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FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

5 Sivan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:00 p.m.	How 'bout Shabbat
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Services
10:30 a.m.	Bar Mitzvah of Mason Lang
7:00 p.m.	Erev Shavuot Service – Garden

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

6 Sivan	Shavuot
10:30 a.m.	Shavuot/Yizkor Service

Parashat Bamidbar
Numbers 1:1 – 4:20
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

12 Sivan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

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

Parashat Naso
Numbers 4:21 – 7:89
Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

19 Sivan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

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

Parashat Behaalotcha
Numbers 8:1 – 12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

26 Sivan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

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

Parashat Shelach Lecha
Numbers 13:1 – 15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 – 24

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022

3 Tammuz	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022

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

Parashat Korach
Numbers 16:1 – 18:32
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022

10 Tammuz	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022

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

Parashat Chukat
Numbers 19:1 – 22:1
Haftarah: Judges 11:1 – 33

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

17 Tammuz	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

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

Parashat Balak
Numbers 22:2 – 25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022

24 Tammuz	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

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

Parashat Pinchas
Numbers 24:10 – 30:1
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022

2 Av	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

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

Parashat Matot-Masei
Numbers 30:2 – 36:13
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 – 28, 3:4

Book of Remembrance

2022-2023/5783

Please submit information by August 19, 2022

Keeping alive the precious memory of our beloved departed is a Jewish tradition. One of our time-honored methods of doing this mitzvah is to memorialize their names in Temple Beth Am's 5783 Book of Remembrance. This memorial book will be used by worshippers during the Yom Kippur Yizkor service on October 5 and at other Yizkor services throughout the year.

This memorial book includes some prayers and reflections to enable you to use at home, for a Yahrzeit, or for when you visit the graves of your loved ones.

To help defray the cost of printing, we ask that you make a donation according to the following schedule:



___ 1-2 names \$36	___ 3-4 names \$54
___ 5-6 names \$72	___ 7-9 names \$118
___ 10 or more \$180	

Remembered by: (Please indicate how you want your names listed.)
Eg: Dr. & Mrs. Smith or Bob and Nancy Smith or The Smith Family.

This year, we are taking all Book of Remembrance submissions online only.
To submit the names of your loved ones, please visit
www.tbam.org/bookofremembrance

Please submit all information by August 19, 2022.

Questions? Contact Aida Littauer at 786.364.9441 or alittauer@tbam.org

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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What TBAM Does for Israel

One of the best kept secrets at TBAM is the behind the scenes work that our Israel Committee has been doing for the last several years. Under the leadership of its chair **Bob Grossman**, the committee has guided a multitude of projects in support of various Israeli causes. First and foremost, our committee has taken responsibility for nurturing and growing our relationship with our beloved sister congregation, Kehilat Har El in Jerusalem. Our partnership with Har El, the very first Reform synagogue in Jerusalem, has benefited both them and us in multiple ways. Their clergy, Rabbi Ada Zavidow and Cantor Evan Cohen, have welcomed our members to Jerusalem countless times and performed numerous *b'nei mitzvah* for TBAM families in Jerusalem. The funds we raise for them are vital to their sustenance and growth, and our committee has done great work to facilitate this important relationship.

Recognizing the importance of Israel to our youth, the TBAM Israel Committee concentrates its efforts on supporting the incredible cause of Birthright Israel. Thanks to the leadership of **Howard** and **Sharon Socol**, TBAM considers itself a partner in the effort to bring as many young Jewish adults to Israel on organized Birthright tours as possible. We are delighted that so many in the congregation have supported these efforts.

Our Israel Committee focuses on supporting Israel in Washington and in the international arena, as well. We nurture and promote TBAM's longstanding relationship with AIPAC, and with the help of **Bernita King**, we have established firm ties with our friends in the Miami chapter of the AJC. The AJC offers incredible opportunities for our youth to learn

how to advocate for Israel and fight BDS and antisemitism on college campuses. We are proud to partner with each of these organizations in their pro-Israel advocacy work.

TBAM is also concerned with the wellbeing and safety of Israeli citizens. To that end, we have engaged with our friends at the JNF to help construct bomb shelters along the southern Gaza border in the town of Sderot. Thanks to the generosity of **Gary** and **Mariana Trief**, we have already built one shelter which now bears the TBAM logo. We are looking now to construct more shelters which continuously save lives on Israel's turbulent border with the Gaza Strip.

Looking forward, our Israel Committee will continue to bring the best Israeli culture, wisdom, and entertainment to our campus, while continuing to promote the causes already mentioned. I am very proud of all the work the committee has done and look forward to continuing our congregation's efforts to support the State of Israel and her citizens.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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

**June 7, 12 p.m.: Tisha B'Av: The Destruction of the First Two Temples
and the Plan for the Third Temple**

July 5, 12 p.m.: An Update on Israel

RSVP to Mindy Robbin at 786.364.9446 or mrobbin@tbam.org;
No charge; food will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own lunch.



CLERGY CORNER

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass

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I love physics. As a child I loved math—it was neat and clean, understandable, and like a game to me. Physics blew my mind, as all of these math equations were suddenly applied to life. Calculating how long it would take an object to fall given its weight, size, wind resistance; how inclined an on-ramp should be.

Perhaps that is why I love Mussar as well, because it is applied Judaism. The Torah tells us “*Kedoshim t’hiyu*; You shall be holy.” But how? Well, the Torah is our guide, reminding us through the mitzvot of how to live. But we can do mitzvot without really changing our middot, our character. Mussar gives us tools to refine our character. And this statement, “You shall be holy,” teaches us as well. It is future tense, reminding us that, no matter how many mitzvot we have done, we still have room to grow. A *middah*, while referring to a character trait, really means measurement. This is because every quality we have needs to be in the proper amount. Most of us think about a character trait like honesty and assume we all just need to be more honest. However, there are times when we can be too honest. We all know people who are mean and callous and defend themselves by saying they are just speaking their “truth.” Well, if your truth is just your opinion and helps no one—and, in fact, hurts others—then keep your truth to yourself. We see people oversharing online, tweeting about bikini waxes or spreading rumors. It might be true, but that doesn’t mean you need to say it.

This is true of trust as well. Most of us need to lean into trust

more. But, you can lean too far and be taken advantage of. Most of us need to be kinder, but we can be too kind to the point of being a doormat, allowing others to violate boundaries, or being dishonest because we don’t want to hurt anyone. Mussar helps us keep those *middot* in proper balance. Like the car driving on the on-off ramp—the ramp needs to be sloped just the right amount.

I am sharing this now for two reasons. The first is that we will be having Mussar classes in the fall. Here, we will study different *middot* (character traits) and learn exercises to help us find balance. We will apply Judaism to our lives. Grow in holiness. And second, there is a tradition that every night as the sun sets between Passover and Shavuot, we count the days. It’s called counting the Omer. There are 48 *middot* and 49 days of the Omer. Tradition tells us that we not only count the day, but we focus on refining another character trait. The counting reminds us of what counts. As we count the days, we grow in holiness.

We are in the last week of counting the Omer. Shavuot is the first weekend of June, but that does not mean we are done counting or that we are done growing—because we are never done growing. Judaism gives us a path to grow; we just need to apply it to life.

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Young
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As I begin my second year as Temple president, I think about our future. While other Jewish institutions may have withered, Beth Am is thriving today. So, my thoughts turn to how we light the path toward the future. And we need your involvement to make sure Beth Am continues to be relevant.

We often live for the moment. But moments pass. In the Broadway show Avenue Q, they devote a whole song to how everything “is only for now.” As wonderful as it is, I don’t want Beth Am to be only for now. I want Beth Am to endure. Let’s examine how we stay relevant.

Start with a review of our past. Our rich history is full of commitment and engagement. We have been a beacon of Judaism in South Dade for over 67 years. We built the largest reform congregation in the southern United States. We produced leaders in the community and engendered both hope and respect.

Now look at our present. We have an excellent clergy, an outstanding day school, a committed religious school, and a brand new, state-of-the-art school building. We also broke ground on a magnificent new structure we are calling “The Hub” for performing arts, cultural arts, and basketball. Our membership, school enrollment, and summer camp enrollment are amazing.

So how do we keep the momentum going into the future? I believe the path is clear: we must continue to provide an excellent product which keeps our congregants engaged. Our congregants are the key—keeping our beloved Beth Am family engaged.

How many of you have heard our new cantor, **Tifani Coyot**, chant in person? Who among you has been touched by a service or a thought-provoking sermon? Have you given your sweat to our Tikkun Olum Committee during a community project—especially Mitzvah Day?

We have plays, lectures, bridge, and community meetings here on campus. Come attend a Shabbat service with your family or observe a yahrtzeit, being comforted by a loving Beth Am community. Fit Beth Am into your routine. It will enrich your life, as it has mine.

What will keep us going is your continued involvement. I am not naïve enough to think I have all the answers. But I believe you do. We really need your input. I formed a committee to look at how we are going to organize and use “The Hub.” I appointed a team of three to lead the effort: Past President **Daniela Zanzuri Beiner**, Judge **Scott Bernstein**, and Vice-President of Programming **Jennifer Glasser**. Please reach out to them with your ideas.

What type of programming would you like to see? Entertainment? Book discussions? Cooking classes? More Jewish events? More secular events? What would motivate you to come out on a Friday night for services and then stay for a picnic dinner on the quad? Our vision is for The Hub to represent our entire community, where everyone is welcome. After all, that is the Jewish way.

The survival of Judaism depends on us; for if Beth Am is to continue to thrive, we must continue to be relevant, now and for the future.

So, please let me hear from you: DYoung@tbam.org.

It’s an honor being your president.

David

MAZEL TOV TO...

Linda and Rodney Benjamin on the marriage of their son Benjamin to Amanda Kent. Mazel Tov to brother David, as well.

Shawn Post-Klauber and Harry Klauber on the birth of their grandson, Jameson Cristol

Faye Koniver on the birth of grandson Eli Isaac Zaslow
Elan and Meredith Sternberg on the birth of their daughter, **Liv Madison**. Mazel Tov to grandparents **Dr. Michael** and **Susan Meister**, as well.



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Dear Temple Beth Am Community,

With a full heart, I am looking forward to sharing a wonderful new year with all of you. We have the most incredible clergy team, professional staff, and lay leaders who work tirelessly to bring you enjoyable and innovative programs, services, and events.

I am so very grateful to have gotten to know you and your families over the past 22 years. You have helped make Temple Beth Am a second home to me. If you haven't been here long enough, please stick around; the magic will happen here for you. We have many different ways to help you find your special place here at Temple Beth Am, whether you've been a member here for 60 years or this is your first year with us. **Our Chavurah Connection continues to grow, with over 300 of our congregants participating. Chavurah Connection is a wonderful way to strengthen friendships among our Temple Beth Am members.** Our members have many interests and gifts to share with each other. Please visit our website at www.tbam.org/chavurah for more information and to complete your Chavurah registration form. I welcome the opportunity to help you put together your special group.

I know this has been a challenging year, and it has always been important for our members to feel comfortable with their level of giving to this community. For that reason, we have maintained low annual membership contribution increases, and our Fair Share program allows for multiple membership choices. **If you are able, please consider giving within one of our Committee of 100 levels. Doing this makes it possible for families who have financial challenges to remain a part of our congregation. It is a wonderful act of tzedakah to help those less fortunate, and it will help us to recuperate from these past two difficult years. We are counting on you, now more than ever!**

I am so looking forward to seeing each of you soon. Thank you for your continued commitment, generosity, and support.

With gratitude and love,

Rita Diaz
Membership Director

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Committee of 100 event

Our Annual Committee of 100 event was held this year on our beautiful campus. We had a wonderful afternoon, with many of our congregants, our clergy and professional staff attending. Thank you to **Michael Meltzer**, of Michael's Catering for the incredibly presented and delicious food; **Shay Cohen** for capturing this special day by taking exquisite photographs and donating his time;

Kitanim Flowers for donating the sweet wildflower centerpieces; **Carolina Gurland**, VP of Membership and **Michelle Sarason**, Past VP of Membership for their immeasurable help preparing for this event.

Mazel Tov to our members, **Gary and Michelle Kramer** and daughters **Lilian** and **Francesca**, for being awarded our Committee of 100 "Family of the Year." So well deserved!

Todah Rabah to all our members that so generously stepped up to one of our five Committees of 100 levels. You help make membership available to everyone regardless of their financial ability, and we so are grateful to you.





A TASTE OF YERS

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PROGRAMMING



Shavuot in the Garden

Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

TBAM Garden Sanctuary

Celebrate the harvest festival of Shavuot with your TBAM family!

Honor the ancient tradition of bringing the first fruits of temple by enjoying the fruits of the hard work of our TBAM Garden Committee in this immersive, interactive outdoor service. PLUS, we will celebrate the Land of Milk and Honey with Honeybee Donuts and Milk Shots!

RSVP at
www.tbam.org/shavuotgarden

WHAT A YEAR!



Temple Beth Am Programming is thrilled to be back in person after the last few Zoomy years.
Thank you to everyone for coming back...and coming back stronger than ever.
Looking forward to creating many more memories with you!

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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR TBAM GARDEN GROW!

Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

Our garden has gone from an underused volleyball court 1.5 years ago to a sustainably repurposed, thriving garden sanctuary of vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, and butterflies.

It's been a magnificent year, thanks to YOU!

JOIN US ON:

Sunday, June 5th from 9:00-11:00 AM

for our last gardening day before summer

- » Want to plan a sustainable bar or bat mitzvah project?
- » Interested in hosting an event in the garden?
- » Curious about growing your own home garden?
- » Hope to meet people and get involved on the "ground" level?

Let's see how we can work together to make it happen!
Send your inquiries to garden@tbam.org.

Please join our Facebook group [@TheFriendsOfTheTBAMGardenSanctuary](https://www.facebook.com/TheFriendsOfTheTBAMGardenSanctuary)





DAY SCHOOL

Nora Anderson, M.S., M.Ed.
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In June we concluded the 2021-2022 school year and graduated the first class of the new building and the new school name. It was surely a school year unlike any before. As we think back on last summer with the many unknowns and the making and scrapping of plans for opening a new school amid a global pandemic, I could not have predicted the tremendous collective success our students and school would have this year. Our faculty and staff have gone above and beyond every single day. They began the year by moving into their brand-new classrooms—all while navigating Covid protocols and time constraints due to construction delays beyond our control. But nevertheless, they did so with enthusiasm, positivity, and grace. Our parents were supportive, helping their children find their way through new surroundings and an ever-changing Covid environment. And most importantly, our students have thrived in every possible way, from the classrooms to the basketball courts to the grade-level Shabbat services and performances. We should all be very proud of our collective success as a school community.

We have done far more than make it through an action-packed school year. We broke ground on The Hub, the final phase of our new campus. Set to open in the spring of 2023, The Hub will feature a cultural center, a new state-of-the-art performing arts venue, and a premier basketball facility. Once completed, our campus will truly be a place for all to call home.

Enrollment has never been stronger. We look forward to welcoming a record number of students to Rambam Day School for the 2022-2023. We reached capacity for the Early Childhood Center within the first two weeks of enrollment, and for the first time, we will need to add an additional fifth-grade classroom. With the addition of our new Student Life Coordinator and our new Blue Js After School program, we know next year is going to be full of excitement and fun for students and families!

I am very fortunate to work alongside a dedicated, caring, and hardworking team of professionals, faculty, and staff who work together to ensure that every child has the best educational experience possible. Staff at Rambam Day School as well as Temple Beth Am go above and beyond to ensure that students learn in a supportive and loving environment, where each child becomes their best self. Over the last two years, our staff has

put aside their own worries and anxieties to ensure that our students had a safe, predictable, and fun school experience.

I am also blessed to work with a supportive and thoughtful school board and PATIO team. Their unconditional support and flexibility have afforded our students and staff the opportunity to enjoy activities such as Chanukah Palooza, Teacher Appreciation Week, End of Year Carnival, and Bingo nights. I would be remiss if I did not recognize our auction chairs who moved heaven and earth to organize the most successful Rambam auction to date. Thank you to all the volunteers who make our school the special place it is.

Finally, I want to thank the Temple Beth Am and Rambam Day School communities for your trust and support over the last two years. It is a privilege to be your Head of School and to partner with each one of our families in order to nurture our world's future Jewish leaders.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break. We very much look forward to even brighter days ahead for Rambam Day School.

Nora

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Brooklyn Schiffrin
May 28, 2022

Brooklyn is currently an 8th grade student at Palmer Trinity. Her passion is soccer. She currently plays competitive travel for Pinecrest Premier Soccer Club, is an Olympic Development Pool Player in Florida, and competes for Palmer Trinity. She also loves the beach and spending time with friends, family, and her two boxer dogs, Layla and Penny. Brooklyn is an excellent student, devoted friend, and extremely charismatic and full of personality. Her parents, **Jacklyn** and **Josh**, and siblings **Ryder** and **Skylar**, along with the rest of her family, cannot wait to celebrate her special day!



Mason Lang
June 4, 2022

Mason is a 7th grade Honor student at Palmetto Middle School. His passion for singing and entertaining a crowd is only surpassed by his love of spending time with his family and friends. He has a generous heart, a great sense of humor, and loves sharing his knowledge of Greek mythology, Harry Potter and the Marvel Universe. His parents, **Beth** and **Chad**, and brother **Danny**, are proud of his accomplishments and look forward to celebrating this special occasion.

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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.

Become a Temple Beth AMbassador

We need a few good people to welcome new members and families into our TBAM community.

Touch base with new families via phone, text or email throughout the year.

You will answer questions, invite new families to TBAM programs, and check in periodically.

Let's make Temple Beth Am a special place for all of our new families.

It begins with you.

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



TEMPLE BETH AM'S

Disney

HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT

ENCANTO

Friday, June 3
5:45 p.m.

Encanto tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called Encanto. We will hear about Mirabel, Luisa, Bruno, Antonio, Isabella and more!

Join **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass, Cantor Tifani Coyot**
and **Cantorial Soloist Jackie Berney** for a special, very musical, interactive Shabbat.
We will sing, laugh, pray and have an extraordinary amount of fun!

Immediately following services, we will enjoy a catered dinner together,
and a wine bar for adults and loads of arts and crafts for the children!

Each child will have their own ceramic tzedakah box to paint!

Don't miss this special shabbat!

Adults \$25 includes dinner and wine bar | Children 2 to 12 years old \$15

RSVP is a must: www.tbam.org/encanto

Questions? Call Rita Diaz at 786.364.9434

INTRODUCING



AFTER SCHOOL

Rambam Day School is thrilled to announce our new extended day and after-school program, coming this fall!



Under the leadership of Coach Craig Mankoff of Rambam Day School, Blue J's After School will offer a variety of age-appropriate sports, classes and clubs. From Spanish and debate, to basketball and soccer, Blue J's will be the school's one-stop shop for all of our students' after-school activities.

REGISTRATION OPENS THIS SUMMER!

For more details, visit

www.tbam.org/afterschool

TEMPLE BETH AM IS GOING TO CHARLESTON!

Wednesday, November 2 – Sunday, November 6, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

Learning sessions with world renowned historian Dr. Gary Zola from
Hebrew Union College and Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Guided walking tours of Jewish Charleston

Shabbat services and tour at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, the first Reform synagogue in the United States

Fabulous accommodations and dining

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to enjoy one of America's most beautiful cities
with a world class scholar, and with your Temple Beth Am community!

For more details, including pricing and registration information, visit

www.tbam.org/charleston

Space is limited, so register today!



STRUGGLE TO SAVE ETHIOPIAN JEWRY

A Discussion with Jeremy Feit

Founder and President of SSEJ, the Struggle to Save Ethiopian Jewry

Thursday, June 9th at 8:00 pm

- ☞ Currently, there are 14,000 Jews left in Ethiopia, including about 7,000 children, living as refugees in Gondar and Addis Ababa, waiting to emigrate to Israel.
- ☞ The World Health Organization says that Ethiopia is gravely at risk for the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospitals are full and, unfortunately, these refugees cannot implement basic preventative measures.
- ☞ These refugees remain under these appalling conditions, lacking access to adequate medical care and food. Children, pregnant women and the elderly suffer the worst.
- ☞ Government policies, politics and COVID will allow only a fraction of these Jews to make *aliyah* to Israel.
- ☞ Learn more at ssej.org

RSVP for this virtual presentation • tbam.org/ethiopianjews



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Follow us on Facebook where we will share milestones, recommend rides or classes that we love, ask questions, post funny memes, and support one another on our fitness journeys.

Be sure to add our hashtag on your Peloton profile so that we can ride live together!

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Temple Beth Am
& Rambam Day School

BEYOND THE CURVE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Our Year In Review

This past year has been a year of exciting milestones and tremendous growth.

Thanks to our donors, committee, and leadership, together we have accomplished so much.



• AUGUST 2021

Rambam Day School Temple Beth Am welcomed students and opened our doors to our state-of-the-art new school building.

• DECEMBER 2021

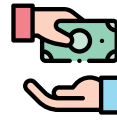
We broke ground on "The Hub," our Phase 2 building.



FUNDRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As of April 2022

THANK YOU!



raised
**\$50.4
MILLION**



from
**432
FAMILIES**



• MARCH 2022

Over spring break, the Early Childhood Riding Track and the Elementary School Playground were completed. The children are enjoying these phenomenal outdoor spaces. The Carpool Canopy will be complete soon as we put the finishing touches on the outside of the Rambam Day School building.

• COMING SOON

HUB Grand Opening late spring/summer of 2023.

Our goal of \$55 million dollars is attainable if we have an entire community effort! Together we can make the final push to complete our fundraising goals.

MAKE A PLEDGE TODAY


TBAM.ORG/BEYONDTHECURVE

Or contact Ilana Gilat at igilat@tbam.org or 786.364.9429.

Immigration Attorney Needed!

Our two Afghan refugee families need immigration legal assistance so they can remain in the country.

If you are an immigration attorney or know someone who practices immigration law, please contact Mark Buchbinder at 305.742.5501 or buchbim@gmail.com ASAP. If you are an attorney who would be willing to assist an immigration attorney, please also reply.



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DEAR SISTERS,

I am writing this *Commentator* greeting right before Passover, as it is due in a week in order for it to be published in the June addition.

While premature, I want Sisterhood to know how excited and honored I am to serve as your next president! Dilia, along with other past presidents and board, Sisterhood members and clergy, have provided me with mentorship, knowledge, and spirituality that will guide our Sisterhood now and in the future. There are constant challenges that all of us face when we take on these leadership positions. However, knowing that each of you is committed and willing to serve with me eases the responsibility in so many ways. I thrive when a group of us work together on a program. The joint creativity, enthusiasm, kindness and care expressed makes the process worthwhile. The feeling of fulfillment when we see others learn and enjoy our programs and, more importantly, the company of one another brings joy and a desire to do more for our TBAM community.

When I reflect back on the last two years, I am in awe of the wonderful leadership qualities that Dilia shared with us. She is calm, respectful, appreciative, responsible, a great listener, and most importantly, a loyal team member. I will strive to achieve the attributes that I have observed from her. I look forward to the next two years of growth and friendship as we welcome both old and new members into our Sisterhood circle. Please remember to sign up for Sisterhood membership at tbam.org/joinsisterhood for 2022-2023, as this membership is separate from temple membership.

Warmly,

SUSAN LAMPEN, Sisterhood President

Monday, June 27, 2022

SISTERHOOD MOVIE CLUB ***The Bucket List***

7:00 PM | Chapel

Watch the movie at home, then join us for an in-person discussion!

THE BUCKET LIST is a 2007 American buddy, adventure, comedy, drama film directed and produced by Rob Reiner. It stars Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman and Sean Hayes. Two terminally ill men escape from a cancer ward and head off on a worldwide road trip with a wish list of "to dos" before they die. The film has a \$45M budget... so, go on a \$45M vacation with us! A delightful MUST SEE!

Wendy Kornfeld will facilitate this film.

Please RSVP to tbam.org/movieclub.

Please call Fredi Cogan, Movie Club Chair at 305.343.4217 with any questions!



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For more information on all programs, please e-mail us at sisterhood@tbam.org. Please include your phone number so we can call you back.

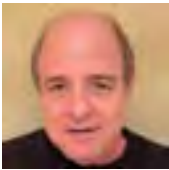
tikkun olam



The Tikkun Olam Committee has a new Committee Chair – welcome to **Favi Budyszewick**! Favi is no novice to Tikkun Olam; it's how she lives her life. We are so excited that she will share her time and talents with our Beth Am Community, and we hope more people will sign up to become a part of this Committee. Join us in making the world a better place!

Contact Favi at favila@paul-zewick.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT BY JEFF AGRON



This year is election year – midterms! The Florida primary is August 23, and the general election is November 8. The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) and RAC-FL, of which Temple Beth Am is a member, are again embarking on The Movement's non-partisan Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign to protect, expand, and strengthen our democracy. The Campaign kicked off on May 17 with a Zoom call of hundreds of national Reform Jewish leaders and volunteers.



The RAC will be offering various actions throughout the year to help engage voters and drive turnout on election day. One such action you can be involved in right now is the post-carding. We will be reaching out

by postcard to engage under-represented voters. If you are interested, you can learn more at <https://urj.tfaforms.net/730>.

On July 13 at 7:30 PM, RAC-FL will train congregations on how to have meetings with their local Supervisor of Elections in order to hold our public officials accountable to a fair and equitable election process. If you are interested, please email Jeff Agron, jagron@tbam.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

In partnership with Voices For Children Foundation



Join TBAM's Tikkun Olam Committee in helping children in foster care get ready for school.



You can help in three ways:

- Sponsor a Bookbag
- Shop the Amazon Wishlist
- Join us at the end of summer to stuff the bags

beavoice.org/events



SCAN ME



A YEAR IN REVIEW

We are so grateful to our Tikkun Olam Committee for an incredible year of service: *Jeffrey Agron, Janice Baisman, Margie and Mark Buchbinder, Favi Budyszewick, Judy Cowan, Tina Forster, Greg Frankel, Susan Fusfield, Lisa Heller Green, Rabbi Greengrass, Janet Kelfer, Brenda Kilmer, Beth Lang, Nicole Marcus, Anita Marks, Melissa Peerless, Rachel Robbins, Susan Rosenthal, Joan Schaeffer, Donna Shepard, Shelley Jacoby*

As we wrap up our projects for 2021-22, our Tikkun Olam Committee would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to outgoing Chair, **Shelley Jacoby**. Her thoughtful leadership and relentless passion for improving our world have enabled us to find creative ways to make a difference, especially during these past 3 years. Undaunted by the challenges laid before us, Shelley found a way to help us help. We are excited that she will be joining the Executive Board this summer and look forward to her continued leadership in our congregation.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WE PRESENTED:

- » Back-to-School Supply Drive with United Way
- » High Holy Days Food Drive
- » JAFCO Chanukah Gift Drive
- » Mitzvah Day – cleaning our beaches and parks; painting garden stones, parking lots, fences, buildings and murals; feeding and clothing the homeless; gardening and caring for our community.
- » Temple Beth Am Community Garden Sanctuary ongoing programs
- » Support for The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) and RAC-FL
- » Adopting and ongoing support of 2 Afghan refugee families including welcome gifts, regular service to help them navigate their new home, helping wrap and deliver gifts for Ramadan, and hosting them at our Purim Carnival
- » The Daffodil Project in memory of the Children of the Holocaust
- » Supporting Rock 'n Run – taking a stand against Breast and Ovarian Cancer
- » Social Justice Speaker Series including Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz – Justice Work in a Time of Growing Anti-Semitism; Mental Health Awareness with NAMI; Ahavat Ger: Supporting Afghan Refugees in Miami; LEAP for Ladies – testimonial by graduate of program after release from incarceration; Kerri Stone: Panes of the Glass Ceiling
- » Blood Drive – Helping to replenish much needed blood stores
- » Book Drive – Ongoing donations of children's books for the Read to Learn Books for Free literacy initiative
- » Mishloach Manot on Purim to JCS South Dade Families
- » Prison visits to open the dialog with compassion in our community
- » Visit to the Lighthouse for the Blind to share donations and interact with their Seniors Community
- » Partner with the Day School – students donated Chanukah gifts for the children serviced by JAFCO and made cards for Afghan refugee families

Thank you, all, for helping in the sacred work of Tikkun Olam – repairing the world!





OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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

Time for Tanach, After the Torah

The third section of the Jewish Bible is called Writings, *Ketuvim*. It includes Psalms, Proverbs, Ruth, Esther, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Lamentations, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles 1 and 11. The focus for this month is on Ezra and Nehemiah because it describes the return to Jerusalem and Eretz Yisrael after the Exile in Babylonia.

Ezra and Nehemiah

How was it possible for a people to lose their land, live in exile for many years and then return and become a nation again? Ezra and Nehemiah were important leaders who made it happen. Fifty years after Jerusalem and the Temple had been destroyed, a new leader rose to power, the Persian King Cyrus. He conquered the Babylonian Empire and issued a proclamation in 538 BCE permitting the Jews to return to the land.

The Edict of Cyrus

"The Lord, God of Heavens, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and has charged me to build the Temple in Jerusalem, which is in Judea. Whosoever there is among you who belongs to God's people, let him go up to Jerusalem and build the Temple of the Lord, the God of Israel. Let those who remain in that place help with silver and gold and goods and beasts of burden as well as free will offerings for the Temple of the Lord of Jerusalem."

The first pioneers to return numbered 43,000, under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, according to the text. They found foreign settlers who had adopted the worship of pagan gods, and the Samaritans, who proved to be obstacles. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah encouraged the people with their words to have the courage to complete the task of rebuilding the Temple.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, I will bring My People to dwell in Jerusalem, ...I will make the remnant of this people possess the land...and you, house of Judah, shall become a blessing!"

After some time, they completed the building of the Temple, and the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles celebrated the dedication of the house of God with joy.

Ezra was a scribe, very religious, and he traced his ancestry back to Aaron. He went to Judea to help his people because he had heard of some of their difficulties. He arrived in Jerusalem in 458 BCE. He was shocked to find that many of the people, including the priests and Levites, had given their daughters and sons to intermarry with the others who lived in the land. He spoke to the people to set aside these marriages, confess, ask forgiveness and return to the laws of the Covenant. Ezra understood that it was necessary to do this in order to restore the nation. The influence of the non Jewish spouses would prevent this from happening. He served as a religious and political leader, however, he is most remembered for being a teacher and scribe.

Nehemiah

Nehemiah asked permission from the King of Persia, Artaxerxes, to go to Judea as a representative of the King, to govern and establish a stable province of the Persian Empire. He arrived in 445 BCE. He ordered the building of the wall around Jerusalem. It was completed in 52 days. His writings are memoirs of his leadership in the land. He and Ezra worked closely with each other. Together they organized and established a return to Jewish observance, especially about Shabbat, eliminated intermarriage, and unjust financial and social wrongs. All of this is recorded in his book.

The Torah-the Constitution of Judea

Ezra and Nehemiah gave the Jewish people a constitution by which they could guide and govern the new community of Judea. It became the edited version of the five books of Moses, the Torah. In 445 BCE, at a public ceremony, the people pledged their loyalty and faithfulness to the Covenant between themselves and God.

*"When the seventh month drew near, the people gathered in the place that was before the Water Gate; and they spoke to Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, and the people stood up. Ezra read from morning until midday, and the people listened carefully...the Levites instructed the people and explained its meaning. Then Nehemiah and Ezra, the priests and the Levites, said to the people, **This day is holy to the Lord your God, do not weep, go your way, eat and drink, send a portion to those who have nothing, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.**"*

The Torah since then, is the Torah we read today, every week. Ezra also gets credit for establishing the reading of Torah on Monday, Thursday and Shabbat.

About Cyrus

After Cyrus, King of Persia, conquered the Babylonian Empire, he established a period of religious tolerance in his empire. Deported peoples were allowed to return to their homelands, and they were allowed to practice their national faiths. One of the groups were the Jews. As a result, Cyrus has earned a place in Jewish history as one of the righteous among the gentiles. I encourage you to read some selections from the Tanach during the summer. I have used many sources during the year to bring you selections from the Tanach. As always, as I prepare for this page each month, I learn and relearn new ideas about each topic. To learn and to teach, has always been my commitment to you.

Enjoy the summer,

L'shalom,

Lenore



Temple Beth Am
AND
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We want to **RECONNECT** *with* **YOU!**

Temple Beth Am, Rambam Day School at TBAM,
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This outreach includes Alumni of the Day School, Religious School, Youth Choirs/
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Please add your name and contact information to our growing list of alums at

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Forward this website to your contacts who are Alumni no matter how near
or far. You are a big part of our successful story and history.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

L'shalom,
THE TBAM ALUMNI COMMITTEE

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IN LOVING MEMORY

**Week Ending
June 3, 2022**

Carl Adler
Ken Bassler
Carl Berent*
Pauline Bergman*
Milton Beslow
David S. Bitterman*
Jean Blair Wolfe
Ethel Bonilla*
Mendel Braun
Adolph Brown
Dr. Peter Cassileth
Jacob Cohen
Irving Cowan
Sidney Degen
Martin Howard Feil
Eric Stephan Fidler
Herman Friedlander*
Harry GabreLOW*
Michael Leslie Gair*
Joseph Garvett*
Beatrice Gersh*
Myron Goldman*
Florence Goldstein*
Mildred Golub
Florette Goodman
Alma Gorodetzer
Dr. Melvin C. Greenfield*
Sadie Gross
Louis Sidney Halbrich*
Shirley Harris
Sophie Kalter
Ida P. Kates*
Zoila Katz*
Sam Katz*
Rose Kessler*
Evelyn M. Koblenz
Sidney Koren*
George John Kraemer
Zenia Lachowitz*
Esther Lanster*
Julius R. Lawrence*
Florence Levin*
Harry J. Lipman*
Dr. Donald Littman
Harold Melnick
Lucille Millhauser
Bessie Millman
Morton Moses*
Richard A. Pallot*
Moses S. Pallot*
Tillie Panter
Morris Parker
Dorothy Case Poet
Alan Raven
Leslie Ringel
Howard Sacks
Stephen R. Sapp
Charles Schmidt
Sharon Schulman*
Janet Bess Schultz*
Harold Schwartz
Irene Shapiro
Robert M. Shaw*
Alexander Silber*
Ingeborg Van Essen

Edward Wechsberg*
Ronnie Weingarden
Louis Wilck
Sydney Wolofsky*

**Week Ending
June 10, 2022**

Moyra Adler
Leon Akouka
Eva Amster*
Manfredo Baumatz
Albert Benvenisty
Edward M. Bernstein*
Seymour Cohen*
Martha Cohen*
Werner Cohn
Catherine Corrigan-Perez
Coleman Cutler
Max Danuff*
Edith Dreyer
Sandra "Sandy" Eichenbaum
Greenberg
Rose P. Fien*
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Morris Friedman
Sara Gilbert*
Max Glasser*
Barbara Greene
Harry L. Gross*
Ada Harnik*
Rose Isaacson*
Oscar Jacobs*
Frank Kavkewitz
Louis Kavkewitz
Edith Levin Kline
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Eli Kohrman
Ariela Koubi
Marion Kroungold*
Byron Krulewicz
Hermine Lash
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Ella Marcus*
Ruben Margolis*
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Alan D. Nexon
Aaron Orechkin
Barbara Pollack Modena
Marvin Pritikin*
Muriel Revitz*
Lilly Rose
Alvin Rosen*
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Harry Sands*
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Lee Sotloff
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Nathan Sukert*
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David Uklist
Audrey Morgen Volk*
Peter Wallach*
Robert Werner*
Robert A. Widom*
Jack Young
Eleanor "Ellie" Ziegler*

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June 17, 2022**

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Charles Auerbach
Samuel Auslander
Evelynne Bauling
Morton Bernstein
Irwin Bess
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Rose Borach
Sarah Breitman
Sarah Bromberg
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Sarah Foldes
Max Forman
Miriam Friedman*
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Saba Furmanski*
Sophie Gassin*
Martin Gallant*
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Harriet Gerson
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Dolores Krieger
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Florence Malman
Hermine Rita Marcus
Sidney Marder*
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Dr. Harold Webman*
Joan M. Weiner*
Samuel H. Weinstein*
Irving Weiss*
Anna Young

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June 24, 2022**

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Eva Burk*
Stella S. Clein
Louis Cohen*
Lynn Cromer*
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Elisabeth Cutler*
Fred Distenfeld
Irene S. Edelman*
William Eisenberg
Larry Eldridge
Merrill Ferris
Bertha Fisher
Carolyn Geiger
Sophie Goldberg
Sylvia Goldman
Gussie Green*
Sadie Greenblat
Marilyn A. Grossberger*
A. Samuel Halberg*
Max Halberg*
Fred Havenick*
Zeny Holtz
Howard Horowitz
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Minette Katz
Arthur Kaufman
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Jacob Mann
Risa Mann
Chinki Olewsky
Isidor Oren*
Nancy Osgood
Norman Panter
Edward Perlow
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Diann Carole Resnick
Domingo Rodriguez
Jack Rudolph
Leonard Sandler
Joel Schultz
Minnie Sirlin*
Carl Spéro
Judy Spiegel
Nena Mih Spirt

Morton Stein
Sherry Kramer Superior*
Sonya Lee Tralins*
Frances Trauman
Judith Udem
Albert H. Weine*
Jean Weinstein*
Florence Winer
Frank Wolland*
Elmer Young
Charles "Buddy" Zentner
Jean Zide*

Week Ending July 1, 2022

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Shirley Burstein
Bernice Citron
Arthur Colton
Ronni Korshun Corenblum
Edward Cuter
Richard Davidson
Robert Davis
Morris Deutsch
Jesse Engle*
Beatrice Greenberg Fidler
Harold Finkelstein*
Carol Gold*
Frances Goldman*
Johanna Goldstein*
Samuel Gorman
Julian Groff
Doris W. Gross*
Frieda Grossman
Marshall Harris
Yanet Harris*
Augusta Hixon
Jack L. Jablo*
Gisella Katz
Sophia Kislak*
Rebecca Klein*
Susan K. Korschun*
Tara Joy Levine*
Leo Levitt*
Hyman Orlin*
Morris Palmer
Sydney Isabelle Paris*
Sylvia Pawliger*
Ruth Gunsberg Rose*
Dr. Steven P. Rosenberg*
Abe Schonfeld
Howard Shapiro
Scott Sheldon
Jonas Sherbal
Max Shifrin
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Mildred Tenzer*
Elliot Tenzer*
Thelma S. Ullman*
Muriel Weingrow

Lynn Wolfson
Berta Zadoff
Benjamin Zadoff*

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Leslee Aronovitz
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Morris Bergstein*
Errol Blank*
Jack Bookshester*
Sarah Calderon
Steve Cohen
Betty Cutler
Eva Deutsch
V. Mercedes Diaz-Posada
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Edward Feldman
Lenora Fine
Matathias "Matt" Frances*
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Evelyn Geisenheyner
Tommy Gozlan
Esther Halberg*
Cecile Haskelson
Harold Herman
David Hertz
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Philip Katzen*
Julius I. Kislak*
Sheryl Berrin-Klein*
Morris Klugerman*
Charles Krieger
Louis Lanster*
Jane Levin
Abraham Levin*
Anita McClaskey
Jacob Mechlowitz
Sylvia Meier
Ida Miller*
Agnes Stewart Oakford*
Stanley Orshan
Fannie Rabinowitz*
Bertha Rein*
Adolph Rittberg
Harold Roberts*
Marc Roistacher
Albert Rosenbach*
Sylvia Rovenger
Harry Ruina*
Dr. Allen I. Rutchik
Selma Safren
Rachel Ashley Sandler*
Sylvia Schatzman*
Eugene J. Schwartz*
Helen Schwarz
Lewis Silverman
Raquel Silverstein

Fannie Smith*
Rhoda Solomon*
Mose Solomon*
Lillian Starr
William Stauss
Susan Traeger
Jacob Joseph Weinberger*
Bernice Wingrate

Week Ending July 15, 2022

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Louis Alvo*
Samuel Antkies
Sheila Judy Berkley
Benjamin Bolno
Ida E. Cohen
Stanley L. Cohen*
Joshua Cohen
Diane Eisenberg
Arlene "Rickey" Feder
Barbara Genet*
Elsa Glazer
Annette Glick
Ida Goldberg*
Jack Goodman*
Nancy Green
Andrew Howard Gunther*
Rose Gustman
Stephen Hershman
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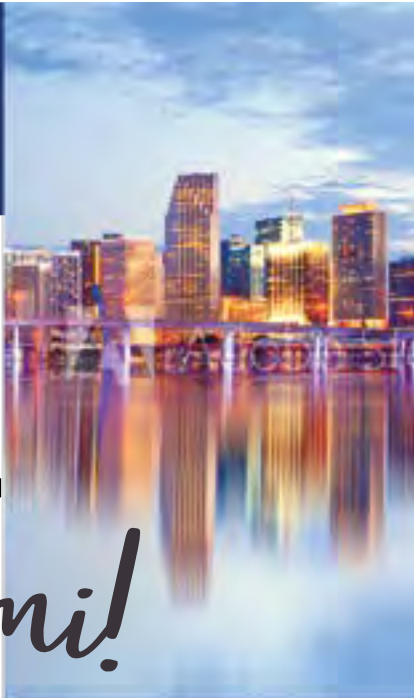
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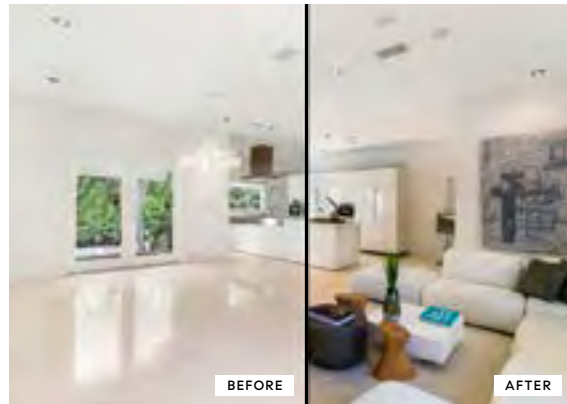
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