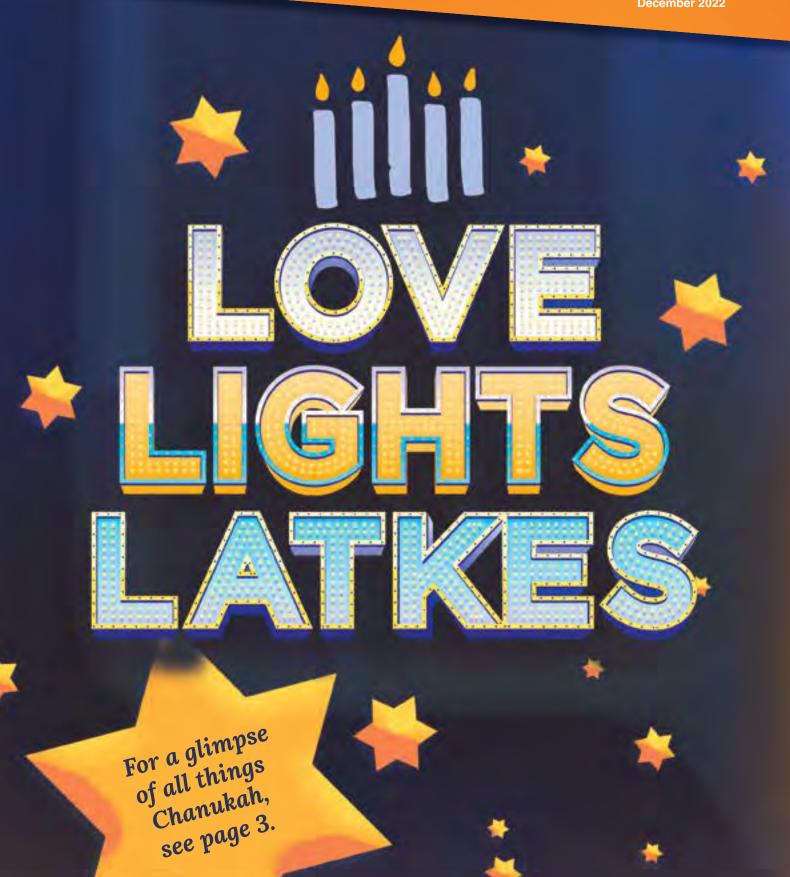
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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

9 Kislev

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

6:30 p.m. **Shabbat Services**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. **Shabbat Services** Bat Mitzvah of 10:30 a.m.

Rvan Vinocur

5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah of

Dylan and Ashley Lamchick

Parashat Vayetzei Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

16 Kislev

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

Shabbat Services with Installation 6:30 p.m.

of Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot

Installation Shabbat Dinner 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

Torah Study 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. **Shabbat Services** 10:30 a.m. B'not Mitzvah of

Kavla and Rebecca Miller

Bat Mitzvah of 5:30 p.m.

Addison Schumacher

Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Haftarah: Hosea 11:7 - 12:12

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

23 Kislev

5:30 p.m. Pre-Neg

Glow Stick Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

and Shabbat Under the Stars

7:30 p.m. Vodka Latke Oneg

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. **Shabbat Services**

Parashat Vayeshev Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

30 Kislev

7th night of Chanukah / Rosh Chodesh

Pre-Neg 6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Under The Stars 7:30 p.m. **Shabbat Singalong**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

Torah Study 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services 10:30 a.m.

Parashat Mikeitz Genesis 41:1 - 44:17 Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1 - 7

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

7 Tevet

Pre-Neg 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

9:00 a.m. Torah Study Shabbat Services 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of

Sebastian Azpurua-Askowitz

Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18 - 47:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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Whatever Happened to the Maccabees? A Lesson for American Jewry

Unlike Purim, the Tanach was sealed before the events of Chanukah unfolded in ancient Israel. Thus, since we cannot look to our Holy Scriptures for explicit teaching about this month's holiday, we are limited to non-Jewish extra-biblical sources and the writings of the rabbinic sages. In the Talmud, once again unlike Purim, no tractate centers on the holiday of Chanukah. It is curious that while the rabbis offer so much material on other holidays, only a few pages in the Talmud tell the story of Chanukah.

Some postulate that although the rabbis celebrated the Hasmonean victory over the Syrian-Greeks, they were not enamored with the succeeding generations of the Maccabean dynasty. This might sound a bit surprising, but it is not difficult to comprehend once we look at what happened in the generations following the heroism of Judah Maccabee and the Jewish community of his generation. The Maccabees in his day had become disillusioned with Jewish assimilation into Greek culture, as well as Greek subversion of Jewish life. Torah and mitzvah observance were outlawed, and when the Syrian-Greeks conquered and impurified the Temple, the Maccabees ultimately led a revolt in the name of the Torah and the people of Israel. However, later generations of the Maccabean dynasty would quickly slide away from the noble devotion of their ancestors. They seized power of both the monarchy and the priesthood and consolidated all Jewish power under their own name. This was a sin in and of itself because in order to ascend the throne, a Jew was required to be from the tribe of Judah. In order to hold the title of priest, a Jew was required to descend from the line of Aaron. The Maccabees descended from neither, and thus their usurping stood in stark contradistinction to Divine ordinance. Once in power, the Maccabees fell prey to the same assimilationist forces that their ancestors fought against. Ultimately the Hasmonean dynasty gave way to the rule of Herod who represented the Roman Empire that would eventually burn the Second Temple. It is likely that the rabbis pay so little attention to Chanukah in the Talmud because even though they emulated the Maccabees who defeated the Syrian-Greeks, they viewed their descendants as the leaders who led the Jewish people into the abyss and towards expulsion from the land of Israel.

One of the lessons of Chanukah is to remember what the Maccabees fought for, what they achieved, and how easily their ancestors squandered it. The Maccabees reminded the Jewish community that straying too far from a life of Torah and mitzvot would lead to disaster for the Jewish people. Though foreign influence can be seductive, it cannot become overpowering if Judaism is going to survive and flourish. The Maccabees will forever be known as heroes for rededicating the Temple. However, their succeeding generations are remembered not for their appreciation of their ancestor's sacrifice, but for embracing assimilation at the price of their sacred inheritance. This year as we once again light Chanukah candles, let us be inspired by the message of rededication and rededicate ourselves once again to the dictums, wisdom, and traditions of our faith.

Chag Chanukah Sameach!

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras
Tuesday, December 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

The Elections in Israel and the US: Now what?

RSVP to Mindy Robbin at 786.364.9446 or mrobbin@tbam.org; Lunch available for \$15 per person or bring your own lunch.



CLERGY CORNER Rabbi Jaime Aklepi jaklepi@tbam.org

A lot can happen in three years. In my family, we've had three graduations: one from undergrad who went on to graduate school and two from graduate school who started their careers. Those were happy occasions. I also lost my mother, and like so many others, I had to mourn in "pandemic" ways. There have been health issues in addition to a 5 for 5 covid positivity rate. If I expand my family circle to my chavurah, there have been engagements, marriages, births, retirements, deaths, and many, many graduations and new careers. Our temple family expansively mirrors the families in my chavurah, echoing the words of Kohelet: 3:1, "There is a time for everything, a time for every experience under heaven." As an institution, Temple Beth Am and Rambam Day School has shown remarkable growth, having opened a new school building that is filled with students. Soon The Hub will be open, expanding further our ability to serve the community.

A lot can happen in three years. The origins of Chanukah, too, happened within three years. In 168 B.C.E., Antiochus Epiphanes sent soldiers to Jerusalem to abolish Judaism and strengthen Syrian-Greek rule. All Jewish worship and practices were outlawed, including brit milah, Shabbat, and festivals. On the 25th of Kislev in 168 B.C.E., the Temple was renamed for the Greek god Zeus and desecrated with idol worship and the sacrifice of pigs. The Jewish people who remained faithful to Judaism began a resistance and uprising led by the priestly family known as the Hasmoneans, also to be called the Maccabees. It took three years of brutal fighting and guerilla warfare, but by 165 B.C.E., the Jews prevailed for their faith, land, and lives. On the 25th of Kislev 165 B.C.E., the Temple in Jerusalem was reconsecrated, and the eight-day feast of dedication known as Chanukah began.

Like the time of the Maccabees, today too is a time to declare our Jewishness proudly. The fact that Chanukah has grown into a larger holiday like Christmas doesn't mean it loses its unique character that celebrates Jewish sovereignty and freedom to be Jews. With every lit candle, latke, sufganiya, and spin of a dreidel, we celebrate the history of Chanukah and the Jewish people. Our values and beliefs are made stronger, and we are safer in this climate of antisemitism each time we say proudly, "I am Jewish, and being Jewish is important to me." This year, pay extra attention to lighting a menorah for eight nights—even on vacation. As we say, "Don't let the light go out."

During these last three years, we have also welcomed a new light to our temple and clergy family. Cantor Tifani Coyot joined us at a time of uncertainty as our senior cantor and brought music and soul, love for being Jewish, and incomparable skill and talent to our community. She joins us with her husband Loic and two very delicious children, Natanel and Rafael (when I'm

lucky, I get a hug from them.) The celebration to welcome and install Cantor Coyot as our senior cantor is finally here! Join your temple family on Friday, December 9, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary for a heartwarming service with dinner and more music to follow. A lot has happened in three years; one of them is the realization that it is important to be together!

B'vrachot.

Rabbi Jaime Aklepi



Sensory-Friendly Family
Shabbat Service
Saturday, December 10, 2022
9:00 -10:00 AM
Library in the Rambam Day School
Building

Geared toward children with sensory processing disorders, but open to all!

We invite you to join us on Shabbat morning for an abbreviated service featuring soft music, dim lighting and comfortable seating.

Questions? Contact Michele Kaplan at michelemkaplan@yahoo.com



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Recent antisemitic incidents have had the Jewish community on edge. As Vlad Khayakin, director of the Anti-Defamation Jewish people tends to gain ground during times of uncertainty, be that war, economic depression, or a pandemic. Some people will turn to antisemitism as "an answer for why things are going wrong in the world."

As I write this in late October, this weekend's activities are just the latest in an alarming upward trend in extremist-related incidence. Just this past weekend, the following incidents occurred right here in Florida:

- Goyim Defense League leader Jon Minadeo, Jr. joined the neo-Nazi NatSoc Florida group in Jacksonville at the UF/UGA football game to troll the Jewish community with antisemitic laser projections and banners claiming, "Kanye was right about the Jews."
- A dozen individuals associated with the neo-Nazi group National Socialist Movement protested a canceled LGBTQ+ event in Orlando.
- Banners reading "Forget Ukraine, Nuke Israel" and "End Jewish Supremacy in America" were hung over Florida highways.
- Signs in a community in Weston were vandalized with the n-word, antisemitic language, and swastikas. The ADL has been working around the clock with campus officials and Jewish campus organizations, law enforcement leaders, and others to identify perpetrators and urge community leaders to condemn those hateful acts. This weekend's activities are just the latest in an alarming upward trend in extremist-related incidents. In Florida, antisemitic hate crimes have risen 300% in the last 10 years. For more information, please read the ADL's recently-released report, Hate in the Sunshine State, which details the rise of extremism and antisemitism in Florida from 2020-2022.

We must not allow antisemitic hate to become normalized. We must continue to help communities across the country, educating League's antisemitism programs, has noted, hostility against the lawmakers and advocating for stronger protections from incidents of antisemitism. We must speak out against antisemitic rhetoric, exposing it when it happens. Lately, social media has shown to be a tremendous force in spreading destructive antisemitic messaging. Let's continue not only to monitor social media but to use our voices to speak out against it. Most importantly, we must partner with Jewish communities and allies around the world. We need strength, support, and resources in this global fight against antisemitism.

> In the meantime, what else can we do? We can join together and keep our community strong and cohesive. Participate in Mitzvah Day on February 26, 2023, and do your part to spread some goodness and light to those who need it. Join our Tikkun Olam committee or become active in Sisterhood or Brotherhood. Find ways to add your presence, voice, and strength to our community.

The old A.I.D.S. rallying point was "silence = death." We could learn a thing or two from that message. We need to call out and hold accountable those who espouse antisemitic rhetoric. Each and every one of us can play an important role, should we choose to do so. Simply sitting in our comfortable homes with our heads in the sand will not defeat the problem.

I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy Chanukah and New Year. Let's pray that the miracle of the season will permeate throughout the year and that we can live in an understanding world where there will be no more hate/intolerance.

David Young

MAZEL TOV TO ...

Jessica Berrin Sherman and Benjamin Sherman on the birth of their son, Elliott Ray Berrin Sherman. Mazel tov as well to grandfather, Larry Berrin, great grandmother Roslyn Berrin and uncle Bob Berrin. Paul Distenfeld and Anabela Moskovitz on the birth of a granddaughter.

Installation of Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 6:30 PM SERVICE



Festive dinner, live music and dancing to follow!

\$54 for Adults \$25 for Under 18

Please RSVP by December 5th

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To commemorate this event, please consider a donation to the Cantor Coyot Discretionary Fund.



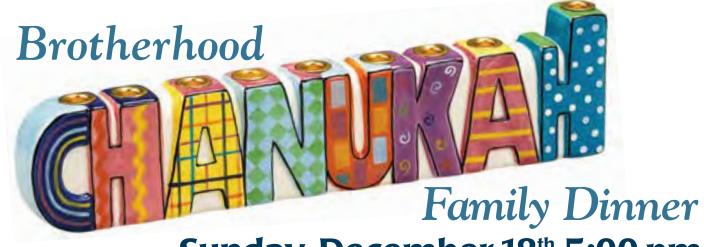
Friday, December 16th

Come as your favorite superhero!



Latke Vodka oneg to follow!

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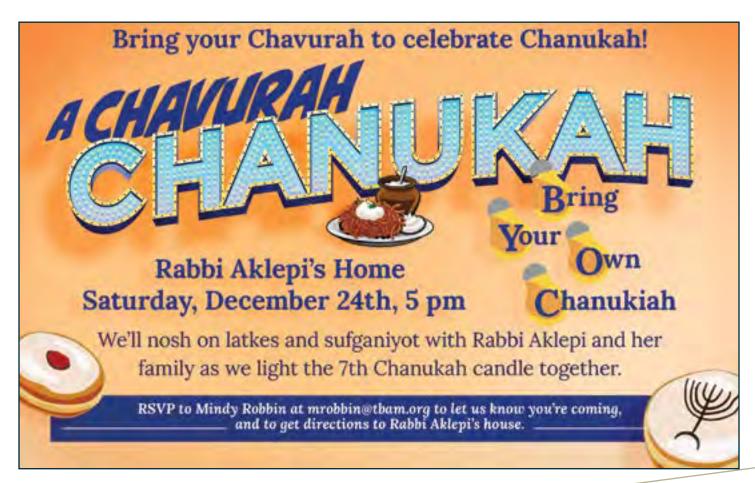
Sunday, December 18th, 5:00 pm

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled Bar-B-Q dinner with the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am. Of course, what would Chanukah be without potato latkes and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts)! Let's celebrate together this year!

§18 per family for 2022–23 Brotherhood members and their families

This is a great opportunity for all members of Brotherhood
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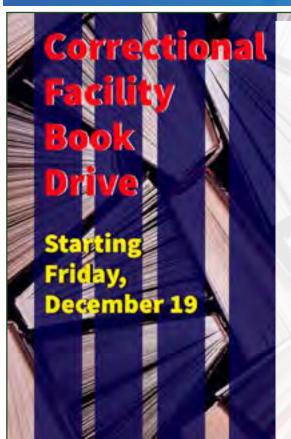
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Monday, December 5th, 8:30 am-1 pm Temple Beth Am Lobby

Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

LOVE, PATIO



Temple Beth Am Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Tikkun Olam are joining forces to collect gently used books for incarcerated adults.

Please bring your young-adult and adult books to Temple Beth Am's annual Glow Stick Shabbat on December 16 at 6:30 PM or to the temple office anytime during the month of December.

Books will be donated to the prison libraries of Everglades Correctional Institution (male), Homestead Correctional Institution (female), and Everglades ReEntry (male, less than three years).

Book donations are made in conjunction with Exchange for Change, which offers educational and community skills-building courses to incarcerated students.

Learn more at https://www.exchange-for-change.org.

Questions? Contact: Jeff Rosenberg at jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com or Susan Lampen at slampen350@gmail.com

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The Gift of Membership

Dear Temple Beth Am members,

A couple of months ago, Jews around Miami gathered to celebrate the New Year. This season of renewal reminds us, now and always, about our profound connection with the past and about our hopes for the future. I am writing today to thank you for your support this past year.

Increasing our membership will help increase our revenue, so I am asking you to please reach out to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to tell them about us. There are so many wonderful happenings here at Temple Beth Am. If nothing else, this holiday season reminds us of those who need to be invited to be a part of our community.

We would like you all to find an unaffiliated family who would appreciate being a part of our Temple Beth Am memberhood. The Chanukah season is approaching and what better gift to give, than a full membership to Temple Beth Am-valid now through June 2023. **The cost of this** "Gift of Membership" is \$118, all inclusive. Please order your personalized gift certificates with the recipient's name written in calligraphy. The certificate will have your name at the bottom, and will be signed by **Rabbi Barras**. We will place it in a gift box wrapped in beautiful holiday ribbon and a special gift card from you.

If you know of a family or families who would like to be part of Temple Beth Am, please reach out to them...or better yet, I could call them! Please take a moment to look to those in your life who could find a place at Temple Beth Am. And, as always, know that your temple wishes you the best, surrounded by those you love!

With love,

Rita Diaz

Membership Director





MEMBERSHIP

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TEMPLE BETH AM CHAI SHABBAT

Join us for a special evening of celebration as we honor our chai members, 18-36 years of membership and counting!

Friday Evening, January 27, 2023

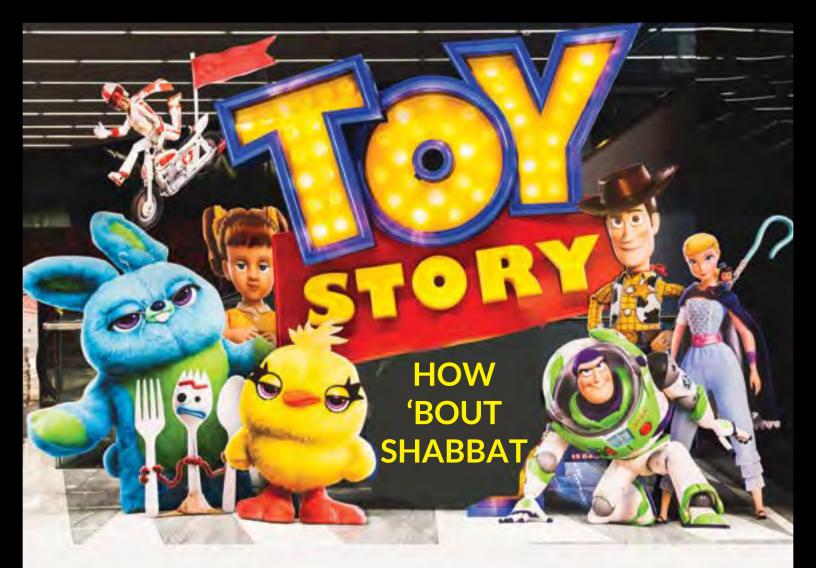
Celebrate together at a special shabbat service where a blessing will be offered in their honor.

6:00 PM Light bites – Sanctuary Lobby 6:30 PM Shabbat Service – Sanctuary Oneg immediately following service

Reconnect with old friends and take this opportunity to chat with your Clergy and Temple community.

If you have questions, please call Rita at 786.364.9434

RSVP a must tbam.org/chai



HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT – TOY STORY Friday, January 20, 2023 at 5:45 PM

Join all of your friends, Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bullseye and Mr. Potato Head! Children will thoroughly enjoy this musical, interactive shabbat with Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantor Tifani Coyot.

Delicious catered dinner, wine bar for parents and grandparents! BAFTY teens will be on hand for arts and craft with the kids.

Questions? Call Rita Diaz 786.364.9434

RSVP A MUST: tbam.org/toystory





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YERS Live is Not Just a Fundraiser

Every organization has a board that looks after its mission and helps fund special programs that otherwise would not be possible.

YERS, our Youth Engagement Religious School, cares about all our children and their Jewish journey. Starting in Pre-K, we offer informal and formal education that enables students and their families to incorporate an integrated approach to being Jewish and celebrate Judaism.

Our small but energetic team made of four full-time employees, together with an army of teachers, advisors, madrichim and clergy, make these dreams a reality. They are our soldiers on the ground; they exhibit the best of humanity and a true desire to inspire and teach our students. Volunteers are YERS' best friends. The YERS Board, along with room parents and other parent volunteers, share the excitement of planning and organizing special events and fundraising ideas.

On February 10, 2023, YERS will celebrate Shabbat together. Our own children and teens will be leading the service. Following the service, we will have our 4th Annual YERS Live! Event. The theme this year is "Camp Coleman Style!" where will highlight the importance of Jewish sleep away camps. YERS Live! is not just a fundraiser, but an opportunity for parents to get to know each other in a social setting and to make connections.

Thanks to these type of fundraising events, we are able to provide need-based scholarships for students to attend various youth programs and activities they might not otherwise be able to afford. Some of these programs include summer Jewish sleep-away camps, teen travel, leadership development, and more!

Grab your kids, parents, grandparents, and teens for a fun-filled night of camp..."Camp Coleman Style!" Enjoy campfire songs, camp-style games and activities, dinner, and drinks.

Need a New Year's 2023 resolution? How about continuing to support Temple Beth Am and your child's Jewish education? We'd love to have you on board.

Please join us for all the fun on Friday, February 10, 2023!

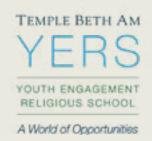


Our 5th and 6th grade students will have an opportunity to learn about different organizations, and see what the prior B'nai Mitzvah students learned while completing their projects.

Parents are encouraged to participate and learn. Open to the community.

Tamara, Sumiko, Lisa and Daniel YERS Team





Sumiko Zayon Youth Engagement Director szayon@tbam.org



"Being a Madrich has really influenced my life as a whole. I have been a part of this amazing team since last year. I have and still enjoy doing what I do every Sunday morning. From getting out of bed in the morning, to leaving temple at 12:30 PM, I feel accomplished, and I hope that every day I influence the children that I help teach. I encourage teens who want to be a part of something that is bigger than themselves, to join this amazing team of wonderful people!"

- Daniel Lipoff





PROGRAMMING

Andrea LeVine Kay Program Director akay@tbam.org



Friday, December 23 6:00 p.m. Preneg | 6:30 p.m. Service on the Terrace

We're taking Shabbat services outside to celebrate Chanukah under the stars! Drink in that beautiful Florida winter as we gather on the Terrace to welcome Shabbat and light candles for the sixth night of Chanukah.

We encourage you to get festive and wear your favorite Chanukah sweater!



Get ready to sing out as Cantor Coyot and your fellow congregants sing along to the Broadway classic, Grease!

Friday, December 23rd

Join us in the Chapel immediately after "Shabbat Under the Stars" for dinner and a nosh!

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DAY SCHOOL

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At Rambam Day School, we instill Jewish values such as honesty, industriousness, the inclusion of others, respect, and kindness. Our monthly middot focus on values like feeding the hungry, watching one's words, pursuing justice, and protecting the environment. We recently celebrated Thanksgiving, and we are getting ready for Chanukah. Fittingly, our middah for the month of Kislev is Hakarat HaTov, celebrating the value of gratitude and recognizing the good.

In both Thanksgiving and Chanukah, we see this theme. With Thanksgiving, the theme of gratitude is obviously right there in the name. The holiday of Chanukah is not just about what happened in the Chanukah story but also about having gratitude and being thankful. Recognizing the good often requires a significant amount of mindfulness. One of the fantastic benefits of attending a Jewish day school is the moments of mindfulness that are included in each and every day. To learn not to take the good for granted.

During Chanukah, while we celebrate light in the physical sense with the students, we also encourage students to bring the light; to bring goodness into the world. What does bringing light into the world mean from a social, emotional, or spiritual perspective? In so many ways, we explore the idea of bringing light to others. Most recently, with the impact of Hurricane Ian on our Florida neighbors, our students jumped into action to help spread light to their community in a time of darkness. For example, our kindergarteners crafted bracelets, artwork, and key chains, which they then sold at the PATIO meeting, book fair, and school store. All of the money raised went to help those impacted by the hurricane. And bonusthe students sold the items themselves, strengthening their math, sorting, and communication skills. Our elementary students also held a dress-down day to raise money for victims of Hurricane Ian. Fourth and fifth-grade students are even planning to visit Fort Myers to share a Shabbat dinner and to deliver Chanukah gifts to families. As part of that trip, they will visit The Learning Tree Preschool at Temple Beth El to build

some simple playground equipment to replace the equipment that was lost during the hurricane.

Our students also learned to be grateful for what they have by exploring the meaning of food insecurity. This fall, our fourth and fifth-grade students participated in a memorable field trip with Rabbi Greengrass in which they went food shopping on a budget and donated their purchases to the JCS kosher food bank. They completed a mitzvah while learning about food insecurity and the SNAP program. A lesson in both gratitude and spreading the light.

Our students bring the light in many other ways as well at Rambam. Daily, we reinforce the Jewish values of kindness, respect, and integrity. We support others who have been hurt or harmed, always remembering to be an "upstander" rather than a "bystander." We treat others with kindness and accept other people's differences. And we always remember to include others, reaching out to those who feel excluded.

We bring the light to our families, emphasizing the value of togetherness through our weekly Havdalah services and family Shabbats. We honor our grandparents each year with a special Grandparents' Day in which we invite our grandparents and special friends to spend the morning at our school. We are dedicated to honoring the bond between children and their loved ones.

When we use the shamash to light the candles of our Chanukiah, we note that the flame of the shamash does not diminish as it spreads its light to the other candles. When all of the other candles are lit, together we have a wonderful, warm source of light. Likewise, when we spread light in the world, it does not diminish our own light. Instead, we are creating more light for the people we help, and we ultimately make the world a lighter, warmer place.

I wish you all a Chanukah filled with love and light.

Nora Anderson



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MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Ryan Vinocur December 3, 2022

Ryan is a 7th grade student at Ransom Everglades and a graduate of Temple Beth Am Day School. She is an exceptional student, daughter, sister, and friend who also runs cross country for Ransom and is working on her green belt in karate. Besides being an avid reader and writer, she also enjoys playing tennis and loves playing Minecraft with her friends. Ryan's parents, **Elion** and **Rebecca**, and her brother, **Spencer**, are extremely proud of her for this accomplishment and for much more.



Dylan Lamchick December 3, 2022

Dylan is a graduate of Temple Beth Am Day School and is currently a 7th grader in the Spanish program at G.W. Carver Middle School. He enjoys basketball and tennis, and spending time with his family and friends. He especially loves spending summers with his camp friends in Maine at Camp Manitou. He is dedicated and driven to accomplish whatever he sets his mind to. He is a fun-loving, special and unique person and an awesome brother and son. His parents, **Lindsey** and **Ryan**, twin sister **Ashley**, and little sister **Sydney**, are beyond proud of him and look forward to honoring and celebrating him with their friends and family.



Ashley Lamchick December 3, 2022

Ashley is a graduate of Temple Beth Am Day School and is currently a 7th grader in the Spanish program at G.W. Carver Middle School. She loves camp, basketball, swimming, tennis, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. Ashley always gives her best effort, in everything she does. She is an excellent student, caring friend and wonderful daughter and sister. Her parents, **Lindsey** and **Ryan**, twin brother **Dylan**, and little sister **Sydney**, are extremely proud of her and can't wait to honor and celebrate her with their friends and family.



Kayla Miller December 10, 2022

Kayla is a 7th grade student in the Forensic Science program at Arvida Middle School. She is smart, kind, and compassionate. Kayla enjoys dance, art, and Girl Scouts, where she earned the Bronze award. She hopes to have a career in in the medical field in the future. Her parents, **Ross** and **Erica**, as well as her twin sister **Rebecca** are so proud of her and all of her accomplishments. They look forward to sharing this special day with her.



Rebecca Miller December 10, 2022

Rebecca is a 7th grade student in the Global Studies program at Arvida Middle School. She is an excellent student, funny, and always inquisitive. Rebecca is environmentally conscious, especially when it comes to the oceans and marine life. She hopes to be a marine biologist in the future. Her parents, **Ross** and **Erica**, as well as her twin sister **Kayla** are so proud of her and all of her accomplishments. They look forward to celebrating this special occasion with her.

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Addison Schumacher December 10, 2022

Addison is a 7th grader at Gulliver Preparatory where she is enthusiastic about learning and going to school each day. Addie is a wonderful daughter, an amazing sister, cousin and granddaughter. She enjoys staying active with biking, playing tennis and cross country with her school. She looks forward to traveling with her family throughout the year and spending quality time with her friends. Addie is smart, funny, compassionate, loyal and lives life to the fullest. Her parents, **Robyn** and **Kevin**, and sister **Alexa**, are extremely proud of her always and are so excited to celebrate her on this very special occasion.



Jocelyn Rimland December 29, 2022

Jocelyn is a 9th grade honor student in the Technical Theatre track at Miami Arts Studio at Zelda Glazer. She is passionate about theater, both behind the scenes and in the audience. She loves traveling on road trips, reading graphic novels, and spending time with family and friends. She enjoys participating in the Madrichim Program, MNC, and BAFTY at Temple Beth Am. Her mom, **Renee**, and grandparents, **Roz** and **Elias**, are extremely proud of her accomplishments and very excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah together in Israel!



Sebastian Azpurua-Askowitz

December 31, 2022

Sebastian is an 8th grader at Ponce de Leon Middle School. He loves animals, computer games, and chocolate. He is proud of his Venezuelan and Jewish roots. He's compassionate, loving, and funny. He is the definition of mench. His parents **Andrea** and **Victoria** and his sister **Natasha** can't wait to celebrate his Bar Mitzyah.



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 9:30 AM

Early Childhood Courtyard

Share the joy of Shabbat with your little ones with our Tot Shabbat!

Join us for Shabbat songs, craft, and fun, and connect with other families as we welcome Shabbat together.

This program is geared toward children ages 4 and under, but big brothers and sisters are welcome!

Save The Date for our next Tot Shabbat! February 4 Tu BiSh'vat edition RSVP: tbam.org/totshabbat



SUNDAY SALON

Join us at 10:30 AM for a bagel, a coffee and a schmooze

Chapel, The Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

DECEMBER 4. 2022

Dr. Marsha B. Cohen Presents: Israel's Relationship with China



China is Israel's largest trading partner in Asia and its second largest in the world. Israel imports more from China than anywhere else and exports more to China than to any other Asian country. But according to a recent poll, Israelis are evenly divided in how they view China: a supportive high-tech trade partner or a competitor and/or human rights violator? Israel is also under pressure from the U.S. to reduce its cooperative ventures with China in defense and infrastructure.

Join us for a lively discussion of the latest developments in the Israeli-Chinese relationship.



Save the date: JANUARY 8, 2023

Dr. Abraham Benyunes: The Non-Jewish Origins of the **Sephardic Jews**

The prevailing understanding is that Sephardic Jewry had its genesis in Spain and Portugal and did not descend from the ancient Judeans. Some years ago when visiting Morocco, Dr. Benyunes' curiosity peaked when he found many families in the phone book with the name **Benyunes**, and none of them were Jewish. Come and hear this most interesting story.

RSVP online for all events at www.tbam.org/sundaysalon

Adult Reading Room Library events are coordinated by Etta Gold MLS RJE, Congregational Librarian. Contact Etta at egold@tbam.org

Reading with A God We Can Believe In the Rabbi



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Bring your lunch and join Rabbi Greengrass for this exploration and enjoy Reading with the Rabbi!

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Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

While our opening event, EAT/LAUGH/LOVE, was held on October 26th, I want to acknowledge a heartfelt thank you to our chairs: Adrian Dubow, Carol Flicker, and Laura Koffsky for organizing a most fulfilling, memorable and entertaining evening that included more than 250 TBAM women! The spirit of our group was evident throughout the evening, a result of the entire Sisterhood Board, the many volunteer Sisterhood members, and TBAM professional staff who gave their time, creativity, and organizational skills to ensure the success of the event. Oh, what a night! Some photos are presented below for your enjoyment. Many thanks to our Sisterhood Historian Deanna Whitman!

Chanukah is rapidly approaching, and the miracle of light continues to shine on us. We are about to experience the nicest Miami weather of the season; we will gather with family and friends for celebration.

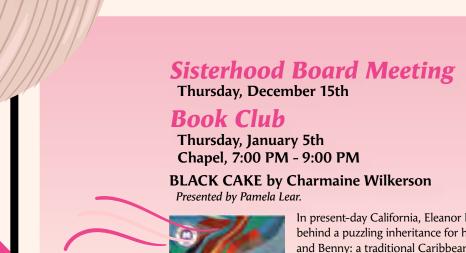
Glow Stick Shabbat on December 16th is spiritual, festive, and fun and gives our families and TBAM members an opportunity to observe and participate in the magic of Chanukah. Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Tikkun Olam are asking all members of TBAM to bring gently used books for young adults and/or adults that will be donated to both men's and women's prisons in Miami-Dade County. This request is an easy lift and will surely be a feel-good moment. We have so many opportunities to shine our light on others and do mitzvot for our greater community that needs our support. For more information on this project, please see the Tikkun Olam pages.

Sisterhood looks forward to seeing you soon during this month of December.

Warmly, **Susan Lampen**,

Sisterhood President







In present-day California, Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children, Byron and Benny: a traditional Caribbean black cake, made from a family recipe with a long history, and a voice recording. In her message, Eleanor shares a tumultuous story about a headstrong young swimmer who escapes her island home under suspicion of murder. The heartbreaking tale Eleanor unfolds, the secrets she still holds back, and the mystery of a long-lost child, challenge everything the siblings thought they knew about their lineage, and themselves.

Charmaine Wilkerson's debut novel is a story of how the inheritance of betrayals, secrets, memories, and

even names, can shape relationships and history. Deeply evocative and beautifully written, Black Cake is an extraordinary journey through the life of a family changed forever by the choices of its matriarch.

Thursday, March 2nd

THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT by Mitch Albom

Ivy Ames will be leading the discussion.

Thursday, May 11th LESSONS by Ian McEwan

Sisterhood bakes up some goodness with the



tikkyn olam

5 THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE BEFORE I BECAME CHAIR



THERE'S A TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

I want to say it's because I care just too darn much about actually helping to worry about committees and titles, but the truth is, I made social-justice work and community-service engagement more difficult than it needed to be becaused didn't realize there was an entire committee at TBAM dedicated to such efforts.

Whether you want to volunteer with an already established program or start something new, the TOC is here to help you make that happen. And with no membership fees and lots of supportive, warm, friendly and passionate people already on the committee, why not check us out? (BTW: Our next monthly meeting is via Zoom on Tuesday, December 13th, 9:30-10:30 AM.)



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JEWISH TO BE INVOLVED

For whatever reason, my (Jewish) siblings and I each married non-Jews—one Greek Orthodox, one Catholic, and one unaffiliated theist—all of whom have (among other things) volunteered at Mitzvah Day, performed in Purim festivities, engaged in dialogues with our clergy—and their experiences are not unique to this synagogue.

To do community-building work with TBAM, you don't have to subscribe to a particular religion, political party, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic class, age bracket, social group, etc. You only have to want to make a positive impact, and you have a place here.



COMMENTATOR ARTICLES ARE DUE TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION

I'm writing (wrote?!) this in late October imagining that I'm experiencing (marginally) cooler temps, sipping peppermint lattes and anticipating the Gregorian new year around the corner. So, despite best efforts to discuss all the latest and upcoming happenings, publication deadlines make that a bit dicey. Which leads me to my fourth observation...



NEW TBAM WEBSITE COMING REALLY SOON!

And a new TOC webpage too! As a Millennial (yes, I'm dating myself), I don't subscribe to print media anymore—I do everything online. With a new, improved, user-friendly webpage, the TOC is so looking forward to being able to keep you informed on current programming and showcase your accomplishments and contributions in a timely, user-friendly way.



WE WANT YOU!

I know, I sound a little Uncle Sam-y, but it's true, we want you! Your ideas, commentary, feedback, insight, service, support, friendship, and all the wonderful things you have to offer. Please reach out to us (**toctbam@gmail.com**) and let us know what you think, stop by an event (even if just for 10 minutes!), join us at a monthly committee meeting or give us a call (**my cell is 305.793.3022**) and let's make things happen together.





The TOC has a lot of programming in the works and on the books. Please take a peek and keep an eye out for emails with more information on forthcoming events.

Let's talk soon.

Rebecca Holljes, Tikkun Olam Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

AND RECAPS

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BOOK DRIVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 6 PM

Please bring your young-adult and adult books to TBAM's annual Glow Stick Shabbat on Dec. 16 to be donated to various, local prison libraries in conjunction with Exchange or Change, which offers educational and community skills-building courses to incarcerated students.

Event is in partnership with Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Contact: Jeffrey Rosenberg (jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com)

KNIT & NOSH TO SPREAD THE LOVE

Whether you knit, crochet, weave, sew—or want to learn to do so—or just want to have a coffee and a nosh, join your fellow congregants as we make beautiful pieces at TBAM for the clergy to deliver to those in need of comfort, support and love.

Interested in this type of programming?

Contact: Susan Fusfield (bryanandjenna@aol.com)

MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

TBAM's largest service day is coming—it's Sun., Feb. 26—and we need your help to make this annual event our most impactful yet! Please contact us if you'd like to captain a service project, volunteer, offer ideas, or just want to learn more. No experience necessary! Only requirement: A desire to help and serve!

Contact: Rebecca Hollies (toctbam@gmail.com)

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER YEHUDA WEBSTER PRESENTS SOCIAL JUSTICE BURNOUT: HOW TO RE-ENERGIZE BY CULTIVATING RATZON AND SPEAKING OUR DESIRES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 7 PM ON ZOOM

Feeling burnt out and overwhelmed? Join us as we welcome our special guest speaker Yehudah Webster, who has been lauded as "a Jewish superhero for racial and social justice" by The New York Jewish Week. As the Program Director and Faculty at Inside Out Wisdom and Action Project, Yehudah equips communities with the daily concrete spiritual tools of Mussar to subvert racism within ourselves and others. We look forward to learning how we can cultivate the character trait of "ratzon" for personal growth and to energize our social justice work.

No prior knowledge of Mussar needed!

RSVP: tbam.org/yehudawebster







Thanks to everyone who came to Temple Beth Am on November 2nd to call fellow Floridians affected by Hurricane Ian and to make sure that they were safe and had a plan for voting on November 8th. We partnered with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism – Florida (RAC-FL) and Florida Rising to make non-partisan calls to ensure that everyone knew how and where to vote. Many of those we called were displaced from their homes and were not living in their local precincts. Many

polling places and early voting locations on the Florida west coast were damaged in the storm. This was a true mitzvah for an important cause –to ensure everyone gets to exercise their right to vote.

RAC-FL does non-partisan work throughout the year on a state-wide basis. We will be gearing up for more work for the first six months of 2023. Further information will be forthcoming on our work. If you would like to get involved, please contact me at jagron@tbam.org.



All the best, **Jeff Agron,** RAC-FL

MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

As I write these words on the last day of the month of Tishre (October 25), I reflect upon what fun it was to conclude the holiday season helping to lead the egalitarian *hakafot hashniyot* held at the First Station in Jerusalem. If you've never heard of *hakafot shniyot*, this is an Israeli custom held the evening that Simchat Torah ends. In the Land of Israel (as well as at most Reform congregations in America, including at Beth Am), following seven days of Sukkot, we celebrate Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah as one holiday. However, in Orthodox and Conservative communities outside of Israel, these two holidays are celebrated as two separate days. So when Simchat Torah ends in

Israel, it is now beginning for Orthodox and Conservative Jews living outside of Israel. There are disputes about where and when it began. Since the 1950s, Orthodox communities in Israel began marking that evening with a second round of dancing with the Torah scrolls, called hakafot shniyot. For Orthodox Jews who would refrain from using musical instruments, microphones, etc., during a festival, this is an opportunity to include those elements for a very joyous celebration (things

that, as Reform Jews, we could of course use during holiday services, and we therefore take for granted). The "whole" community is invited to join in this outdoor celebration, of all levels of Jewish observance, with events sponsored by cities and towns across the country. Why do I write "whole" in quotes? Because it is an Orthodox event, dancing between men and women is prohibited, and all those leading the dancing, including those carrying the Torah scrolls, are men. Only in the past decade did the idea begin to grow of holding egalitarian hakafot shniyot, where all genders would be equal participants, from dancing with the Torah scrolls to leading from the stage. There was some initial hesitation; if we can already hold egalitarian hakafot with live music during the service, why do we need to do it again?

Likewise, there was a real fear of how the Orthodox would react. Would there be protests? Violence? Would we even be allowed to use public spaces? However, with the understanding of the vast importance of this public statement that Judaism and Torah belongs to all Jews both in the private and public sphere, we decided to go ahead, and it was a resounding success.

Since 2017, egalitarian *hakafot shniyot* have been held at the First Station Compound, the original Jerusalem train station, which was recently converted into one of the city's most vibrant entertainment

centers. Of course, covid restrictions were in play the last two years, so this year, for the first time since 2019, we were able to renew the tradition in full. Led by the Nigunim Ensemble (guitar, vocals, violin, bass guitar, and drum set), hundreds of people of all ages (with the majority being young adults ages 18-30) danced and sang their hearts out for over an hour and a quarter.



Cantor Evan (second from the left) leading the hakafot shniyot with the Nigunim Ensemble.

I had the honor of leading both the second and seventh (and last) *hakafah*, and if you scan on the QR code below in this article with your smartphone, you can watch the whole second hakafah (it's about nine minutes long). Crank up the volume and get ready to dance!

Looking forward to welcoming you to your sister congregation here in Jerusalem on your next trip to Israel.

Cantor Evan Cohen



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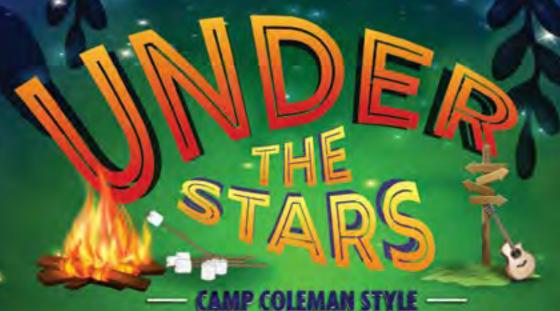
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OUR JEWISH HERITÄGE



By Dr. Lenore C. Kipper, RJE, Judaic Studies Director, Emerita

Journey to Israel 75: Pioneers, Leaders, Builders

Builders

Among the pre-state period of pioneers were two women from the United States. They came from different backgrounds and had different goals, but their contribution to the life of the Jewish community in Israel was historical.

Henrietta Szold, 1860-1945

Henrietta Szold was the founder of the women's Zionist organization Hadassah. How did this happen? She was born in Baltimore, Maryland to parents who were immigrants. Her father became a Rabbi of a congregation and encouraged her to study and become a teacher. She became a leader in Jewish education. When the large immigration of Russian Jews came, she devoted her time to helping them adapt to America. In 1909, she and her mother made a trip to Palestine. She saw the need for helping the early settlers with health and education. This was the beginning of her commitment to establish the Hadassah organization to assist in the development of a nursing school in Jerusalem. By 1920 she moved to Jerusalem. The Hadassah Hospital today is the result of all her work to gain support from Jewish communities in America and the world. During the 1930s, Henrietta became involved in the project to rescue Jewish children from Germany and Europe and bring them to Israel. This became known as Youth Aliyah, under the Jewish Agency, and she was appointed its director. They established settlements for the children providing education and health, under adult leadership. Although she did not live to see the establishment of Israel, by 1948 over 30,000 children arrived in Israel. She will always be recognized as a scholarly woman, committed to Zionism and Judaism, and a pioneer leader of Israel.

Golda Meir, 1898-1978

Golda was born near Kiev, Ukraine, and her family feared the Russian pogroms that were spreading in the country around 1903. Her father left and settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Golda, her mother and two sisters soon joined him. She was raised as an American Jew. When she was ready for high school, her father wanted her to go to work, but Golda left home and went to Denver to be with her married sisters. She was able to go to high school and college and became a teacher. Soon after she married Morris Meyerson. She met David ben Gurion when he was traveling around the U.S. to recruit volunteers for the kibbutz movement. Golda and Morris made Aliyah in 1921. They first settled in kibbutz Merhavya, but after a while they moved to Jerusalem. She became active in the Labor Party and was given a position of leadership in Tel Aviv. Golda became one of the leaders of the Histadrut, the Labor Union Organization. She was now on her way to becoming an important leader of the Jewish Agency and the political leadership of the future state.

In 1949 Golda became the first woman elected to the K'nesset,

and she was assigned to be the Minister of Labor. It was her responsibility to find jobs and housing for 700,000 Jewish immigrants that came from Arab countries. In 1956 she was appointed Foreign Minister, meeting with leaders from many countries, including President Nixon and Henry Kissinger. By 1967 she was elected Prime Minister until after the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

What was Golda's secret for her success? She possessed a mixture of courage, strength, passion and authenticity. When Golda died in 1978, before the Peace Treaty with Egypt was signed, many around the world recognized the outstanding role she served in Israel and as a significant woman head of state in modern history.

L'shalom,

Lenore Kipper



How did the idea of beginning a Day School start?

The pre-school/ Kindergarten program began in 1958. The congregation grew, and the enrollment in the school increased. Under the leadership of Sima Lesser, the student population grew to 200. Parents began urging **Rabbi Herbert Baumgard**^{z*1}, the Temple Board, and Mrs. Lesser to expand the school to a primary bloc, 1st to 3rd. There was some controversy about the idea, but finally in 1970 the Day School began with a small group of 1st and 2nd graders enrolled. It was now making history in the Reform Jewish Movement as the first Reform Jewish Day School. (Rodeph Shalom in NYC also began in a similar way). Ceil Coonin was hired to be the teacher and develop the curriculum. The following year, **Lenore Kipper** was hired to be the teacher of 3rd and 4th graders and to begin to integrate Jewish studies and Hebrew into the curriculum. (to be continued)

What changes occurred within the whole congregation?

Around the same time, 1970-72, the congregation was growing and there was a need to begin a campaign for another building. At the time of the 25th Anniversary, membership increased to 1,550 families, and the campus expanded to 13 acres. The Guardian Campaign for the Teenage Building began. David Stuart became the new Executive Director. He and Rabbi Baumgard led the leadership to plan for the new building. It would be a two-story building. There would be six classrooms, a chapel, and a library. In addition, there would be a gym on the second floor. It was completed and dedicated in 1974. It was named the Herbert Baumgard Teenage Building, to honor the founding Rabbi.

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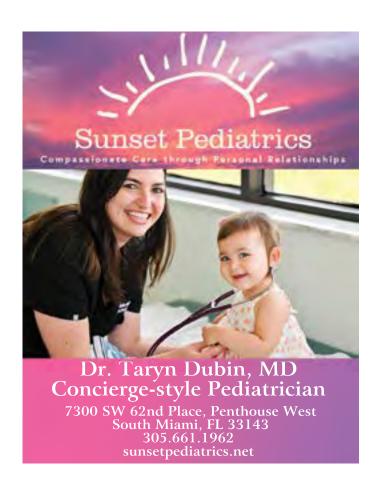
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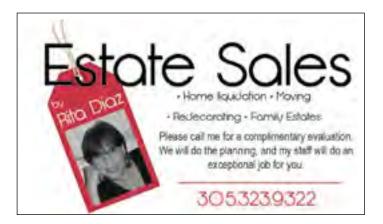


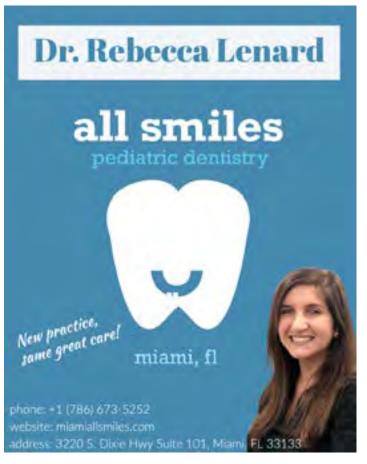


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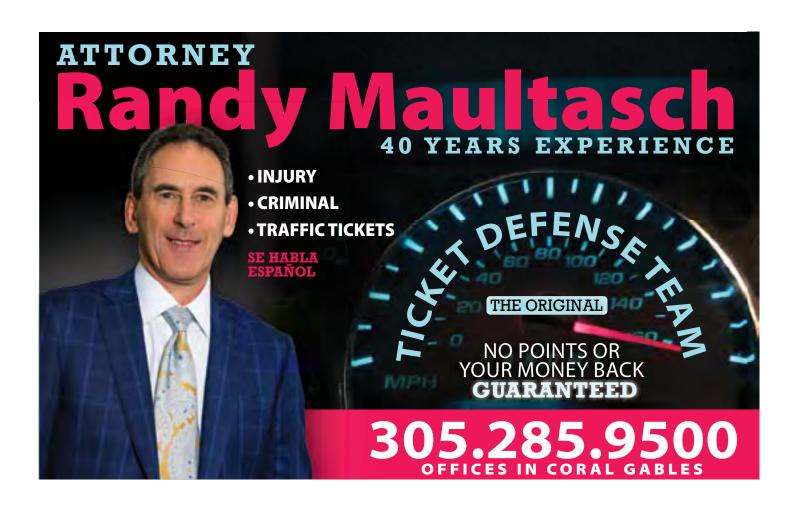
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