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March 2022

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Thank God It's Purim

A Very 90s Purim Shpiel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 PM

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6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services with Pre-Neg with Day School 3rd graders

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Morning Minyan
10:30 a.m.	Bar Mitzvah of Leo Krislav
5:30 p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Bella Hoch

Parashat Pekudei
Exodus 38:21 – 40:38
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

9 Adar II	
6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services with Pre-Neg
6:00 p.m.	How 'bout Shabbat – Courtyard outside Rambam

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

Shabbat Zachor	
9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Morning Minyan with Bar Mitzvah of Musashi Mashav

Parashat Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26
Haftarah: Esther 7:1 – 10; 8:15 – 17
or I Samuel 15:2 – 34

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

13 Adar II	Fast of Esther, Erev Purim
6:30 p.m.	Megillah reading

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

Shushan Purim	
16 Adar II	
6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services with Pre-Neg

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Morning Minyan

Parashat Tzav
Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36
Haftarah: I Kings 7:51 – 8:21

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

23 Adar II	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg on the Terrace
6:30 p.m.	Pioneer Members Shabbat
7:45 p.m.	Dessert Oneg on the Terrace

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

Shabbat Parah	
9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
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Parashat Shemini
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MARCH 13

Purim Carnival -2022-

12:00-3:00PM



Bring the whole family and celebrate Purim at
Temple Beth Am with the return of our Purim Carnival!

We can't wait to reconnect with old friends and
meet new ones as we enjoy this festive holiday together.

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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The Importance of Sticking Together

A few weeks ago, we read the story of the golden calf in the Torah portion of Ki Tissa. Before Moses returned from the peak of Mt. Sinai, the Israelites at the base of Mt. Sinai were concerned that Moses had died and would be leaving them in the wilderness leaderless. In that moment of fear, a handful of ringleaders stirred the masses to give up on Moses and consider an alternative leader. They decided ultimately to fashion a calf out of gold and proclaim that it was now their leader. They proclaimed with great ferocity, "This is your god O Israel who brought you out of the land of Egypt." The male members of every tribe, except Levi, embraced the idol and turned their backs on the principles of Torah that Moses espoused.

When the mob erroneously deduced that Moses was not returning, they turned immediately to his brother Aaron asking him to help find a replacement for Moses. Fearful of the angry crowd before him, Aaron attempted to stall them. He ordered them to collect gold and silver from their wives and children, thinking that they would protest and not allow their precious items to be used for idolatry. Aaron's hope was that while they were trying to convince their family members to part ways with their valuables, Moses would return and put an end to such behavior. His plan failed when the men decided to rip the gold and silver away from their wives and children with such alacrity that Moses still had not yet descended.

Keen observers of the text will wonder why Aaron was not punished for his participation. Instead of employing stall tactics which ultimately failed, could he have not demanded the men stop their lust for idolatry and refocus their attention on the

return of Moses? Should he not have risked his own life to try and prevent the construction of the golden calf?

One thoughtful notion that might explain why Aaron is never punished for his role in the episode of the golden calf considers Aaron's possible ulterior motive. If the masses believed that Moses was not returning, they may have given up on the enterprise of Torah altogether. They might have left the mountain and gone their separate ways. They might have splintered into various groups that would put an end to the idea of a people of Israel before it ever began. Aaron's role was to keep the people at the mountain. He needed to engage them and keep them together until Moses would eventually return with the mitzvot and instructions for the future.

Even in the most difficult times, when we are confused and unsure what the immediate future holds for us, what remains sacred above all is the requirement for our community to stick together. No matter what adversity we face, dealing with that uncertainty together through the lens of our tradition will ensure that we will continue to survive and thrive as another link in the chain of our eternal people.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Jeremy Barras



Temple Beth Am is Seeking Members:

For a New URJ-ADL Pilot Program Combatting Anti-semitism, High School age and up to join our working group on fighting Anti-semitism.

For information, or to join our group, please contact Rabbi Barras at jbarras@tbam.org



CLERGY CORNER

Cantor Tifani Coyot

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Purim 2022: A Holiday of Giving and Gratitude

In 2005, I lived in Israel and had the opportunity to celebrate Purim in the streets of Tel Aviv. Purim in Israel is the equivalent of celebrating New Year's Eve and Halloween simultaneously. The streets are flooded with people in costumes dancing to joyous music and spreading the mission of Purim: "feasting and merrymaking" (Esther 9:22). There are four mitzvot that we are commanded to do during Purim: *Seudah* (Festive Meal), *Megillah* reading, *Mishloach Manot* (Sending Gifts), and *Matanot La'evyonim* (Gifts to the Poor).

This year we can place the emphasis on the two mitzvot of Purim that are usually overshadowed by the spiel and carnival: *Mishloach Manot* and *Matanot La'evyonim*. Joy is an essential value to all Jewish celebrations, and on Purim we express our joy by sharing with others. The Book of Esther (*Megillah*) reads: "They were to observe them as days of feasting and gladness, and as a time for sending gifts to one another, and to the poor" (Esther 9:22).

***Mishloach Manot* (the sending of gifts of food to friends):** is a wonderful way to remind our friends and family that we appreciate them. The gifts can include fresh and dried fruits, hamantashens, jams, nuts, and other delicacies that you want to share. Our tradition urges us to send gifts to every member in the community—so that every member feels loved.

Families: You can involve your children and grandchildren by decorating cards, baskets, and bags for the *mishloach manot*. You can also have them bake hamantashens. Delivering the gifts is a great way for kids to exercise the "giving muscle." We can help our children practice this by looking friends and family in the eye, offering a gift with a smile, and trying to reap a reward from the other person's gratitude. We can practice giving without expecting anything in return, and we can practice being thankful if we receive a gift.

Pro Tip: This year, venture away from hamantashens with prunes and poppyseeds by searching the internet for new and interesting hamantashens recipes (e.g., salted caramel, gingerbread with apple filling, peanut butter brownie, and strawberry cheesecake).

***Matanot L'evyonim* (giving to the poor):** The *Shulhan Aruch* (Orach Hayyim 694:1–4) teaches us that it is our obligation to give at least two gifts to two poor people; and furthermore, we should give to anyone who stretches out their hands. If there is no one in need, we should save our gifts for the next time we see someone in need. This mitzvah transforms our community from one of comfort to one of generosity.

Families: In this moment of Purim, where we celebrate and revel in being saved, we also remember that there are those around us who don't have what we have. Young children can participate by dropping coins into a tzedakah box and making donations of food and clothing to a local pantry or shelter. Older children can decorate their own *tzedakah* boxes and vow to add money each week as part of their shabbat ritual.

Pro Tip: Participate in this *mitzvah* by including another family or friend. When we give *tzedakah* together, we build meaning and depth into our relationships.

Sharing gifts and giving to those in need ensures that those around us feel comforted and appreciated, further impeding Haman's ("Boo!") plans.

May we all experience the true "spirit" of Purim this year. I am looking forward to sharing a hilarious *Megillah* reading and a joyous outdoor celebration of Purim with the Beth Am family!

Cantor Tifani Coyot

NEW MEMBERS

Jayne & Bruce Clarin

Juan Carlos & Patricia Silva, Alexa and Brandon

Ray & Monica Pidre, Nicolas and Emilia

Josh & Paris Carroll, Berkeley, Parker and Dakota

Stuart & Melissa Barnes, Jacob and Avery

Seth Shuldiner & Emily Wald, Blake and Anna



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Martin Luther King, Jr. said: “Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

We seem to be surrounded by hatred. Neo-Nazis marched in Charlottesville. The Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh was attacked. President Obama said at the time, “We grieve for Americans murdered in Pittsburgh. All of us have to fight the rise of anti-Semitism and hateful rhetoric against those who look, love or pray differently.” Then in Poway, California, another synagogue was attacked. And just recently, yet another anti-Semitic attack on a Jewish institution when a gunman took hostages during a Shabbat service at a temple in Colleyville, Texas.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States has increased 26% just in the last year!

Rabbi Greengrass published a letter to the editor of *The Miami Herald* in January saying, “No Jew should ever feel afraid walking into a Jewish institution, much more a place of G-D.”

We are blessed to have **Sharon Levi** leading our security team. He is regularly in contact with local, state, and national law enforcement to make sure we are as safe as can be. While we do not discuss publicly the details of our security, you should know we have the latest technology to help protect us from an anti-Semitic attack. But an attack on any Jew is an attack on all of us. As Dr. King also said, “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” Shortly before COVID hit, I saw two swastikas painted on a wall near the courthouse in downtown Miami. A courthouse where justice is supposed to be done. And in our own community, anti-Semitic flyers were dropped off at various places in Miami Beach, Surfside, and Fort Lauderdale a short while ago.

Anti-Semitism in this country is not new. President William Howard Taft famously commented, “Anti-Semitism is a

noxious weed that should be cut out. It has no place in America.”

But is Dr. King right? Do we really drive out this hate with love?

Can we really be expected to love the people who express such hatred? I’m not sure. But we can love being Jewish. We can embrace our faith more intently. We can recommit to upholding the principles of Torah. We can lead moral, ethical, and just lives. We can treat all others as we wish to be treated. And we can love our mission to help repair the world.

Rabbi Barras recently taught us in Torah class (if you do not attend, you are really missing something special) that we have an obligation as Jews to teach others about Torah. The Torah commands us to do mitzvot– and through these mitzvot we have a significant, positive impact on our world.

And Beth Am has an extremely active Tikkun Olam Committee performing mitzvot all the time. They do so much good, yet many of our congregants have no idea how to help. Please reach out to our Tikkun Olam Chair, **Shelley Jacoby**, or our Board VP of Tikkun Olam, **Judy Cowan**, and find out what part you can play. Help repair our broken world. Or in Dr. King’s name, help spread the love.

And if we, and Jews all over the world, begin to get involved, then maybe Dr. King’s dream can become a reality. I certainly pray so.

David



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MEMBERSHIP

Temple Beth Am's Pioneer Member Shabbat

Join us for an evening of
celebration as we honor our
Pioneer Members, 37-67
years and counting!

New Date
Friday evening,
March 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.

It is with great pleasure that
we welcome each of our Pioneer
members and their families.

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

Immediately following service, there will be a
dessert oneg on the Terrace.

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

6:00 p.m. – Pre-neg on Terrace
Chat with your friends and community
6:30* p.m. – Shabbat Service
7:45 p.m. – Dessert Oneg on Terrace

Catering by Michael Meltzer
of Michael's Catering

RSVP is a must! www.tbam.org/pioneers

If you have any questions, please call
Rita Diaz at 786.364.9434
or email rdiaz@tbam.org

*Pioneers, please check in by 6:15 p.m.

L'Chaim!



How 'Bout Shabbat



Temple Beth Am presents

HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT 101 DALMATIANS FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 p.m.

Elementary School Playground outside of Rambam

Join us for a special musical Shabbat Service
featuring **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass**
and Cantorial Soloist **Jackie Berney**.

Join us for a magical evening for children of all ages, with
storytelling, catered boxed dinner for the children and wine bar
for the parents and grandparents, Disney arts and crafts
featuring the Dalmatian pups and Cruella de Vil.

\$15 per child – 1-year-old and up includes boxed dinner.

RSVP a must, www.tbam.org/dalmatians

Questions? Call Rita at
786.364.9434 or
email rdiaz@tbam.org





ANNUAL *Committee of 100* RECEPTION

Committee of 100, President's Honor Circle, Rabbi's Honor Circle,
Circle of Blessing and Circle of Life participants
please join the clergy and professionals for a reception in your honor.

Sunday, April 24, 2022
4:30–6:00 p.m.

at Temple Beth Am in the Outside Terrace Area

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by Michael Meltzer of Michael's Catering

Please RSVP to Rita Diaz 786.364.9434
or rdiaz@tbam.org

*Tzedakah is one of our most important
traditions – an obligation to give,
each in our own way, to help others.*

*It is what makes us a strong,
a united and a just people.*

*Thank you for supporting Temple Beth Am on
the Committee of 100 levels
and making membership affordable to all.*

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Memphis beautifully tells the story of the American South. It is famous for its rich culture, pioneering in many aspects of music and art. The city has played a profound role in soul, blues, gospel, and Rock-n-Roll music. Many musical legends started their recording careers in this city. Memphis has played a major role in the anti-slavery and civil rights movements. Due to the thriving cotton industry, the city attracted many enslaved

Tamara





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The Festival of Joy

Did you know that there are no prohibitions associated with Purim, only positive commandments? This holiday is thus a perfect opportunity to strengthen family bonds. We want to make sure you are ready to welcome this fun Jewish holiday on the evening of March 16. Purim is such a joyful holiday, filled with costumes, treats, megillah readings, silly shpiels, gift giving, and tzedakah, but the message of the holiday goes beyond all these traditions. Our sages taught us: *"Mishenichnas Adar Marbin B'Simcha—when one enters into Adar, we increase our joy"* (Taanis 29A). Help your children/teens bond to their Jewish identity through creative activities. Make chocolate filled hamantaschen with them or design themed Purim gift bags to give to friends and those in need. For example, if you pick Israel as your theme, design a white and blue bag in which to pack a homemade Israeli breakfast and bring it to a friend's door in the morning. Work together to create at least one accessory for your child's costume (e.g., a hat, a crown, or a belt). Make it special, have fun, and explain the why of these traditions. When the holiday is over, continue to teach your children how to be joyful and how to celebrate Judaism together. Let this be just the beginning of a year filled with joy.

Have a Happy Purim Festival!

With love,

Sumiko

OUR FIRST FAMILY OUTING!

ELEMENTARY GRADES

BAFTY FAMILIES

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SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - 10:30AM - 12:00PM

BAFTYK2 PURIMANIA

Just before the TBAM Purim Carnival!

RSVP to www.tbam.org/purimania





PROGRAMMING

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RESCHEDULED!

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Charlie Kramer

LOSING SIGHT, GAINING VISION

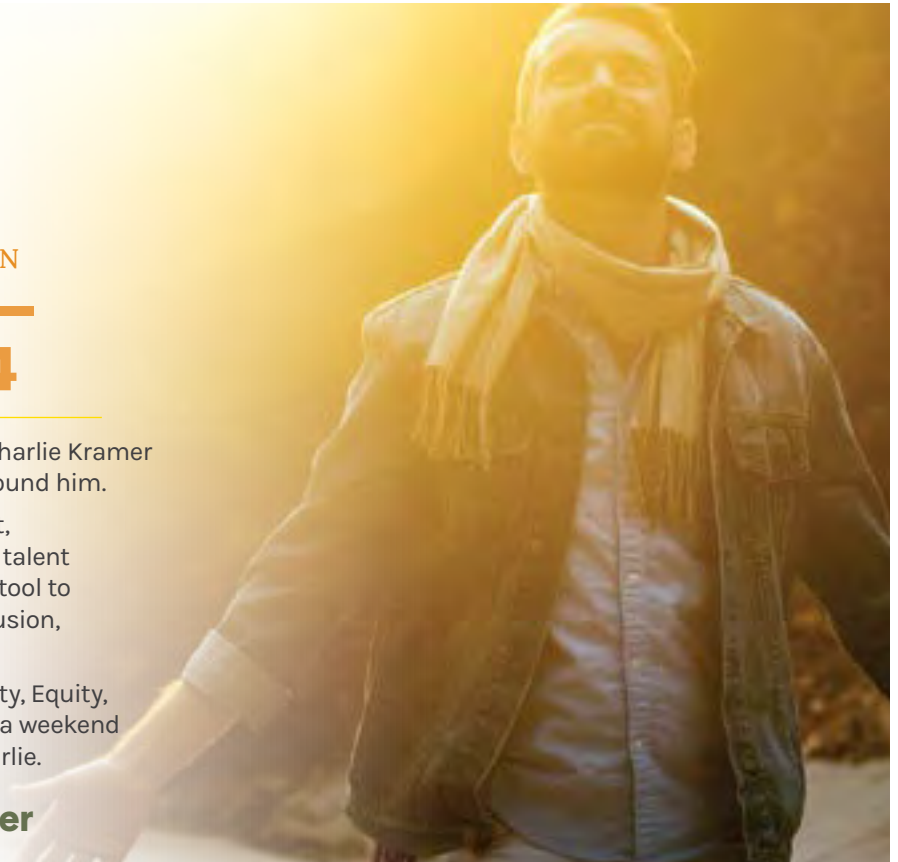
**Friday, April 22 –
Sunday, April 24**

Legally blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa, Charlie Kramer unites, magnetizes and elevates those around him.

A touring blind speaker and musical artist, Charlie has traveled the world sharing his talent and message, utilizing his blindness as a tool to educate people on the importance of inclusion, equality, and radical self-acceptance.

As part of our commitment to DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), we invite you to join us for a weekend of learning, singing, and worship with Charlie.

www.tbam.org/charliekramer



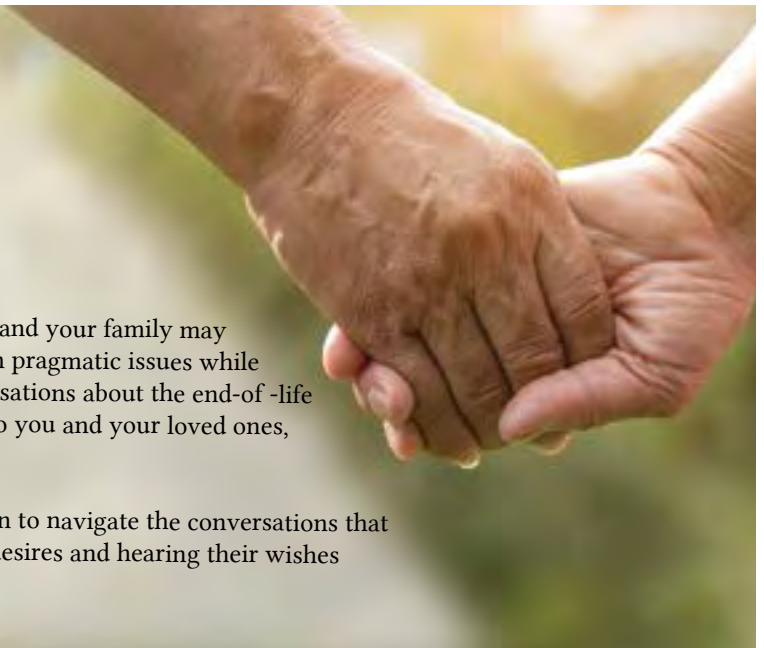
Sacred Jewish Conversations: How To Talk About End-Of-Life A Program created by Mishkan Miami, Greater Miami Jewish Federation

***Wednesdays at noon with Rabbi Aklepi
April 6, 13 and 20***

No single conversation can cover all the decisions that you and your family may face in the near or distant future. Some discussions focus on pragmatic issues while others focus on spiritual and religious expectations. Conversations about the end-of -life can provide a shared understanding of what matters most to you and your loved ones, making it easier to make decisions when the time comes.

Join Rabbi Jaime Aklepi in this three-session series and learn to navigate the conversations that will bring you closer to the ones you love by sharing your desires and hearing their wishes about end-of-life.

RSVP at www.tbam.org/sacredconversations





TOT SHABBAT

WITH CANTOR COYOT!

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 AT 9:00 AM

— OUTDOOR TERRACE —

Share the joy of Shabbat with your little ones at Tot Shabbat with Cantor Tifani Coyot! This month, we'll also celebrate Purim with special holiday songs and crafts. Connect with other families as we welcome Shabbat and Purim together.

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

RSVP at www.tbam.org/totshabbat.

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR OUR NEXT TOT SHABBAT!

Saturday, May 14: Let's Celebrate Israel

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that you visit tbam.org for the most up to date information on the status of all programming.

tgip: A Very 90s Purim Shpiel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 AT 6:30 PM

Oh Snap, it's Purim!

Our TBAM Purim Players invite you to a shpiel that is truly *All That And A Bag Of Chips* as we reimagine the classic Purim story through the lens of classic 90s family sitcoms.

Take A Chill Pill and join us for happy hour at 6:30PM featuring a light nosh, hamantaschen, and our signature Purim cocktails and mocktails:

Purim Party Punch ★ Esther's Elixir ★ Haman's "Hang"over

Then get ready to tell Haman to *Talk To The Hand* as we wave our graggers and enjoy some 90s nostalgia, featuring the music of your favorite boy bands, pop stars, and alternative rockers.

It's gonna be *Da Bomb Dot Com* for the whole family. Costumes encouraged!
Miss out on this year's shpiel? As IF!

www.tbam.org/tgip



SUNDAY SALON

10:30 AM via Zoom and tbam.org/streaming

MARCH 13, 2022

Professor Miriam Hoffman presents her latest book:

Curious Rabbinic Tales: The Shortest Tall Stories

MODERATOR AND READER: World Renowned Yiddish Actor **Avi Hoffman**



Professor Miriam Hoffman is a retired professor of Yiddish language, literature and film, Jewish culture, Yiddish humor, and classical and minor Yiddish writers. She is also a known Yiddish journalist and worked as a feature writer for the Yiddish Forward from 1982 to today. Now, with her most recent book, she brings us the magic of storytelling. Folktales belong to the earliest folk literature, likely predating Jewish sources. Once they were adapted into the Jewish setting, they were integrated into our own mythology. Folktales were told as parables with a moral undercurrent to expose human frailty and strength, vanity and heroism. Anything that wasn't said openly was disguised as a parable or a folktale.

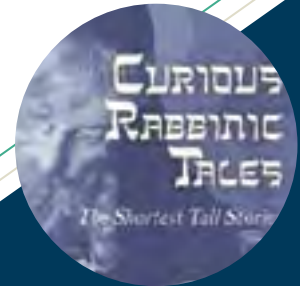


This program is brought to us by Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami.

RSVP online at www.tbam.org/calendar

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

Contact Etta at egold@tbam.org



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Sundays from 9-11 AM

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MARCH 13, 2022

APRIL 24, 2022

Interested in hosting an event in the Garden Sanctuary?

Let's see how we can work together to make it happen!

Please RSVP for these upcoming dates or send your inquiries to garden@tbam.org.

Join our Facebook group @[FriendsoftheTBAMGardenSanctuary!](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheTBAMGardenSanctuary/)





DAY SCHOOL

Nora Anderson, M.S., M.Ed.
Head of School
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Dear Friends,

Enrichment Day has always been a wonderful piece of the Rambam curriculum in which students participate in an organized day dedicated to exploring a new topic or skill through hands-on, collaborative projects. The themes of these days have run the gamut from exploring different types of media to Rube Goldberg projects to students putting their own spins on beloved fairy tales. Enrichment Day unleashes the students' creativity and allows them to work together to increase their depth of learning and give them a deeper understanding of a new topic.

This year, our students in kindergarten through fifth grade took part in their first ever STREAM Enrichment Day. STREAM Enrichment Day integrated the subjects of science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics—along with other subjects such as music and library—into one magical day celebrating the theme of nature in honor of Tu BiSh'vat. Basically, this was the mother of all Enrichment Days, and let me tell you: it was nothing short of spectacular.

Students spent the day working in groups to create nature-inspired projects using materials found in their own neighborhoods. Kindergarteners designed mazes with twigs, stems, leaves, and flowers. They created a code for Colby the Coding Mouse to make its way through the maze. First graders learned about gravity and how it applied to creating and testing their very own parachutes. Second graders learned about the water cycle and built their own water clocks. Third graders learned about solar energy. They constructed and tested their very own solar oven. Fourth graders created their own terrariums after learning about biospheres and how they promote life on Earth. Fifth graders studied birds and crafted their own birds' nests. They tested the strength of their nests by dropping them from various altitudes to see if they were able to hold eggs

safely inside. Students had the opportunity to view the projects in the other grades and even cheered their fellow students on as they tested their work product.

STREAM Enrichment Day is the perfect example of Rambam's educational philosophy on full display. Students collaborated and used critical thinking to problem solve and tackle the tasks at hand. Each child was able to contribute their own unique strength, imagination, and voice to accomplish something they could be truly proud of. It was not only a fun, collaborative effort, but it inspired the students to work together to organize their thinking, develop strategies, test ideas, formulate plans, and incorporate art and design. We even integrated sing-a-longs and stories. And all of this was done while celebrating our Jewish values and honoring our beautiful planet. STREAM Enrichment Day seamlessly blended general studies with Judaic studies while encouraging values such as industriousness, inclusion of others, respect, and protecting the environment.

Rambam's dedicated faculty and staff were instrumental in ensuring that STREAM Enrichment Day went off without a hitch. It is because of them that we are able to pursue these magnificent out-of-the-box aspects of our curriculum. And we are so grateful for the innovation and creativity of the following members of the "STREAM TEAM" under the leadership of Ashley Reed: Michelle Malca, Alyssa Reed, Daniela Gherardi, Melissa Greenstein, Hilary Haber, Amy Kutell, Lauren Bercuson, Mo Fisch, and Debbie Roman.

This was truly a day that we will never forget!

Nora

New Adventures

Splash Zone

Wacky Waterland

STEAM

Get Creative

Sensory World

Dancing with
the Campers

Camp Sababa
has Talent

and much more!

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To
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For campers ages 2 years to second grade. Space is limited!

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For more information, please email us at campsababa@tbam.org

Temple Beth Am
& Rambam Day School



BEYOND THE CURVE

C A P I T A L C A M P A I G N

March Madness Begins During Spring Break

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?



RAMBAM DAY SCHOOL CARPOOL CANOPY

Planned Spring Break
2022 completion



EARLY CHILDHOOD RIDING TRACK

Tricycle path traffic signs
Play Equipment: tree stumps,
rocks stepping boulders, log
tunnel, Pike's Peak climber
Umbrellas for shade
Two butterfly gardens



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Will include large playground
equipment and shaded
running space

RAISE THE ROOF PHASE 2 - BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUB

The roof structure will be installed
between late March and early April 2022.



HELP US ACHIEVE OUR CHAMPIONSHIP GOAL. MAKE A PLEDGE IN MARCH!

To participate or for more information, contact Ilana Gilat at igilat@tbam.org or 786.364.9429.

[TBAM.ORG/BEYONDTHECURVE](https://tbam.org/beyondthecurve)

Note: All dates are estimated and subject to change based on pending deliveries; we are anxiously awaiting firm delivery dates.

MESSAGE FROM

Our Sister Congregation

I write these words less than two weeks after the shocking events in Colleyville, Texas and just days after the reports of anti-Semitic flyers distributed in South Florida. Know that your extended family at Kehilat Har-El in Jerusalem sends our thoughts, prayers, support, and a COVID-free hug (!) at this difficult time for the American Jewish community.

The continuing pandemic has been, of course, a constant challenge. We were delighted that after a long hiatus, we had enough local bar/bat mitzvah kids who also signed up far enough in advance to hold a bar/bat mitzvah workshop (like

most Israeli Reform congregations, the overwhelming majority of bar/bat mitzvah kids are non-members, and their families register on average only four months before the date). This in-person group workshop, led by Rabbi Ada, is to supplement the one-on-one lessons with me, where parents and children study together subjects such as “Am I an Israeli Jew or a Jewish Israeli?”; “Shma Yisrael, Tallit, and T’filin;” the different streams of Judaism; women and Judaism; an introduction to the Jewish library; and more. As an added bonus this time around, five of the six families were for bat mitzvah ceremonies. This is a very rare occurrence, since in Israel, very few girls choose to mark their bat mitzvah by reading from the Torah, and instead have basically a sweet-sixteen party at age twelve. So, the dynamics of this female-majority workshop created a sisterhood and support network for these girls. Each of the girls is the only one in her class choosing to have a “real” bat mitzvah and not just a party, and one in particular shared how her Orthodox friend was simply bewildered as to how a girl could even fathom to choose to celebrate the occasion by reading from the Torah, let alone at a Reform synagogue. True pioneers, these young women!

Of course, the Omicron variant caught up to us, and a couple of hours after the Thursday workshop, the parents of one the participants shared that she tested positive for Covid. Moreover, that same girl also had her bat mitzvah lesson with me the hour before the workshop in my study. With the exposure so recent, an antigen test wouldn’t be accurate before Shabbat came, so Rabbi Ada and I went into isolation, contacted all

of our members, rushed to update our website as well as the sign outside the synagogue (since we often have walk-ins), and moved services to Zoom for the weekend. Lucky for everyone, and due greatly to strictly following all the Covid

guidelines during the workshop in our sanctuary and my one-on-one lessons (including masks, distancing, and open windows even when it’s close to freezing outside), the following Sunday both Rabbi Ada and I tested negative along with all the bar/bat mitzvah kids and their parents.

As a result, all of my bar/bat mitzvah tutoring is now over Zoom for the next few weeks, and the workshop has become virtual as well. Hopefully, this

will be only temporary until the end of this current Covid wave. But just like when reading Haftarah, one needs to conclude on a positive note (we Jews are eternal optimists). There is a positive spin on this as well. Now that we’re on Zoom, more of the parents participated than when we were in person, and it was even easier to get a group picture (see the accompanying photo) since no one had to worry about social distancing!

With my and Rabbi Ada’s best wishes for good health and our hope to see you soon here in Jerusalem,

Cantor Evan



Kehilat Har-El's online bat/bar mitzvah workshop

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Leo Krislav
March 5, 2022

Leo J. Krislav is a student in the IB program at Gulliver and a graduate of Rambam Day School. He's always a thoughtful, generous, helpful, smart, and kind young man. He enjoys participating in volunteerism, tennis, track, cross-country and lacrosse. Leo relishes biking with his friends, reading about history, playing board games, and spending time with his family. His parents, **Cristina** and **Roman**; his siblings, **Anya** and **Victor**; and his extended family, look forward to his becoming a Bar Mitzvah and celebrating together this special milestone.



Bella Hoch
March 5, 2022

Bella is in the 7th grade at Palmetto Middle School. She is a kind, thoughtful, and smart young woman with a witty sense of humor. Bella loves reading, doing puzzles, paddleboarding, being with friends and family, and spending her summers at Camp Tel Noar. Her parents, **Stacey** and **Jeremy**, and younger brother **Sam**, are incredibly proud of her always and look forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah.



Saar Musashi Mashav
March 12, 2022

Saar Musashi Mashav is a 7th grade student at Palmetto Middle School. He is an outgoing, fun-loving student who always stands up for what is right. Everyone knows him. His three dream occupations for the future are a police officer, a reptile breeder, and an athlete! He loves to take care of his animals (goats, geese, pigs, sheep, dogs, cat, and turtles) and enjoys being a competitive swimmer on the SoFlo Swim Team. His parents, **Yariv** and **Asuka (Esther)**, and his brothers, **Yitzhak** and **Natan**, are proud of him and excited to celebrate this special occasion.

MAZEL TOV TO...

Mara and **Adam Berger** on the birth of son **Maxwell Hudson Berger**, grandson of **Larry** and **Berna Pauker** and **Linda** and **Donald Berger**. Mazel Tov big brother **Harrison**, as well.

Sara and **Alexander Berkowitz**, on the birth of daughter, **Eva Rose Berkowitz**. Mazel Tov to siblings **Hunter** and **Aria**, as well.

Melissa and **J.J. Greenstein** on the birth of daughter, **Finley Eliza Greenstein**

Carolina and **Harvey Gurland** on the birth of granddaughter, **Eliza Harper MacGregor**

Carole and **Burt Redlus** on the birth of grandson **Eli Dade Redlus**

TEMPLE BETH AM PRESENTS

MINYANFEST

SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN OUTSIDE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 AT 10:30 AM

A SHABBAT of PEACE & MUSIC

WITH
RABBI JAIME AKLEPI
CANTORIAL SOLOIST JESSICA BASS
BILLY WHITMAN ON GUITAR
DEANNA WHITMAN ON KEYBOARD
And special guest vocalist **ANDREA KAY**

Minyan is back in person! Let's take it outdoors for a music festival in the beautiful "Florida winter" weather as we rejoice in song, prayer, and words of Torah together.

RSVP AT WWW.TBAM.ORG/MINYANFEST3

THE TBAM COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENT

The 25th Annual Putnam County SPELLING BEE



THE BEE IS BACK!

MAY 12TH AT 7:30 PM | MAY 15TH AT 2:00 PM | MAY 15TH AT 7:30 PM

Experience the drama and intrigue of...a middle school spelling bee?

After a 2 year delay, you won't want to miss our 4th annual spring musical production of this beloved slapstick comedy!

Brush up on your dictionary; you might be called up to the mic!

This musical contains content that
might not be suitable for young children.



SAVE-THE-DATE (FINGERS CROSSED!)



Temple Beth Am
AND
Rambam Day School

We want to **RECONNECT** *with* **YOU!**

Temple Beth Am, Rambam Day School at TBAM,
and our congregants are looking to connect with all Alumni.

This outreach includes Alumni of the Day School, Religious School, Youth Choirs/
Singing Groups, as well as Teachers, Administrators, and Staff.

Please add your name and contact information to our growing list of alums at

www.tbam.org/alumnielist

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.

The Alumni weekend initially scheduled for April 2022 will be postponed due to
extenuating Covid concerns. There will be events planned in the future where
everyone can gather and RECONNECT with friends and colleagues.

Please join us in celebrating 50+ years of Temple Beth Am Day School,
renamed the Rambam Day School, at the Annual Auction on April 30, 2022.

Visit tbam.org/annualauction to learn more.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

We're going to Israel!

TEMPLE BETH AM FAMILY TRIP TO ISRAEL

– June 12-23, 2022 –

Join Rabbi Barras as he leads our exclusive
TBAM Israel experience!

Experience the beauty, the history, and the spirituality of
The Holy Land with members of the Temple Beth Am community.

Includes tour of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, The Negev,
The Jordan Valley, and more!

For more information, including a full trip itinerary and pricing,
visit www.tbam.org/israel2022.





If you were inspired by Mitzvah Day to be more involved in your community, here are ongoing volunteer opportunities with information on how to sign up!

AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILIES

TBAM has “sponsored” two Afghan families, and there are so many ways to get involved in helping them to acclimate to our community.

Reach out to:

- Mark Buchbinder at buchbim@gmail.com
- Ilene Kossman at ilenekossman@gmail.com
- Rabbi Greengrass at rgreengrass@tbam.org

CAMILLUS HOUSE

This homeless shelter needs people to help in the kitchen on an ongoing basis. You must complete a volunteer application. Reach out to alessandral@camillus.org for more information.

DONATE CHILDREN'S BOOKS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

We collect books year-round for the Read to Learn Books for Free literacy initiative of The Children's Trust in partnership with Miami Book Fair at Miami-Dade College. The population they serve only needs baby books, first readers and picture books – no Jewish content or books for older readers, please. You can bring donations to the temple and simply deposit them in the collection bins in the main office.

Questions?

Contact Janice Baisman at jbaisman@tbam.org.

FOOD RESCUE

If you want to “rescue” food from Trader Joe’s or Whole Foods and take to one of several drop off locations, you can reach out to ellen@foodrescue.us or go to foodrescue.us and go to “Florida” and then click on “Be the Rescue” tab and sign up. You will be notified when food is available for pickup.

JCS KOSHER FOOD BANK

JCS Kosher Food Bank in North Miami is always looking for people to help clients when they come to shop in the store.

Visit jcsfl.org and click on “Volunteer”.

LEAP FOR LADIES

Ladies Empowerment and Action Program empowers women who have experienced incarceration through transformational opportunities, programs, service and advocacy. Help to “man” their thrift shop by emailing jeneva@leapforladies.org or mahlia@leapforladies.org or to help coach women on how to move forward to gain employment and assimilating back into the community.

This can be done virtually.

LOTUS HOUSE

This homeless shelter for women and children needs 3-5 people daily from 11 AM to 2 PM or 5 PM to 8 PM to assist with meal preparation and serving, daily organizing of closets, arts and crafts, assistance with tutoring or helping with homework for shelter residents.

Contact victoriav@lotushouse.org.

MIAMI RESCUE MISSION

They have been serving Miami-Dade and Broward Counties' Homeless population since 1922. If you are interested in volunteering, they are always looking for folks to prepare and serve breakfast at 10 AM or dinner at 3 PM.

Contact lnavarro@caringplace.org for more information.

RAC (RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER FOR REFORM JUDAISM)

For more than six decades, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) has worked to educate, inspire, and mobilize the Reform Jewish Movement to advocate for social justice. The RAC has helped activate the Jewish community in the key debates and mobilizations of each generation since its founding, from the civil rights movement to immigration reform. RAC-FL, a project of the RAC, is a grassroots, locally led organization which collectively organizes Reform Jewish congregations statewide to build a more just and compassionate Florida.

Temple Beth Am is actively involved with both the RAC and RAC-FL. Rabbi Greengrass and Jeff Agron serve on the Commission on Social Action, and Rabbi Greengrass is a member of the RAC-FL leadership team. Our Tikkun Olam Committee, led by Shelley Jacoby and Judy Cowan, continues to engage with the RAC. Temple Beth Am helped lead the fight in 2018 to successfully pass Amendment 4 in Florida to restore voting rights to former felons. In 2019, we successfully fought for the closing of the Homestead child detention center and in 2020, we worked to combat voter suppression and ensure that our own Beth Am community was civically engaged.

You are encouraged to get involved with RAC-FL in 2022, as we continue to fight for a more just and compassionate Florida. For more information, please contact Jeff Agron at jeffreyagron@me.com.

TBAM GARDEN SANCTUARY

Every month TBAM has a volunteer day to tend to our own community garden. Join us on our next volunteer day, Sunday, March 13 to garden at Temple Beth Am. It's therapeutic and rewarding to garden and watch our beautiful garden grow.

Reach out to gfrankel@thefrankelfirm.com.

WHISPERING MANES

Whispering Manes is a therapeutic riding program located in west Kendall. Help to groom horses and lead classes in riding as well as helping with some barn chores.

You can reach out to Robin or Helen Picard at hpicard@whisperingmanes.org.

RECOVERY

Through a Jewish Lens

We are meeting in-person and via Zoom.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
in Meeting Room 1 and via Zoom
Please RSVP.

Confidentiality is observed.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Aklepi jaklepi@tbam.org

Addiction is a disease and it's in the Jewish community. We are here to support recovery from addiction. We are working to eliminate the shame often felt by those struggling with addiction and their families. Through our education and addiction awareness programs we strive to end the stigma, so all Jews can feel they belong.

Recovery is strengthened through our support group and the exploration of Jewish traditions, wisdom, and texts. Our Addiction Support Group for the Jewish Community welcomes everyone who struggles with addiction and their loved ones.

Help is available to you; see the following resources:

Miami Recovery Project, www.miamirecoveryproject.org

Alcoholics Anonymous, Miami-Dade, www.aamiamidade.org

Narcotics Anonymous, www.namiami.org

Al-Anon (and Alateen), Miami-Dade, www.alanonsofla.org

Families Anonymous, www.familiesanonymous.org

JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Person and Significant Others) 212-632-4600

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) National Helpline, 24 hrs. 1-800-662-HELP (4357)



Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am presents...
Passover Cooking Class
Sunday, March 27th at 5:00 pm
 Outdoors on the Patio/Terrace at Temple Beth Am

Les Oppenheim, Catering by Les

*Learn how to cook delicious Passover dishes, and then enjoy eating them with the guys from Brotherhood! Featuring an interactive charoset competition where we'll judge your best version of charoset. **Plus suds, bubbly and spirits!***

\$25 for Brotherhood Members • \$36 for all other guys / Must RSVP by March 22nd

tbam.org/passovercooking

Save the Date! Sunday, April 10th
Annual Men's Seder



RITUAL REMINDERS

Here is YOUR monthly opportunity to perform the mitzvah of Jewish ritual!

THE JOY OF ADAR

We are now celebrating the month of Adar II. You may ask why there is an Adar II. In order for the lunar calendar to match the solar calendar, Passover to fall within the spring, Shavuot to fall within the summer, and Sukkot to fall within the fall, another month is added to the calendar. Therefore, that year becomes a leap year. That additional month is added before Adar and becomes Adar I. A leap year occurs seven times in a 19-year cycle, usually about every 3 years.

Adar is the happiest, most joyous month of the year. Its motto is *Mi'shenikhnas Adar, marbim b'simcha* or "When Adar arrives, joy increases." Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of Adar. However, if there is an Adar II, Purim must be celebrated in Adar II, as both Purim and Passover recount the deliverance of the Jewish people, and there is a bond between the two holidays.

We all know the story of Purim and its main characters: King Ahasuerus, Queen Vashti, Haman, Mordechai, and Esther. Every year we are told the story in our Purim spiel. However, there are two aspects we want to touch on: anti-Semitism and empowerment.

Purim means "lots," which meant that the lot in life for the Jewish people was to be destroyed on the 13th day of Adar. The reason is that Haman, an advisor to the King, was angry that Mordechai would not bow down to him. However, Mordechai was forbidden to bow down

to Haman. A Jew is commanded not to bow down to a descendant of Agag, the Amalekite King, and Haman fell into this category. Because of Mordechai's devotion to G-d and his refusal to bow, Haman became infuriated with the Jewish people. He told the King, "There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any other people and who do not obey the king's laws; and it is not in Your Majesty's interest to tolerate them, and they must be destroyed."

This edict was to occur on the 13th day of Adar. This is the first time in history where we start to see anti-Semitism.

When Esther found out about the plot, she knew that she needed to take charge. In order to build up her confidence and strength, Esther asked the Jewish people to fast for three days and nights on her behalf. Come what may, she would go to the King and try to intercede for her people.

Esther's empowerment from the strength of the Jewish people enabled her to intercede. When the King heard of the plot to kill not only Mordechai, the man who saved his life, but his entire nation, he ordered Haman to be impaled at the stake.

Thus, we celebrate the 14th day of Adar, as on this day we went from grief to joy.

There are five mitzvot that you can fulfill for Purim:

1. The Fast of Esther – This fast is from dawn to dusk. This year it is from 6:17 am to 7:54 pm on March 15th.
2. Listen to the Book of Esther – You can fulfill this by attending Temple Beth Am's Purim Spiel on March 16th.
3. Send food gifts to friends – This is known as mishloach manot. It is customary to send hamentaschen.
4. Giving charity to the poor – This is called matanot la'euyonim.
5. Eat a festive meal.

This year on Purim, let us remember the lot of what was supposed to happen and what actually happened, and let us celebrate with the joy that Adar brings.



Dear Sisters,

Dilia has challenged me to write this month's *Commentator* piece to practice for my future role. I much prefer to chat in person but recognize the need to express my thoughts in other ways. So here it goes...

I am thrilled that our Sisterhood has appealed to so many of you. We have worked very diligently to reach out and provide inclusive and interesting programming this year regardless of the challenges that present themselves on an ongoing basis.

During the month of March, we will observe Purim, a holiday where we recognize Esther, a courageous Jewish woman who saved the Jewish people from near destruction. Again, we are called upon to take care of others in need and to recognize our ability to see the light in questionable times. Together, our optimism is strong and our ability to support our TBAM and the greater community is even more expansive.

It is truly an honor and pleasure to serve our Sisterhood with each one of you. We are over 230 members strong. We have an immense capacity to make a positive difference in our world. I look forward to enjoying our time together at the many programs that are being scheduled including our multi-generational Sisterhood Seder on April 3rd.

Warmly,

SUSAN LAMPEN

MAKE YOUR OWN MIRIAM'S CUP

AN INTERACTIVE MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Personalize your Passover seder with your very own Miriam's Cup! Renowned mosaic artist and Sisterhood member Robyn Abrams will lead us in this art form, which is open to all levels!

"Mosaic Art allows you to explore the artist within by working with color, pattern, balance and design to create a timeless heirloom that is uniquely yours."

Learn more about Robyn's work at robynabramsmosaics.com.

– WORKSHOP CONSISTS OF TWO SESSIONS –

March 9th and 14th at 7:00 pm

Limit 20 women.

One-time fee of \$36 includes all materials.

We encourage you to bring your Miriam's Cup to our Intergenerational Women's Seder!

SAVE-THE-DATE

Sunday, April 3, 2022

This contemporary ritual object is placed on the seder table beside the cup of Elijah. It is filled with water to symbolize Miriam's Well, and honors the important contribution of women to our formative Jewish stories.

www.tbam.org/miriamscup

Thursday, March 3rd

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB:

***Run Me To Earth* by Paul Yoon**

7:00 PM | Zoom

Alisak, Prani and Noi—three orphans united by devastating loss—must do what is necessary to survive the perilous landscape of 1960s Laos. Spanning decades and magically weaving together storylines laced with beauty and cruelty, Paul Yoon crafts a gorgeous story that is a breathtaking historical feat and a fierce study of the powers of hope, perseverance, and grace. RSVP at tbam.org/bookclub

Monday, April 18th

MOVIE CLUB: ***Call Me By Your Name***

7:00 PM | Social Hall

It's the summer of 1983, and 17 year old Elio Perlman, played by Timothée Chalamet, is spending the days with his family at their villa in Italy. He soon meets Oliver, a handsome 24 year-old doctoral student played by Armie Hammer, who is working as an intern for Elio's father, a professor. Amid the sun drenched splendor of their surroundings, Elio and Oliver discover the heady beauty of awakening desire over the course of a summer that will alter their lives forever. Susan Lampen and Debbie Frank will facilitate our conversation. RSVP to tbam.org/movieclub

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.

www.tbam.org/sisterhood

Voices of Freedom

MULTIGENERATIONAL PRE-SEDER PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

2:00-4:30 PM

AT TEMPLE BETH AM

Note: Program will be postponed if we are not able to meet in person.



BRING YOUR DAUGHTERS

(age 9+), your mother, your grandmothers, your sister, your aunt, etc.! Appropriate for all the women in your family.

\$36 per adult

\$26 for attendees under age 21

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Everyone will receive a new Sisterhood Haggadah with ideas, information, reflections, and artwork.

We have a multitude of freedoms in our lives. How do our freedoms allow us to help others? Join us in celebrating how we can be present for others and make a difference in our community and our world.

SINGING • DANCING • MUSIC • CONVERSATION

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RSVP by March 20 to

www.tbam.org/sisterhoodseder



OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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

Time for Tanach, After the Torah

THE BOOK OF HOSEA

About fifteen years after Amos, a new prophet was heard in the northern kingdom of Israel, during the middle 8th century, BCE. The kings of Israel were involved in the politics of the times between Assyria and Egypt. The people fell back into idolatry, worshipping the images of the Golden Bull and offering sacrifices to the nature deities. Even the priests were not loyal to their tasks. They did not give the people instruction in the Torah or the knowledge of God. They did not raise their voices against the evils that filled the land with corruption, violence and injustice. Israel was collapsing from within. Hosea heard God's message calling him to be a messenger to the people. Hosea's task was to warn the people of the terrible punishment that would follow their evil practices. He spoke of the need of Israel's repentance, and God's love of healing mercy. He believed that if Israel would mend their ways and return to the paths of righteousness and decency, God would forgive them.

HOSEA'S STORY

Hosea teaches his message with a story about his personal life. He tells us that God asked him to marry Gomer, a promiscuous woman. This relationship became the metaphor for his message to the people. The text tells us that Hosea and Gomer had three children, but Gomer was unfaithful to him and sought other lovers. Because of his great love for her, he found her in a slave market, being sold by one of her lovers, and he purchased her and took her back home. He expressed God's relationship to Israel through this symbolic marriage. As Hosea had loved Gomer, so God loved Israel. As Gomer had forsaken Hosea for other lovers, so Israel had been unfaithful to God and Torah. But as Hosea could not abandon the wife he loved, God would not destroy Israel, but they would be sent into exile so that they would redeem themselves, and then God would restore them in the land.

CONCLUDING MESSAGE

Hosea believed that as he had taken back his unfaithful wife, God would take back Israel, purified through their suffering in exile. God and Israel would be reunited in a relationship of faithfulness and love.

*"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.
Now my anger has turned away from them...
And on that day it shall come to pass,
That you shall call Me, My husband...
I will betroth you to Myself forever,
In righteousness and justice, in loving kindness and in mercy."
On that day I will make a covenant for Israel...
You are My People, and My People shall say, You are our God."*

THE BOOK OF MICAH

The prophet Micah prophesied during the time of King Hezekiah, 739-693 BCE). This was a time of prosperity and wealth for the kingdom, but it was also a time of greed and unscrupulous competition. After writing most of the first three chapters of his book denouncing sin and predicting punishment, Micah then talks about a future vision for Judah. His quotes are very well known and universal, even though he is speaking to the people of the kingdom.

*"But in the last days it will come to pass,
That the mountain of God's house will be established...
And many nations will come and say:
Come let us go up to God's mountain...
And he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.
For out of Zion will go forth the law and the word of God from Jerusalem.
And he will judge among many peoples, and will decide among strong nations far off,
And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.
Each person will sit under his fig tree and vine, and none shall make them afraid."*

The other quote that has become universal comes from the times he would preach to the people of Jerusalem:

*"God has told you what is good and what the Eternal requires of you...
To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."*

THE BOOK OF ESTHER, MEGILLAT ESTHER

It is on Purim we read the book of Esther. It occurs on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar. This year we have two months of Adar, so Purim will be in the second Adar, on March 16-17. We are familiar with the story and the customs as we celebrate each year. Yet, the author of the book of Esther wrote many important ideas for us to consider. It is an adult story. Some scholars consider it an historical novel. You can find it in the third section of the Tanach, in the Writings. It is a story of the Jews of Persia living as a minority in a Diaspora hostile community. It is a story of anti-Jewish ideas, It a story that poses many dilemmas. There are many characters, heroes and villains. Yet there is no mention of God directly. I recommend you read Megillat Esther, the original text, and explore the enduring ideas it teaches us.

Chag Purim Sameach,

Lenore

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