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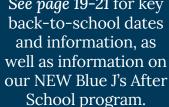


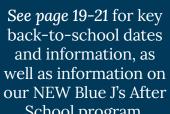
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9 Av

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

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

Parashat Devarim Shabbat Chazon

Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22 Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 27

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022

16 Av

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

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

Parashat Vaetchanan Shabbat Nachamu

Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 – 26 FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022

23 Av

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

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

Parashat Ekev

Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25 Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

30 Av

5:45 p.m. How 'Bout Shabbat

(Frozen)

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

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

Parashat Re'eh Rosh Chodesh Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5 and Isaiah 66:1 – 13, 23

Sponsor a pre-neg with us to honor someone who is celebrating a birthday, an anniversary...or any special occasion.

For more information call Rita Diaz at 786.364.9434.

#### WILL YOU BE OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS?

Do you plan to be away for Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur and would like to worship at another temple? Temple Beth Am enjoys "reciprocity" with hundreds of temples nationwide.

Please contact Mindy Robbin at 786.364.9446 or mrobbin@tbam.org as soon as possible and she will be happy to help you secure seats.

There are some temples that "close out" their reciprocity tickets early!

Additionally, if you have someone visiting you for the holiday, who is a member in good standing at another temple, please tell Mindy, as well, so we may accommodate them.

## Save-the-Date 5783 5783 5783

#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Sunday, September 25, 2022 Erev Rosh HaShanah

Monday, September 26, 2022 Rosh HaShanah Early and Late Services

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Rosh HaShanah Second Day Service

#### YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Yom Kippur Early and Late, Mincha, Yizkor, & Neilah Services

For information on submissions for this year's Book of Remembrance, see page 35 or visit tham.org.bookofremembrance



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Cantor Coyot is seeking talented singers for  $\boldsymbol{a}$ 

#### HIGH HOLY DAY POP UP KIDS CHOIR!

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#### FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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#### Tisha B'Av and the Destruction of the Two Holy Temples

This month, Jews around the world mourn the destruction of the two Holy Temples in Jerusalem, as well as the numerous other tragedies that befell our ancestors on this day over the last two thousand years. Although both Temples were destroyed by foreign invaders, the prophets and the Talmud tell us that God permitted their destruction at the hands of foreigners because of the sins of the Jewish people. The primary sin of the First Temple period was idol worship, while the Second Temple fell because of disunity and hatred among the Jews themselves. Inherent in the variation of these sins that twice led to destruction and ultimately exile is a fascinating lesson that is instructive for us today.

Rabbinic literature details the differences that existed between the First and Second Holy Temple. When King Solomon built the First Temple, he had a prophecy that one day the Temple would be destroyed. Therefore, he constructed beneath the Temple a series of tunnels and recesses where the holy objects (especially the Ark of the Covenant) could be hidden. Many years later, when the Babylonians were threatening to conquer Jerusalem, the Ark was removed from the Holy of Holies and hidden deep inside of Mt. Zion. Years later, when the Second Temple was constructed, the Ark was never retrieved and thus was never present in the Second Holy Temple during its entire existence.

This might lead one to believe that the First Temple was endowed with more holiness than the Second Temple. We might support that conclusion from the rabbinic teaching that in the First Temple, sacrifices were consumed from a fire that emanated from Heaven. However, in the Second Temple, the fire from Heaven was not powerful enough to consume the offering on its own. Thus, the priests were required to create a fire as well to consume the sacrifice. Here is yet more evidence that the First Temple was holier than the Second Temple.

However, the truth is counterintuitive. Because the Second Temple relied more on the Jewish community than God, that fact in and of itself made the Second Temple holier. Holiness in our world is defined by how we treat each other, how we work together, and how we manifest the wisdom of Torah in this world. It is not defined by what God does for us, but rather what we do for each other. The two Holy Temples crumbled because we lost sight of the commitments we must make to each other. Our community, like any community, receives its power and its majesty from our work together and from how we treat each other. That is the antidote to the destruction our people experienced on the 9th day of Av.

#### Rabbi Jeremy Barras





#### CLERGY CORNER Cantor Tifani Coyot tcoyot@tbam.org

#### Spiritual Flexibility and the Music of the High Holy Days

The High Holy Days teach us about spiritual flexibility. We attend services with prayers and melodies that only occur once a year. This year we will finally gather together in person, and because you have a new cantor, things will be different. Many of the familiar melodies from past High Holy Days will be different. This is an exercise in spiritual flexibility. Just as Torah is a living and breathing document, so is Jewish music. We need new interpretations; new and relevant ways to hear and experience our High Holy Day soundtrack.

I invite you to pay attention to the following musical choices:

- 1. *Nusach* These are the ancient melodies and musical motifs. I use these moments to connect our community to the generations of Jews who sang these melodies before us.
- 2. Beth Am Shabbat Melodies I want to make sure that there are moments in the service where everyone feels like they can sing along. This year, I will add familiar versions of the prayers that you hear on Shabbat. My hope is to increase participation in communal singing.
- 3. Sephardic *Piyutim* (Jewish Liturgical Poems) and Israeli Music The Jewish community is diverse, and we reflect that diversity in our musical choices. You will hear and experience the joy and energy that the Sephardic piyutim (e.g. "El Nora Alilah") bring to the final moments of Yom Kippur during the service of Neilah. We will also feature classic Israeli songs and modern melodies from Israeli congregations like Beit Tefila Yisraeli.

IF YOU CAN ATTEND ONLY ONE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE THIS YEAR PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS NEILAH ON OCTOBER 5th AT 6:00 PM!

- 4. Modern Jewish Compositions I look for new compositions that are trending in the Reform Jewish world and will include some of my own compositions.
- 5. Mashups Mashups are traditional melodies woven together with secular songs that allow for deeper understanding and connection. For example, we will sing Leonard Cohen's "Who By Fire," allowing traditional Hebrew and contemporary English to guide us through one of the most complicated and weighty prayers, "Unataneh Tokef." I hope that this will provide a sense of deeper connection and understanding.

I invite you to reflect on which melodies and musical moments are most meaningful for you and why. Take some time to listen to the new High Holy Day music. Look for the beauty and majesty in music that feels familiar as well as in music that feels new. Notice what sounds different, not just because the melody has changed, but because you have changed as well.

Listen to High Holy Day Music by scanning this QR code.

Listen to High Holy Day Music for Children and Families by scanning this QR code.

**Cantor Tifani Coyot** 







David Young dyoung@tbam.org

How do we reestablish our connections to each other, particularly after a long pandemic separation? How do we keep 2. What makes you feel Jewish? Beth Am relevant? I am asking everyone in our congregation for their advice in answering these questions.

The Atlanta Jewish Times published an interesting article addressing these issues. The article uses the phrase "relational engagement." Relational engagement is having a more intensive relationship with our synagogue. Rabbi Lydia Medwin explained, "Throughout history we've always had our first place as our home and our second place as our work. There has always been a third place where we can go and be ourselves and relax and rejuvenate." She explains that we need that third place because of the decline of friendships and public relationships. I want Beth Am to be that place—where we all come to rejuvenate.

We are entering a new era at Temple Beth Am. We have a great influx of new members, our schools are bursting at the seams with young families, and our long-standing members continue to inspire and sustain us. We are coming from a position of great strength, and we want to make the most of our new, exciting possibilities.

In April we will be opening "The Hub," our cultural arts and sports complex. When it's completed, it can be the place that brings us all together; the place you and your family will want to be. Rabbi Barras's vision for Beth Am is clear: he wants every 5. How can we do a better job encouraging diversity, member of our congregation to pledge to attend one Friday night service a month and, after the service, stay for dinner, listen to music, see a film, play sports, or do something as a family on our campus. But in order for his dream to become a reality, we must provide a reason for you to want to come. By providing programs that you and your family are excited about, we will be relevant in your life.

This is where you come in. I am going to pose some survey questions for you to answer. The questions will be on our website (tbam.org/congregationalsurvey), and your answers will be sent directly to me. Your answers can remain

anonymous. But with your input, you are in control of our future. Here are the types of questions on the survey:

- 1. Do you consider yourself to be:
- a. Reform
- b. Conservative
- c. Orthodox
- d. Reconstructionist
- e. Culturally but not religiously Jewish
- 3. What would motivate you to come to services at least once a month? (Check all that apply)
- a. More musical or themed services
- b. More participation by the congregation
- c. An after-service program or dinner
- d. Shorter services
- e. Other (Please give us your suggestions)
- 4. What activities would you like us to offer? (Check all that apply)
- a. Singles programs
- b. Cultural Programs
- c. Small group get-togethers
- d. Current events discussions with community leaders or Clergy
- e. Community festival celebrations
- f. Wine and cheese Day School get togethers for parents
- g. Wine and cheese Religious School get togethers for parents
- h. Adult Education
- i. Group discussions for parents and children as they get ready for college.
- j. Group get togethers for people who are in mourning.
- k. Tikkun Olam/Social Justice activities
- equality and inclusion?
- 6. How can we do a better job making a non-Jewish spouse or partner feel more a part of TBAM?
- 7. How long have you been a member of Temple Beth Am?
- 8. How can Temple Beth Am be more relevant in your life?

I hope you will think about your responses. Then please go to www.tbam.org/congregationalsurvey and send me your answers. That way, we will insure Beth Am is the rejuvenating place you and your family need for many more years to come.

#### David Young

#### MAZEL TOV TO ...

Mindy and Jack Finkelman on the wedding of their son Adam to Nikki Robelen. Mazel Tov to grandmother, Louise Stubins, as well.

Frank and Helene Kronberg on the wedding of daughter Lindsay to Dr. Alexander Volsky.

David and Shelley Schwadron on the birth of grandson Brody Ilan Schwadron.

Dr. Paul Pataky and Edith Osman on the birth of grandson Brave Amery Brake. Mazel Tov to Jackie, Brad, Mia and Sasha Crabill, as well.

## TEMPLE BETH AM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

## THE AMBASSADOR MISSION

THE GOAL OF THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE INTEGRATION OF NEW MEMBERS. WHEN CONGREGANTS REACH OUT TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE AND CONNECTED AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO MAINTAIN A LONG AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH TEMPLE BETH AM.

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Interested or have questions? Please contact Membership Director Rita Diaz at rdiaz@tbam.org or 786.364.9434.



#### **MEMBERSHIP**

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Dear Temple Beth Am Family,

We hope you are enjoying the summer. We thank you for your ongoing support of Temple Beth Am, and we invite you to join us again for the new year ahead by renewing your membership. For more than 67 years—in good times and in challenging times—our members have been our greatest strength!

We're so happy to be together again at Friday night services, Torah study, and Saturday morning minyan services. Our How 'Bout Shabbat services for our young families have been wonderful and well attended. We'll continue to be together, socializing here with our friends, worshiping together, and supporting each other.

One of the most important things you can do right now to support Temple Beth Am is to continue to be a part of our congregation.

Please consider your resources when making your membership commitment. Our doors are open to everyone, regardless of financial ability. Those of you that are able to participate within our five Committee of 100 levels help make it possible for families with financial challenges to always remain part of the temple. Our Fair Share program helps us meet our financial obligations while maintaining consistently superior services and programming. Please consider joining (or rejoining) one of our Committee of 100 levels. You may register online at tbam.org/renewal or simply return the tear-off portion of the membership renewal packet that you received in early May.

Please reach out to me if you have any concerns. As always, I will handle each conversation with care and confidentiality. You may reach me at 786.364.9434 or rdiaz@tbam.org.

With love and gratitude...

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**Rita Diaz** Membership Director

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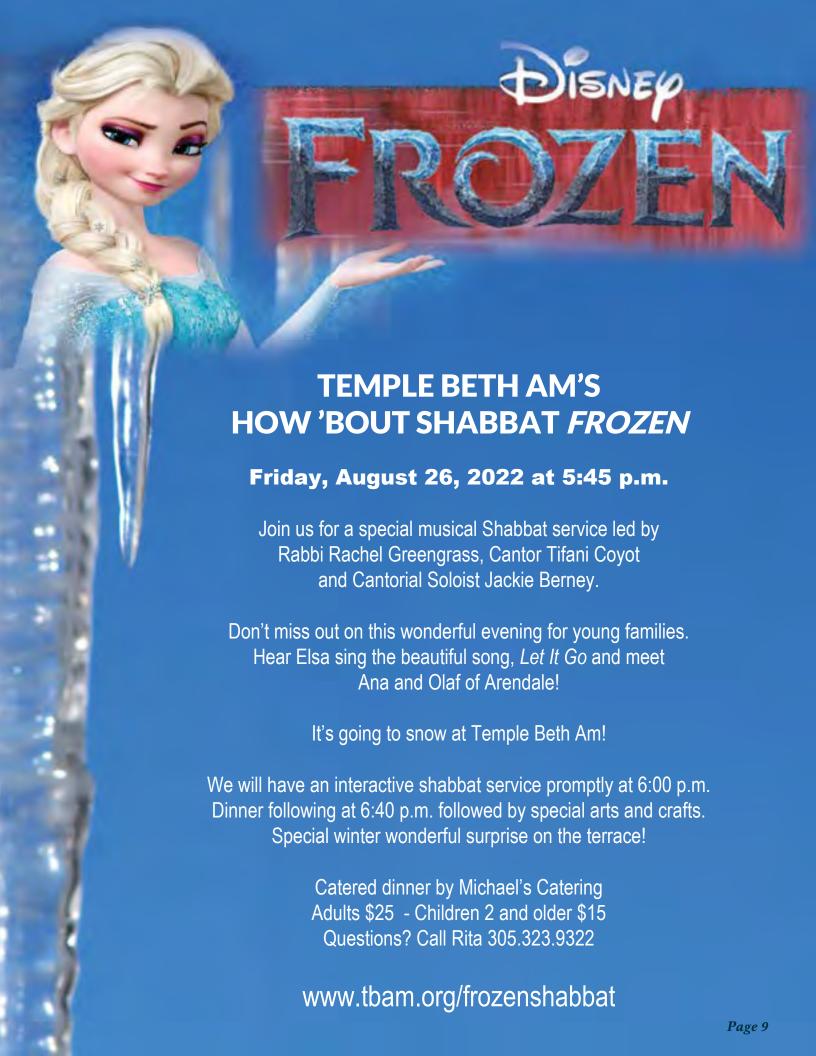
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COMMENTATOR





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YERS continues to open new opportunities for teens. We know how important it is to stay current and adapt to the necessities of our families. We are fortunate to have so many resources at TBAM available for our students. Recognizing how crowded their schedules will be from 8th through 12th grade, we have designed programs to fit their calendar whenever they have time available.

We know Judaism and Jewish identity are important to you, and we are here to help nurture and cultivate our teens' Jewishness in the most exciting ways possible!

There are many new options which feature a unique mix of social time, service opportunities and Jewish exploration. Our programs are designed to promote social time with other Jewish teens and prepare them to live a Jewish life in college and beyond.

See the wealth of opportunities our teens have at Temple Beth Am!

- Monday Night CHAII (MNC) for 7th to 12th graders
- BAFTY 78 (7th & 8th grade)
- Madrichim (8th & up)
- Rosh Chodesh/Shevet Achim (8th & 9th grade)
- Israel Track and Trip for 8th graders
- BAFTY for high schoolers (9th to 12th grade)
- New! Pre-Confirmation Track for 9th graders
- CoExist Fellowship (9th to 12th grade)
- Torah Scholar Fellowship (9th to 12th grade)
- Confirmation for 10th grade (includes trip to Washington DC)
- Social Justice Teen Fellowship (includes trip to Guatemala)
- Israel Advocacy Fellowship (11th & 12th grade)



Starting in 8th grade, YERS has incorporated a travel component to most educational opportunities. Recent studies show that social experiences at this critical time in one's life are intensified with a robust experience such as traveling. For example, having an existential conversation at an ancient Israel site, lobbying in Washington about an issue they feel passionate about, exploring sites where history was

made, and building a school with recyclable materials in Guatemala are all experiences that will remain throughout the teens' lives.

A few details about some of these programs...

#### **Eighth-Grade Israel Track and Trip:**

This 22-23 school year, Temple Beth Am is participating in IsraelNOW, an organization that will be taking 8th graders from the Miami area, along with other cities in the country, for a trip of a lifetime. The Israel Track and Trip offers your teen the chance to discover their relationship with Israel, and how Israel matters to them. They will determine their own personal "why," while strengthening their friendships and with teens in Yerucham, Miami's sister city in Israel. This type of teen programming will impact not only the participants but the families as well.

Interested teens are required to sign up to MNC and take "Israel Matters" during the second hour, a class that will introduce the students to Israel education in a more mature and sophisticated curriculum. *Please note that the trip is heavily subsidized*.

#### Ninth-Grade Pre-Confirmation Track:

This meets monthly, during the second hour of MNC. It offers a unique and dynamic program that combines Torah-based interactive lessons with music, lyrics, and videos as prompts for discussions and activities. Led by Gary Eisenberg, a beloved Confirmation teacher, the curriculum focuses on Jewish identity, Torah, God, and the land of Israel. The program includes a weekend trip to Memphis, TN, the cradle of the Civil Rights movement. Throughout the weekend, students will tour places that made history and meet with people, organizations, houses of prayer, and musicians, as well as community and religious leaders, to better understand what we are experiencing and how it relates to the various themes and issues we are discussing and debating.

#### Ninth-Grade Monday Night CHAI:

For 9th graders interested in attending MNC: every Monday of the month, the 9th grade will have a different focus, such as:

- Pre-Confirmation with Gary (when signing up for MNC, Memphis trip is charged separately)
- "You Be the Judge" (ethical dilemmas)
- Rosh Chodesh with Sumiko/Shevet Achim with Jeff Agron
- Current events that incorporate Israel issues or social justice issues in America

Judaism is a life-long journey. We invite parents to consider such incredible opportunities for their children. We invite our teens to continue nurturing their mind and soul by choosing their own adventure!

Looking forward to welcoming them back at the end of the month! Go to tbam.org/yers to sign up!

#### Tamara Donnenfeld





**Sumiko Zayon** Youth Engagement Director szayon@tbam.org

#### **Teen Engagement**

I am proud of the bonds the BAFTY president and I created over the summer. In June, we had our first meeting to start redefining the BAFTY environment that we want to create for our teens at Temple Beth Am. I asked Morgan, "Why do you think teens aren't engaged in Jewish community life?" Morgan confirmed our biggest challenge in keeping our teens engaged: teens are overwhelmed with so many activities that they oftentimes overlook our offerings. It is the mission of the BAFTY Board to start spreading the word about the opportunities we are offering. From my end, I think I need to work on reshaping our model of engagement to earn our programs a place in their busy schedules.

We encourage all high schoolers to register for BAFTY this year. If you still need more information, please reach out or wait for one of our teen leaders to contact you. We are working on a wonderful campaign to grow our BAFTY community.

Read below the words of our BAFTY President Morgan Parodi on what we have in store for our teens this year:

"Whenever I think of BAFTY, I can't help but smile because I know I'm a part of such a great organization. I originally joined BAFTY because it was something fun that I could do after school and sports practice, but it's so much more than that. It's a place where I can do community service, network, work with other organizations, fundraise, and genuinely have an awesome time.

I've noticed that some people can have a hard time finding a good place to be active in their community—not because they don't want to or that there isn't a need, but because it's difficult to find the right opportunities. I love that BAFTY is such a comfortable place for such a diverse group of people to be together, have fun, and do good.

As someone who is a part of the board, I've got a pretty good idea of how amazing this year's BAFTY is going to be. There's already so much planning and preparation that has gone into it. If you want an idea of what it'll be like, imagine a group of teens with volunteer opportunities, programs led by peers, guest speakers, lots of new people and old friends, fundraising for Camp Jenny, outings, and more. Yeah, there's a lot packed into just one youth group! And that's not even everything.

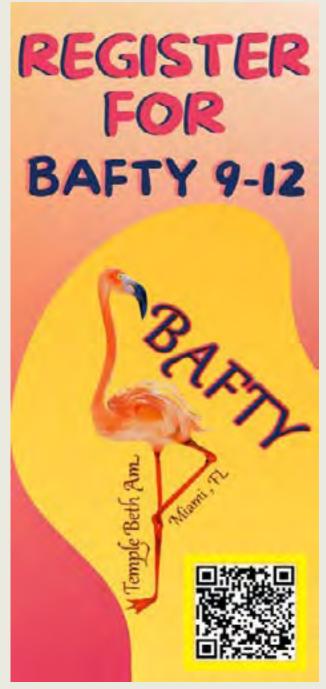
If you're still not sure if BAFTY is for you, feel free to come to one of our BAFTY seasonal events. This is a great opportunity to see a preview of what BAFTY looks like. It's open to anybody in high school! More details will follow, but trust me, you'll want to be there!"

We're so excited for this year and we'd love to have you make an impact with us!

With love.

Morgan Parodi and Sumiko Zayon







#### **PROGRAMMING**

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#### RAMBAM SHABBAT



#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 6:00 PM

The Krys Family Atrium











We invite all elementary school students and their families to this special abbreviated Shabbat service with Cantor Coyot and her band, featuring a talented pop-up choir of Rambam students.

Stick around after services for food trucks, basketball, and family fun!

Connect with fellow TBAM families as we enjoy an outdoor Shabbat bash as a community!

Free of charge, but please RSVP to www.tbam.org/backtoschoolshabbat



#### THE END OF ROE V. WADE

Are You Ready for the Changes to Your Reproductive Rights?

#### Tuesday, August 30, 2022 7:00 PM

- Social Hall -

In the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, the Supreme Court recognized that our constitutional right to privacy includes the right to decide whether to continue a pregnancy. Despite this ruling, many states still found ways throughout the last 40+ years to limit access to safe, legal abortions.

Now that Roe v. Wade has been officially overturned, it is more essential than ever to understand the facts about the far-reaching implications this decision will have on women's rights.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am in partnership with NCJW-Kendall invite you to an important panel discussion in which we will explore Jewish perspectives on abortion, address the serious medical implications of this SCOTUS decision for women's health, and learn how we can best advocate for reproductive rights.







#### Where can I find support for my recovery?



#### Recovery Through a Jewish Lens

If you are in recovery, a loved one of someone in recovery or interested in getting help for your addiction, join us at our monthly support group. Every month we explore topics to help strengthen our recovery with the insights and spiritual guidance of our Jewish heritage.

Our Second Sunday Serenity Jewish Recovery support group continues to meet throughout summer!

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.: August 23 | Forgiveness and Recovery September 20 | The Power of a New Year

Open to the Community, confidentiality is observed. Temple Beth Am, 5950 N Kendall Drive

For more information contact Rabbi Jaime Aklepi, Jaklepi@tbam.org

#### **SUNDAY SALON**



PROGRAMS CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Once again, we have brought our Sunday Salon programs to a close for the summer. Please watch for announcements of future get-togethers to begin again in September, and we hope you will join us for more provocative and enlightening gatherings.

We are delighted to report that even though we were not able to meet in person, our Zoom library programs have been enormously popular with a great variety of attendees and presenters. Our partnership with the **Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami** brought many additional visits from world renowned authors and speakers; and we look forward to even more of this literature and history, plus personalized instruction on genealogical searching. Additionally, our membership in the Association of Jewish Libraries (**jewishlibraries.org/about-ajl/**) connects us to Judaica resources around the globe. Go online and check it out!

Although our library is not currently open for you to physically browse the shelves (we are eagerly awaiting completion of the Temple's next phase of building!), we do still have access to much of our collection. This is *your* library – it's free for you to borrow any of our 7,000 titles! You can search online for books, music, movies, etc. (**tbam.org/library**), and if you wish to borrow something (or want some great recommendations), just contact **Congregational Librarian Etta Gold at egold@tbam.org**.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer filled with relaxing days curled up with a fabulous book!

~ Etta



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

Adult Reading Room Library events are coordinated by Etta Gold MLS RJE, Congregational Librarian.



#### DAY SCHOOL

Nora Anderson, M.S., M.Ed. Head of School nanderson@tbam.org

#### Welcome back!

This month, we will welcome our students and faculty back for what is sure to be another abounding and fulfilling school year.

Although the long shadow of Covid-19 reminds us to be cautious, I am confident spirits will soar with the promise of a new year. I know our faculty are excited to be back with friends and colleagues, having recharged and reinvigorated over the summer. In spite of the complications brought about by Covid, the faculty has continued to enrich the curriculum. Students can look forward to such enhancements as the Writing Revolution in elementary school and the implementation of a new math curriculum that emphasizes collaboration and problem-solving. Curriculum is a process; it is constantly changing, evolving, and responding to the needs of society and developments in education and technology. There is a world of opportunity at Rambam Day School, and our faculty has embraced the challenges with enthusiasm and curiosity—not to mention, gratitude for in-person learning.

The final phase of our new campus is on track to open early next year. Named "The Hub," this building will feature a cultural center, a new state-of-the-art performing arts venue, and a premier basketball facility. And what would a beautiful new campus be without the laughter and energy of children? Our Blue J's After School program will soon be off and running and ready to take advantage of all our campus has to offer. We are overjoyed to be able to provide a platform for our young sports enthusiasts, bakers, chess players, and performers—just to name a few.

We look forward to welcoming so many new families to our day school this year. With enrollment reaching record levels, we are so blessed to be able to grow our community. We have always been a strong, present, and generous community. We demonstrate gratitude for our blessings and are never complacent about the struggles of others in the world around us. We are diverse in the ways in which we think, learn, and appreciate our Judaism.

And so, as a new year begins, may it be a year of growth and learning; of new experiences and understanding. May each day bring something new, and may our students revel in the joy of each new fact learned, each correct answer, and each accomplishment, big or small. May they ask questions—lots of questions—and may they come to realize that wrong answers can be just as important as right ones. May they make friends and lifelong connections.

While Covid may still present a threat, may we all cling to the goodwill and enthusiasm that we feel at the onset of each new school year, especially when the going gets tough. Let's remember just how good we have it at Rambam Day School, and we will not lose our footing. It is a new school year and pure joy to have our community back, and I wish you good health and happiness in the upcoming year.

#### Nora Anderson





#### HOST A SHINSHIN: A ONCE IN A LIFETIME ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE



Who are Shinshinim?

Shinshinim are 18-year-old (track emissiones, whose mission is to bring tracel to life inside and outside Temple Beth Am. They create a living bridge between our community and tracel.



How are They a Part of Our Community?

the Shinshin takes part in Innovating Israeli education and engagement programs. They live with hast families—who can be families with children living at home or "empty-nester" couples or grandparents—for a 3-4 month hosting term.



What is Required of a Host Family?

A private room in your home for the Shinshin to stay, food for daily meals, and surturing home environment for a 3-4 month lime period.







## Save the Date! Brotherhood's Opening Event Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 pm



From Klezmer to Rock...
The Special Relationship
Between Jews and Violins

A musical presentation by Alexander Mikhaylovsky, violin, and Dr. Alan Mason, piano



"The Jew playing the violin could turn the listener's thoughts to magic"

All Men and Women of Temple Beth Am are welcome to attend this magical evening Watch for Details Coming Soon...
tbam.org/KlezmerToRock





Building our Future One Brick at a Time

#### Pave the road to our future...

**Bricks are available!** 





Buy Your Brick Today! TBAM.ORG/BRICKS





Rookie Girls | 4th - 5th Grade

**Junior Girls | 6th, 7th and 8th Grade** 

Rookie Boys | 4th - 5th Grade

Junior Boys | 6th - 7th Grade

The league is for Girls and Boys in the listed divisions.

Must be registered to participate in evaluations.

Register online at: www.tbam.org/basketball

Questions? Contact Michelle Cohen at 786.364.9432 or mcohen@tbam.org



#### **AFTER SCHOOL**

#### is coming your way, Rambam!

Blue J's After School will offer Pre-Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students a variety of after school classes taught by our very own Rambam Day School teachers.

#### - CHOOSE FROM -







**Book Club** 



Cheerleading



Guitar



**Musical Theater** 



**Piano** 



**Robotics** 

#### **AND MANY MORE!**

Registration opens August 1, 2022

tbam.org/afterschool

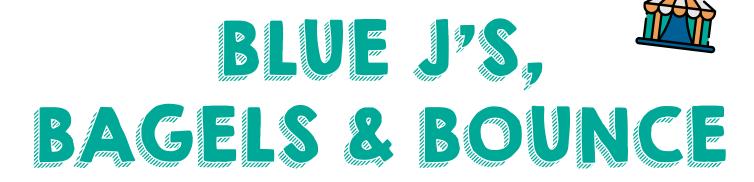




Rambam Day School

PATIO

PARENT AND TEACHER INVOLVEMENT ORGANIZATION





#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

The Kislak Family Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex and Faculty Parking Lot

All Rambam Day School families are invited to a fun-filled Back-to-School celebration, complete with everything you need to get excited for the new school year! Join us for food, carnival games, a basketball shootout, bounce houses, and more!

Plus, *Blue J's After School* will be showcasing several after-school activities that will be offered in the 2022-23 school year.

School uniforms will be available to purchase and pre-orders will be available for pick-up.

For more information and to RSVP tbam.org/bluejsandbagels





## Hey, Rambam Families



#### MEET YOUR TEACHER DAYS

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Early Childhood

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
Elementary School



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 & FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

#### WELCOME BACK COFFEES

PATIO will have coffee and treats for parents immediately after drop-off the first three days of school. Come meet new families and catch up with old friends!



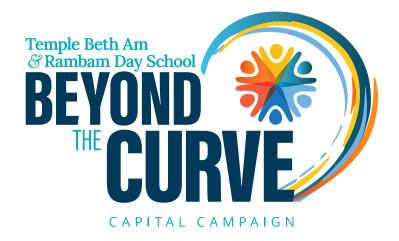
### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 PATIO MEETING

First PATIO meeting of the 2022-23 School Year – in the Chapel at 9:00 am

Need information on or to purchase school uniforms, Shabbat shirts, Friday Challah delivery or Spirit Merch? Go to **tbam.org/patio** 

#### WANT TO VOLUNTEER? WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

Email PATIO@tbam.org for information on upcoming opportunities.



#### Everything Old is New Again

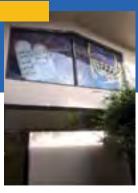
Before embarking on our Beyond the Curve Capital Campaign, we took a close look at the art on our campus with the help of a dedicated and knowledgeable committee. Our goals were simple: first, to preserve some of the more prominent original art pieces; and second, to honor those who helped build and beautify our original campus buildings.

Here is a look into how we preserved, repurposed, and will re-install much of our historical artwork.

#### **Dr. Sam Steiner's Stained-Glass**

Prior to the demolition, Dr. Sam Steiner's stained glass artwork was professionally conserved and placed in storage. The new location will be on the second-floor lobby of the Hub building. We are working with Stained Glass of Miami to hang the panel on a feature wall in that location.







"I'm just so proud that this stained glass, that my children and I worked on together so many years ago, will soon be enjoyed by my grandchildren. We are grateful to be a part of this beautiful and important next phase in the life cycle of Beth Am, a place that has meant so much to our family and to the Miami Jewish community." – **Dr. Sam Steiner** 

#### **Pieces of Our Past: Original Sanctuary Windows**

Segments of the original sanctuary windows were preserved and re-purposed to create an art installation in the lobby of our current Chapel. We hired local and nationally recognized artist Michelle Weinberg who used the windows from the original sanctuary, combined with ceramic tiles she created, to honor all our donors from previous campaigns. In the center of the installation, we memorialized the donor names and their dedications as they were previously recognized on our old buildings.





- "The Torah is a light, and these windows demonstrate the means that we have to bring light into our lives and to shine that same light out into the world."
- William (Bill) Silver, Past-President

#### Sisterhood Needlepoint

The Sisterhood's needlepoint was removed from the Hessel building and professionally cleaned, re-framed, and installed in the stairwell of the Administration Building.



"Our parents always taught us that even in darkness there is always light. Light always serves as a symbol of life."

> Ilene Hirsch, Alex and Andrew Schreer

#### **Mattathias' Legacy: (the "blue French fries")**

We moved the Mattathias'
Legacy sculpture from the
original location on campus with
a crane. We had a new concrete
pedestal poured and then welded,
repaired, and repainted the
sculpture at its new location on
the east side of the campus.

Artist: John Henry, 1987



#### Spears

The two spears from the old sanctuary (dedicated by the Schreer and Hirsch families) have been placed in storage. They are being re-finished and re-wired to be installed in The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center.



#### And there's more to come!

You are invited to be a part of our future.

We have raised \$51.7 million from over 440 families. Help us complete the dream by making a pledge today.

For information and to participate: Contact Ilana Gilat at igilat@tbam.org or (786) 364 9429.

TBAM.ORG/BEYONDTHECURVE



#### Dear Sisters and Friends,

It is hard to believe that our summer is almost over and the new TBAM season begins. The Sisterhood and our members are busy planning our exciting opening event, Eat, Laugh, Love, on October 26th. Please remember to complete your 2022-2023 membership commitment as this event is our way of welcoming returning and new members to our robust Sisterhood. Let us entertain you as a thank you for your support.

We are approaching our High Holy Days and in preparation, there will be a torah study and challah cover making demonstration to spiritually and creatively inspire you as you approach the new year. There is so much to look forward to as we prepare to look both inward and outward. Join us as we work together and enjoy the company of each other monthly. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly board meetings and share what is of interest and concern to you. Some meetings will be at TBAM and others may be by Zoom depending on the needs of the group.

I hope your summer has been filled with peace, good health, family, and friends.

Warmly,

SUSAN LAMPEN, Sisterhood President

#### SISTERHOOD WRITING WORKSHOP



## WRITING WORKSHOPS FORMING FOR FALL 2022

Smile at the Many Faces of Words

Whether you wish to write memoir, poetry, reflections on life, thoughts about Judaism, or anything else - **this writing group is for you.** 

No expertise required, just the desire to put words on paper.

#### Casual, friendly, all women welcome!!

Workshops will be led by **Ricki Dorn** — published poet, editor, recently retired MDC and FIU writing professor, and immediate past president of South Florida Writers Association.

For more information and to be added to interest list, please contact **Pamela Lear** at **lear4752@yahoo.com** or **858-775-0409.** 

#### **Sisterhood Torah Study:**

Tuesday, September 20th

7pm, Chapel

Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Our talented Sisterhood artists Nancy Billings, Marlene Kohn and Wendy Kornfield will guide us in how to create our own challah covers as Rabbi Jaime Aklepi leads us in learning.

RSVP at tbam.org/challahcovers.



Wednesday, August 24th,

7pm, Zoom



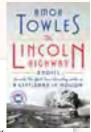


Thursday, September 8th

7pm, Chapel Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Join us as Susan Rosenthal leads our discussion of The Lincoln Highway:

A Novel by Amor Towles.





#### Sisterhood End of Year Event

Sisterhood closed out last year with an amazing End of Year program, where we learned to create beautiful sweet and savory charcuterie boards. We are excited to launch another year of programming!











#### Save the Date! Wednesday, September 14

**Social Justice Speaker Series** 

in partnership with National Council of Jewish Women and League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County present

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE 2022 BALLOT**



#### **RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER FLORIDA (RAC-FL) UPDATE BY JEFF AGRON**

This Fall, RAC-FL will be involved in the nation-wide civic engagement program "Every Voice, Every Vote", the Reform Jewish movement's 2022 campaign to strengthen our democracy. The "Every Voice, Every Vote" Campaign is a nonpartisan effort, grounded in our Jewish values, to encourage and protect voter participation in the 2022 elections.



Learn more at https://rac.org/take-action/every-voice-every-vote and contact Jeff Agron to get involved jeffreyagron@me.com.

#### **TEMPLE BETH AM NAMED 'JCS STAR'**



At its annual meeting on May 25, 2022, Jewish Community Services of South Florida named Temple Beth Am as a JCS Star.

As the United States withdrew in late 2021 from Afghanistan, many Afghan families who had worked by the U.S. side during our tenure there also departed to come to our shores. When JCS was tapped to resettle Afghan refugees, the Temple Beth Am community was first in line to assist in the resettlement process.

Margie & Mark Buchbinder, Ilene & Murray **Kossman and Mycki & Stuart Ratzan** — under the amazing leadership of our own Rabbi Rachel Greengrass, President of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami

— stepped up to assist refugees by enlisting friends, raising funds and providing hands-on navigation to JCS Afghan clients to transition to safety in their new homes within our South Florida community.

Temple Beth Am congregant Miriam Singer, JCS President & CEO, expressed her gratitude: "Our own Jewish people's history as 'strangers' reminds us of the many struggles faced by immigrants today, and we affirm our commitment to create the same opportunities for today's immigrants that were so valuable to our own community not so many years ago."

The efforts of the Beth Am family continue to serve as one of JCS' trusted J-RAP (Refugee Assistance Program) volunteer pods.

#### **2021/2022 SEASON IN THE BOOKS**

Thank you ALL for an amazing season!

A picture tells a thousand words. I'm so

proud of all we accomplished this season (our first full season). It could only have been done with the leadership of our garden committee, the wonderful staff at TBAM, the school administration and faculty, and of course the incredible parent, member and community volunteers. It truly is a team effort.

Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM

We are looking forward to opening back up at the end of the summer and continuing to grow.

For more info and to get involved contact us at garden@tbam.org and join our Facebook group @TheFriendsOfTheTBAMGardenSanctuary.

~ Greg Frankel, Chair, Garden Committee





#### MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND RECAP

While we were not able to visit with folks at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind as planned due to COVID numbers going up, we were able to deliver much needed donations for their Senior Group Activities Program and very welcomed desserts. They were so happy and grateful for our donation and looking forward to a future visit. If you are interested in learning more about how to help at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, please contact Tina Forster tinalforster@gmail.com

#### **VISITING MEN AND WOMEN IN PRISON**

On May 4, TBAM women, through our Tikkun Olam Committee and Sisterhood, visited the Homestead Correctional Institution. Then, on June 6, five more Beth Am members, organized through the Brotherhood, visited the Everglades Correctional Institution. We engaged with incarcerated men and women through Exchange for Change and the Frederick Douglass Justice Project, which teach writing classes in South Florida prisons and run letter exchanges and facilitate discussions between incarcerated people and those on the outside. This program helps to highlight the humanity of all people, no matter their circumstances, demonstrating the Jewish principle that we are all created *B'tzelem Elohim*, in the Divine image. The group also learned close up the realities of the U.S. criminal justice system. We encourage all members to try this program; you will find it immensely rewarding, and you are doing a big mitzvah. For more information, contact Jeff Agron jeffreyagron@me.com.





#### OUR JEWISH HERITAGE



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

#### Journey to Israel 75: Pioneers, Leaders, Builders

Modern Israel has just celebrated its 74th anniversary. Many communities and organizations are planning to make a 75th anniversary trip next spring. When you visit Israel in the 21st century, you will experience a modern state of so many achievements. Each time I return, since the early 1970s to the present, each time I witness the remarkable changes that have taken place.

The journey begins long before these years. As we anticipate the celebration, I plan to focus on this page on the many pioneers, leaders and builders who made it happen. It began with the eternal belief that one day there would be a rebirth of a Jewish homeland in Eretz Yisrael. We kept the memory of Jerusalem and Israel alive in the prayerbook, in the Haggadah, and certainly through the holiday celebrations.

#### Sir Moses Montefiore, 1784-1884

Sir Moses Montefiore was probably the most famous British Jew in the nineteenth century. He was a financier, a philanthropist and a sheriff in London. He became a zealous fighter for the rights of oppressed Jews all over the world. Between 1827 and 1875, he visited the land of Israel seven times. He listened to the stories of the Jews who were living in the land, especially those in Jerusalem. At that time the land was ruled by the Ottoman Empire. After his first trip, he was determined to help the community. He was responsible for establishing hospitals, synagogues, apartments and agricultural settlements. He purchased the land for the Yemin Moshe area, outside the walls of the old city. This area today has become an artist colony. The Montefiore Windmill is an historic landmark from the first row of apartments. Another one of his projects was to commission the first of five censuses in 1839 of the Jewish population.

On his 100th birthday, there was a great celebration in his honor in London. Young Zionists from Russia and Poland presented him with an album signed by the leadership of the Jewish communities of Europe. He was one of the first pioneers to advocate for the return to Jerusalem and the land of Israel. He wrote:

"Palestine must belong to the Jews, and Jerusalem is destined to become the seat of a Jewish Commonwealth."

#### Baron Edmund de Rothschild, 1845-1934

In 1882, a group of eighteen idealistic young Jews from Russia, went to the land of Israel with the intention of establishing an agricultural settlement. They called themselves the BILU, an acronym for the Hebrew phrase, "House of Jacob , let us go up to the land." They pioneered and built the settlement called, Rishon Le Zion, the first in Zion. It almost failed because of scarcity of fresh water and the struggle against malaria. They turned to Baron Edmund de Rothschild for help. Rothschild was a member of the famous banking family. He becam a humanitarian and philanthropist. He responded to the threats facing the Jewish people in Europe by supporting

massive land purchases and underwriting new Jewish settlements. He became active in Jewish causes after witnessing the pogroms of Russia in 1880s. He financially supported Rishon Le Zion and Zichron Ya'akov. You can visit both communities today.

One of the reasons it was so difficult for most of the early pioneers was that they were students and intellectuals trying to become farmers. Rothschild provided these first settlers with more than funds. He sent them agricultural experts, and he sent them French vines to create a wine industry. The settlements became well known for their prosperous vineyards, wine cellars and citrus groves. In fact, Carmel Wines evolved from these early enterprises. He also formed a group of twelve settlements under the Jewish Colonization Association. This included 62,500 acres of land in 1900.

The Rothschild name became synonymous with settlement activity in pre-state Israel, including cultural, political, economic and spiritual matters. He was recognized and honored by the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for his significant support and assistance to the return of the Jewish Peiople to its homeland. He worked with Chaim Weizmann in securing the Balfour Declaration. The letter of this document is addressed to him. He was responsible for the reclamation of 125,000 acres of land and about 30 settlements. He died in 1934, and he and his wife are buried in Zichron LeZion.

#### Leo Pinsker, 1821-1891

Leo Pinsker was a physician and a writer, who was the leader of the Society for the Promotion of Enlightenment among Russian Jews. When the government sponsored the pogroms of 1881-82, he became disillusioned and concluded that Jews had to settle where they could become a majority population and achieve political independence. Pinsker wrote his ideas in a pamphlet called AUTO-EMANCIPATION. He believed that the Jew would always be looked upon as a stranger, different, an outsider, and not equal citizens in Russia and other European countries. Long before Theodor Herzl, Pinsker advocated for the return to the land of Israel. They must free themselves from the degradation of persecution and pogroms. His pamphlet became one of the classic writings of Zionism. He became the head of the organization LOVERS OF ZION, in 1884. Their goal was to establish Jewish colonies in Palestine. Rothschild helped the group

Montefiore and Rothschild were both exemplars of leadership in the formative years of the return to the land of Israel. Pinsker's ideas set the stage for Theodor Herzl. The book, THE ZIONIST IDEA, by Arthur Hertzberg, contains the full text of his pamphlet.

#### Lenore Kipper

#### Week Ending August 5, 2022

Abraham J. Alexander\* Robin Cohen Howard Engel\* Helen S. Frank\* Saul Gelb Phyllis Herman Evelyn Kahn Ida W. Laskin\* Lester Rosenberg Morris Sandler Milton Agron Gertrude Miller Clark Vera Cohen\* Seymour Fein David Gregg Daniel Neal Heller Vicky Jackson Howard Katzen Edythe R. Magazine\* Sarah Price\* Adam Silverman Simon Simkovic Edward Brooks\* Anna Cohen Sarah Diamond\* Arthur J. England, Jr. Harold Greenberg\* Eva Kryss\* Ruth D. Rosenthal\* Norman Schulman\* Norma May Blasberg Harry Boosin\* Evelyn Clein\* Mollie Cooper William Marks Goldstein\* Betty G. Hellman\* Hattie Kaminsky Mechlouitz David Kanter Benedict A. Kerr\* Fay Krieger Arthur Langsam\* **Burt Nemroff** Mildred Nitzberg Paul W. Randol\* Celia Rosen\* Irving A. Rosenberg\* Evelyne S. Scherer Robert Seikovsky Anna B. Susman\* Jeanette Axler\* Gertrude Bernat Jeanette Brodkey Jean Dresner Estelle Hoffman\* Al Landv Frances Keitel Lederman Isabel Cone Levy Merle Sidle Doris Silver\* Lester Tabb\* Marie Eskenazi\* Nathan Fein\* Gerald "Jerry" Greene Daniel Harris Dr, Robert B. Katims\* Phillip Leibowitz Florence Metzger Samuel Rosenblatt\*

Frank Satenspiel\*

Mildred Weiss
Jack Zimmett\*
Samuel Bohm
Alice Eggers\*
Beverly Fein
Julius Haber
Julius Jaffe\*
Pearl Kimmel
Harold Jacob Mahler\*
Mauricio (Meir) Manor
Romano
Ethel R. Schuman\*
Irving Tenzer\*
Marsha Sirlin Wishnack\*

#### Week Ending August 12, 2022

Shirlee Sherman Abraham Esther Adelson David Aibel\* Dustin Aiken Miriam Bergstein\* Alan L. Bisno, M.D.\* David Brand Edward Brown\* George Chudler\* Charles Cohen **Jack Cohen\*** Muriel Cohen Ruth Musman Dickson\* Dr. Samuel E. Ditkowsky\* Matthew Dorfman\* Richard Feder Rebecca Freedman Ernestine R. Germain Steven Gluckstern Sari Gold\* Goldie Goldner Reuben Graff\* Albert Grubair\* Beverly Hauser\* Ray Havet\* Leon David Held\* Rose Cohen Kaplan\* Leonard Kaplan\* Jean Keller Lori Reznick Kipper Irving Leopold Seymour Levinson Stanley Levy Anna Longo Allan Maisel Louis Marrich Arnold Massirman Jerry Meyers Morris Odessky\* I.L. Reisman\* Martha Reitman\* Jerome B. Ros\* Belle Rosenthal Harry Salzman Sarah Schimmel Abraham Schneider Dennis Shields Archie Shurak\* Tillie Somer\* Dorothy Spar\* Ethel Spatzer\* Fred Spiegelman

Bernice K. Straus

Bernard Sturmak

Leo Tawil\* Sophie Trien\* Abraham Walter\* Celia Weinberger\*

#### Week Ending August 19, 2022

Irwin Adelson Louis Appel\* Zan Tamar Bailey\* Michael Jon Barlin Samuel Baumgard\* Harold Berke Adele "Dellie" Bernstein Sidney Burk\* Ida Chudler\* Sandra Colsky\* Barbara Colton Toby Dachs\* Yetta DeBarge Ned J. Edelma\* Jerry Einstandig Marguerite Fiorentino\* Harold Goldstein Herman Gorden Leona Green Rabbi Isidore Greengrass Morris Gross Charles Gurman Marilyn June Jacoby\* Enid Kaplan Irvin Katz Marilyn Sable Kaufman\* Donald Klein\* Sam Kurland\* Shirley Lenoble Dr. Leo Levin Zelda Levine\* Esther Lewis\* Sara Lipsky\* Jacqueline Markowitz Blanche Meyers Etta K. Michaelson\* Harriet "Sandy" Levine Miller\* Irving E. Miller\* Sarah "Suki" Nelson\* Herman Paikowsky Jeff Parent Raymond "Ray" Perlman Max Pulwer Frances Robinson Loyce Robinson Nancy Rodriguez Rachel Wexler Ross\* Ellen Ross Lori Rudnick Ouida Rudolph Ronald Seiden\* Anna Shonbrun\* Dr. Zundel Sigel\* Albert Silver\* Owen Solowey Bethann Standiford Dr. Albert Tawil\* Sol Bernard Weiner

Ken West Clemente Zanzuri\*

Allan Ziegler\*

Sarah Zisman

#### Week Ending August 26, 2022

Lottie T. Adler\* Rachel Adler\* Shirley Antkies Elinore Aronovitz Elsie Artzt\* Rubin Axler\* Peter H. Ballen M.D. Norma Berger\* Muriel Bernstein\* Rose Cohen\* Carl Deutsch Gertrude Diamond\* Dr. Menachem Distenfeld David Drucker Eugene Dynner\* Saul Erdman Dr. Nathanial L. Feldman\* Allan Gerson\* Kristin Gloria Albert Goldenstein Ernest Harris\* Florence Hecht Ellen Heilig Nelda Josepher Mark Kalish Israel Kallechstein\* Paula Katz Rabbi Morris Kipper Evelyn Koch Phyllis Krug Ethel Krulewitch\* Daniel Lebenstein Charles Leshaw\* Donald Levey Harry Levy\* Rose Lipcon\* Mortimer Margoluis Marty Markowitz Jeannette F. Mintz\* Irwin Mur George Palmer Miriam Pulwer Clara Revitz\* Alvin "Al" Rose\* Elsie Rose Fay Rothenberg Samuel Salzman Rose Sandrow Annette Schekman\* Walter Schrenzel Jeanette Schwartzberg Harry Shearer Joseph Sitrin\* Elizabeth "Betty" Soman\* Louis Sprecher\* Benjamin Stein\* Abraham Steinberg\* Rosemary Strickman\* Alter Naftula Szaniecki Mae Weinberg Adele Zales Barbara Zimmett\*

Denotes individuals with a plaque in our sanctuary.

Attention K - 6th Graders

#### **ARE YOU READY TO JOIN TBAM** POP-UP CHOIR!

Come sing with our senior cantor

Tifani Coyot

RSVP TO ALITTAUER@TBAM.ORG BY AUGUST 16 2022 WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME/S AND AGE/S

#### REHEARSALS:

Wed, Aug 24 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Wed, Aug 31 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Wed, Sept 7 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Wed, Sept 14 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Wed, Sept 21 3:30 - 4:30 pm

#### PERFORMANCES:

RAMBAM'S FAMILY JAM SHABBAT SERVICE 6 PM, Friday September 9.

> ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE 2:45 PM, Monday September 26.

YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE 2:45 PM, Wednesday October 5.



## MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

As I write these words at the end of June 2022, with tourism season in high-gear despite yet another COVID variant, I reflect on how special it was for our congregation to achieve a "triple crown" this June in our special relationship with your congregation: a bar mitzvah from Beth Am, a bat mitzvah from Beth Am, and a visit from a Beth Am congregational mission for Kabbalat Shabbat—all in the span of just eight days!

It began with the bar mitzvah of Matias Akerman, son of Beth Am members Viviana and Fernando Akerman, held at the Egalitarian Section of the Kotel on the southern corner of the Western Wall. Here we celebrated at the lower level of the site, which 2000 years ago was at street level. How meaningful to literally stand in the footsteps of your ancestors. Those large stones you see in the photo are from the Second Temple, cast down over the wall by the Roman Legions in an attempt to destroy our faith. Though, like you, I don't pray to have the Temple rebuilt, the stones are still there, and so are the Jewish people, while those Roman legions are long gone...

And then only a few days later, **Sadie Scheiner**, daughter of Beth Am members **Katie** and **Michael Scheiner**, was called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at a brand new section at the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount. This site is accessible through the Davidson Center, which administers the archeological part of the site. Here one can reserve a private section that includes chairs, permission for musical accompaniment (such as a guitar), and even two air coolers to keep the temperature pleasant.

Both Matias and Sadie were beautifully prepared for the day, and what a pleasure that through Har-El's relationship with Beth Am I already knew their teachers, **Yanet Zalcberg** and Karen Pincus, having met both on visits to Miami (with Yanet's own son having his bar mitzvah through Kehilat Har-El). A hearty mazel tov to Matias and Sadie and their families, and thank you for choosing Kehilat Har-El!

The "triple crown" then concluded with the welcoming of 45 members of Temple Beth Am to Kehilat Har-El for Kabbalat Shabbat, led by Beth Am's senior rabbi, **Rabbi Jeremy Barras**, who delivered a sermon in both Hebrew and English. This fall our congregation adopted the new Israeli Reform movement prayerbook, T'filat Ha'adam, and until last weekend—the same Shabbat as the Beth Am visit—we eagerly waited for the publication of the accompanying English translation. We were overjoyed to learn from Rabbi Barras of a generous contribution of 80 copies (!) of the prayer book by Temple Beth Am, to be used for the first time during Beth Am's visit to Har-El. Each prayer book included a dedication sticker in the inside front cover reading: "This prayerbook was generously donated by Temple Beth Am, Miami, Florida, USA, to mark the friendship

and partnership between Temple Beth Am and Kehilat Har-El – June 17, 2022."

Thank you so much for such meaningful gifts to our congregation: the prayerbooks, the bar and bat mitzvah students and their families, and of course, your community's commitment to Israel and the continued success of our synagogue. We are indeed truly blessed!

#### Cantor Evan Cohen







Photos, top to bottom: Sadie Scheiner and her family, together with Rabbi Ada and Cantor Evan, at the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount.

Matias Akerman and his family at the Egalitarian Section of the Kotel.

From left to right, are Har-El chairman Zvi Giladi, Rabbi Ada Zavidov,
Rabbi Jeremy Barras, and Cantor Evan Cohen.

#### THE CURRENT OF LIFE

#### We mourn the passing of

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Barkin, grandfather of Lilli (Mike Montague), Jenny,
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Edda S. Kalter, mother of **Danny (Elise) van der Reis** and Elkan (Patricia Goudsmit) van der Reis, grandmother of **Milena** and **Nathalie van der Reis** and Michael and Jair van der Reis

**Terry Goldberg,** husband of **Diane Goldberg,** father of Martin Kovens, Heather (Shawn) Chemtov, Jodi Perlmutter and Clement Goldberg

Barry Gringorten, father of **Marni Lennon**, grandfather of **Jared** and **Jordanna Lennon** 

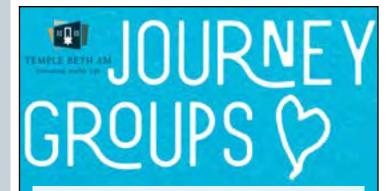
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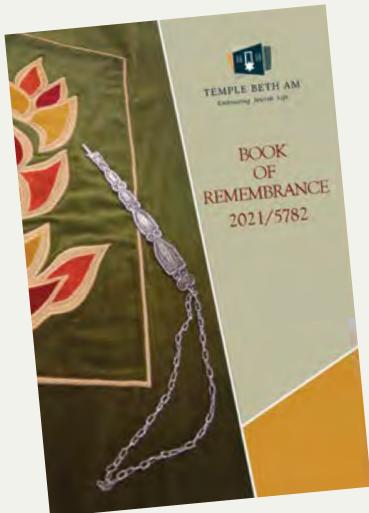
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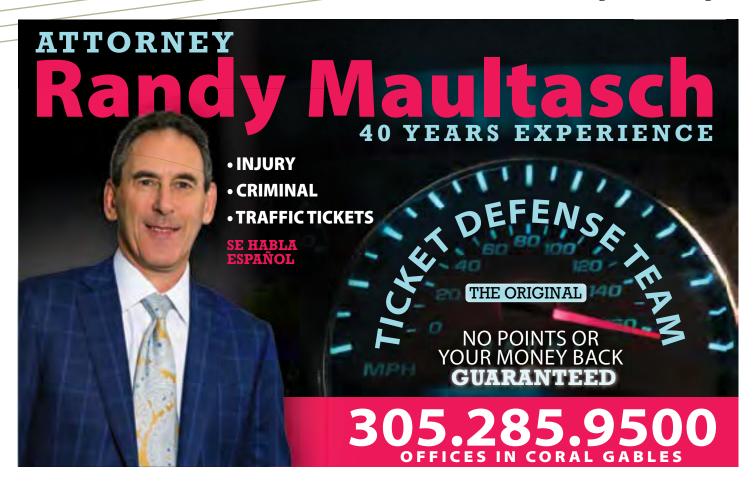
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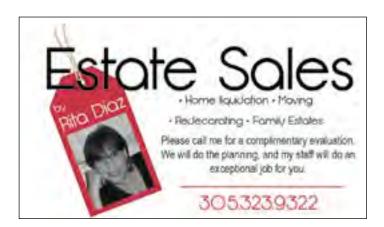
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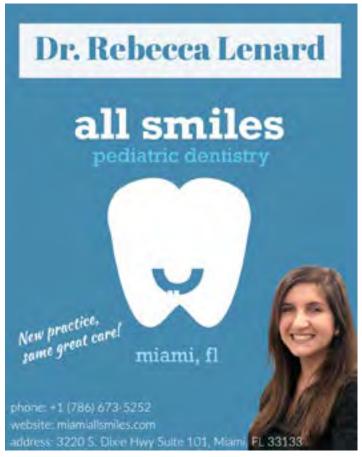


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