for you and your loved ones even sweeter! These jars of locally-sourced honey are the perfect way to wish a Shana Tova while supporting our temple community.

**Buy in person at the Sisterhood Gift Shop on Friday nights
or order online at tbeboca.org/high-holy-days/honey**

Pickup options at the Sisterhood Gift Shop are as follows:

- Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm or after Shabbat Evening Services
- You will receive an email when your order is ready to be picked up.

**\$18 for online order with in-person pick up, or in-person purchase.
Shipping not available.**

Thank you for your sweet support of Temple Beth El.



DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

March 16, 2026 – June 15, 2026

2026 Beth El Bash Call from the Heart

Stuart Appel
Debbie & Chas Averbook
Ellen & Howard Bolner
Rabbi Ashira Boxman & Max Abraham
George Brock
Roberta Caplan
Stephanie & Richard Chestnov
Caren & Barry Cohen
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Andrea & Robert Colton
Andrea Corn
Karen & Mark Dern
Maya DuPont-Roseberg
Amy Dweck
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Mary & Jesse Finkelstein
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Lisa & Adam Glass
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Stefanie Goldberg & George Gonzalez, Jr.
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Kayla & Jordan Grabski
Diana & Jeff Grubman
Rabbi Laila Haas & Will Evans
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Yolanda & Richard Holiber

Susan & Stuart Horowitz
Susan & Joel Ivers
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Ilyne Mendelson & Steven Terk
Pam Nadler & Mark Sickles
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Stacy & Steven Needell
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Margie & Maurice Plough
Susan & Barry Podolsky
Lisa & George Ponczek
Lisajane & Kevin Romer
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Lisa & Ken Rosenthal
Vicki Rother-Pliskin
Jaclyn & Mark Saltzman
Bonnie & Jamie Schaefer
Marla Schaefer & Steven Weishoff
Marcy & Barry Schultz
Sandy & Tadd Schwab

Shari & Craig Schwamm
Janet Serle & Ira Malin
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Danielle & Hayden Trepeck
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Wendy & Steve Walin
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Jill & Paul Weiner
Linda & Dennis Weiss

2026 Beth El Bash Contribution

Marjorie Berg
Renee Kay
Janice Levites & Alan Glazer

Mazel Tov To:

April 13, 2026 through July 16, 2026

Arielle and Adam Bishop on the birth of their daughter, Millie Mae Bishop, big brother Ronald	Alona Yeshayav and Sukaran Mehta on the birth of their daughter, Leora Jyoti Mehta, big brother, Eden
Robin Bresky on the birth of her grandson Brooks Jeremy Glassman	Jamie and Michael Pedowitz on the birth of their son, Mason Pedowitz, big brother Logan
Andrea and Roy Bresky on the birth of their great- grandson, Brooks Jeremy Glassman	Rachel and Michael Poretz on the birth of their son, Ryan Jacob Poretz
Ariella Bresky-Glassman and Alex Glassman on the birth of their son Brooks Jeremy Glassman, big brother Jax Asher	Janet and Brian Sherr on the birth of their granddaughter, Camryn Capri Allison
Alice and Ronald Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter, Aria Cohen	Rachel and Isaac Widmann on the birth of their son, Eli Hudson Widmann
Debi Gaier on the birth of her granddaughter Josie O'Callaghan	Hillary and Rodger Krouse on the marriage of their son, Steven Krouse to Emily Coe
Sharon and Jared Halper on the birth of their son, Benjamin Halper, big brother, Adam	Marci Langley and Izzy Mays on their marriage
Amanda and Ryan Joseph on the birth of their daughter, Maele Elise Joseph, big sister Noémie	Ariella Sherman and Ian Lippy on their marriage
Talia Litvin and Alan Katsnelson on the birth of their son, Lev Elliot Katsnelson, big sisters Avery and Penelope	Karen and Leonard Schloss on the marriage of their son, Michael Schloss to Danielle Saxe
Susan and Jacob Landau on the birth of their daughter, Evie Marie Landau, big sister Leah	Susan and Andy Stallone on the marriage of their daughter, Lila Stallone to Ryan DeAngelo
Rachel Bailin and Brett Levin on the birth of their daughter, Bennie Pearl Levin, big sister Isla	Marla Schaefer and Steven Weishoff on the marriage of their daughter, Nicole Weishoff to Harris Meyers

DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

March 16, 2026 – June 15, 2026

in honor of:

my dear friend, Cantor Lori Brock by Marci Langley
Cantor Lori Brock by Shirley Weisman

BE The Future Endowment Campaign

Terri & Richard Stein
Velia Sweet
Diane & Richard Templer
The Estate of Barbara Rosenzweig
Shelly & Edward Turetzky
Linda & Dennis Weiss

in memory of:

Leona Joy Lazar by Mel Lazar

Brotherhood Contribution

Adam Winter

Cantor Lori Brock Music Endowment Fund

in celebration of:

my wonderful & amazing sister, Cantor Lori Brock by Sheryl & Rollie Martin

in honor of:

Cantor Lori Brock, whose voice, spirit, energy and devotion have uplifted this congregation (and us, her cousins) for 35 remarkable years! by Lynn Barr & Marvin Rudman
Cantor Lori Brock on transitioning to the role of Cantor Emerita by Helene Eichler
Cantor Lori Brock's retirement by Penny & David Klein
Cantor Lori Brock's retirement - Mazel Tov - we love you! by Chavurah Mishpuchah Ohr
Cantor Lori Brock for her exceptional 29 years at Temple Beth El by Rosy Lofer
Cantor Lori Brock by Loui Marver

in memory of:

Sue Flynn by Linda Holtz & Temple Beth El Adult Choir
Sue Flynn by Susan Sosin & Temple Beth El Adult Choir
Sue Flynn by Sonny Thal & Temple Beth El Adult Choir
Sue Flynn by Pam Tinkham

to thank:

Cantor Lori Brock for being there for us and chanting at the memorial service for Carol Trestman by Jill & Kevin Brazner

Early Learning Center Contribution

Lauren Pearlstein & Louis Feinberg

in celebration of:

Barry & Caren Cohen's wedding by Nancy & Ron Ehrlich

in honor of:

the wedding of Caren Weinberg & Barry Cohen - Mazel Tov! by Charlie Stoner

Gelfand-Arpe Young Children's Innovative Education Endowment Fund

in honor of:

Robin Bresky for her continued dedication to Project Nuremberg by Michael Gelfand
Debbie Averbook receiving the 2026 TBE Joseph Q. Kline Volunteer of the Year Award by Michael Gelfand

in memory of:

Susan Wolf by Michael Gelfand

on the occasion of:

the birth of Isabell Sofia Finkelstein - Mazel Tov! by Michael Gelfand

General Fund

Dale Chodos
Carol Robinson & Jeffrey Markel
Rosalyn Merzer
Zoe Rosen
Diane & Larry Sharnak
Sherry & Arthur Stein
Danielle & Hayden Trepeck
Marilyn & Jay Weinberg

for the Mi Sheberach of:

Judi Zimmerman by Ellie Roth & friends at Maddie's Canasta Group

in celebration of:

the marriage of Barry Cohen & Caren Weinberg by Michele & Eric Trilling
the marriage of Barry & Caren Cohen - Mazel Tov! by Barbara & Tom Von Bergen

in honor of:

Cantor Lori Brock's years of dedicated, caring, service & many contributions to Temple Beth El by Andrea Corn
the marriage of Caren & Barry Cohen - Mazel Tov! by Gail Fine & Robert Goldhagen
the wedding of Caren Weinberg & Barry Cohen by Eydie & Ira Holz
Caren Weinberg & Barry Cohen on the wonderful occasion of your marriage - Mazel Tov! by Mona Joffe & Michael Solomon
the marriage of Caren & Barry Cohen by Linda & Michael Levin
Stephanie & Steven Schuster by Pamela & Douglas Neimand
David Alterman's Bar Mitzvah by Lottie Nilsen
the wedding of Caren Weinberg & Barry Cohen - Mazel Tov! by Barbara & Peter Ocello
the wedding of Barry Cohen & Caren Weinberg by Karen & Marshal Seeman
Sheila Asher's 95th birthday & her generous community support and dedication of Milestone Hall by Penny Sobel
Linda Weiss by Ann Weinwurm

in memory of:

Maxine Arno by Naomi Feldman
Harvey Levinson by Marcia Gerson & Scott Glincher
Marcos Kaplun by Barbara & Buddy Levine

Charlotte Garris by Rona & Sandy Steinberg

on the occasion of:

the marriage of Sharon Segall & Lloyd Berkowitz by Robin Cohen
the birth of Isabel Sofia Finkelstein by Eileen & Harris Sandler

Giving Tree

Debbie & Chas Averbook
Patty Beck & Martin Rubenstein
Chad Gottsegen & LRM Commercial Real Estate Advisors
Grace & Jack Jaiven
Irene & Les Martin
Andrea Schuver & Aaron Meyerowitz

for the recovery of:

Roy Cohen by Judy & Allen Soden

in celebration of:

the marriage of Nicole Weishoff & Harris Meyers by Aline Fisher
Marsha Wexler's 80th birthday by Ellen & Joel Rosenblatt
the marriage of Caren Weinberg & Barry Cohen by Lisa & Ken Rosenthal

in honor of:

Debi Jackman's retirement by Irene & Merrill Epstein
Debbie Averbook receiving the 2026 TBE Joseph Q. Kline Volunteer of the Year Award by Aline Fisher
Linda Weiss' 70th birthday by Lynne Galanti
Annie Kreger's Bat Mitzvah by Meryl & Ron Gallatin
Debbie Averbook on a well-earned Volunteer of the Year Award! by Linda & Greg Gore
Debbie Averbook receiving the 2026 TBE Joseph Q. Kline Volunteer of the Year Award by Bonnie Pantel
Debbie Averbook receiving the 2026 TBE Joseph Q. Kline Volunteer of the Year Award by Judi Zimmermann

in memory of:

Maxine Arno, with gratitude to Cantor Lori Brock by Janine & Michael Arno
Rabbi Dr. Aaron Panken by Patty Beck & Martin Rubenstein
Joann Marks by Linda & Bill Berger
Joann Marks by Judy Blackman
Maxine Arno by Ellen & Howard Bolner
Barney Plough by Phyllis Brucker
Philip Stillpass by Phyllis Brucker
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Joann Marks by Susan Cohen
Marcos Kaplun by Susan Cohen
Stanley Barry by Pamela & Noel Cott
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Joann Marks by Andrea Schuver
& Aaron Meyerowitz
Maxine Arno by Roberta Shafer

on the occasion of:
the marriage of Michael Schloss &
Danielle Saxe by Aline Fisher

Glenn & Laurie Borden Endowment Fund

Laurie & Glenn Borden

on the occasion of:
Caren & Barry Cohen's beautiful marriage
by Emily & Steven Grabelsky

Jan & Allen Lev Endowment Fund

Jan & Allen Lev

in honor of:
the birth of Emily & Richard Cohen's grandson,
Robbie Goldstein by Jan & Allen Lev

Margie & Maurice Plough Youth Scholarship Fund

in memory of:
Maurice Plough, Sr. by Phyllis Brucker
Joann Marks by Margie & Maurice Plough

Marion & Milton Hoffman/Florence & Morris Schwartzfarb Endowment Fund

in memory of:
Florence & Morris Schwartzfarb by
Susan & David Schwartzfarb

Music Fund

Eileen Fallas
Margie & Maurice Plough

in honor of:
Eliaana Cohen's graduation - Mazel
Tov! by Helene Eichler

in memory of:
Toby Lowenstein by Phyllis Brucker

Myra R. Schwartz Cantorial Music Fund

in honor of:
Cantor Lori Brock's birthday by Freyda Burns
Cantor Lori Brock for your years of dedication
at Temple Beth El by Lisa & Ira Gerstein
Cantor Lori Brock's 29 years of beautiful
music by Roberta Shafer

on the occasion of:
the marriage of Lizzie Shapiro & Gus
Deardoff - Mazel Tov! by Aline Fisher

Rabbi Merle E. Singer Endowment Fund for Teen Jewish Enrichment

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