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Don't miss our 4<sup>th</sup> annual spring musical production of this beloved slapstick comedy!

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6 Iyar

6:00 p.m. How 'bout Shabbat

Pre-Neg 6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Yom Ha'Atzmaut Shabbat Services

Saturday, May 7, 2022

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

Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Schachter 5:30 p.m.

Parashat Kedoshim

Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9: 7-15

28th day of the Omer Friday, May 13, 2022

13 Iyar

5:30 pm Kindergarten Shabbat Dinner and Service

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

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

Saturday, May 14, 2022

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

Bat Mitzvah of Charlie Jaffee 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Gold

Parashat Emor

Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23 Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Lag B'Omer, 33rd day of the Omer 18 Iyar

Friday, May 20, 2022 35th day of the Omer

20 Iyar

Pre-Neg 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Services with 10th Grade 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation

Saturday, May 21, 2022

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

Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Kapusta 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Raya Kempler

Parashat Behar Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2 Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27

Friday, May 27, 2022 42nd day of the Omer

27 Ivar

6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

**Saturday, May 28, 2022** 

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Minyan with

Bat Mitzvah of Brooklyn Schiffrin

Bar Mitzvah of Brett Packman 5:30 p.m.

Parashat Bechukotai

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#### Temple Beth Am

AND

Rambam Day School

# Temple Beth Am Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 21 Iyar 5782 4:00 pm

Join us as we review the 2021-2022 fiscal year and install our incoming Board of Directors for 2022-2023.

RSVP at www.tbam.org/annualmeeting



### FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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#### The Importance of Being on Campus

We have truly enjoyed the last couple of months since we have been able to remove almost all Covid regulations. Seeing families celebrate their simchas on campus again, watching our youth play basketball, and seeing our meetings and programs return (with food!) has been an incredible blessing. Over the past couple of years, we were forced to utilize technology in ways that we had never before dreamed. Who ever imagined we could have Zoom Seders or High Holy Day services? Who ever imagined a rabbi could host a runaway hit TV show from his house (ok, maybe not a runaway hit, but it was fun while it lasted!)? There is no doubt that the technological advantages that we discovered during Covid are here with us to stay. There are many wonderful new opportunities that we have found, and we will continue to take advantage of them.

There was however one drawback to the convenience of Zooming in from home that concerned clergy around the globe. Once Covid receded, would people return to campus? It has been really nice to see those who feel comfortable coming back to services, Torah study, and the multitude of other programs that happen at Beth Am. We have entered the age of hybrid programming, where some people are in attendance while others watch from home. While Covid still exists, it is important that people take the proper precautions in accordance with their own health requirements.

There is, however, a more philosophical question in Judaism about the importance of coming to campus versus the convenience of participating at home. In order to respond to this fair question, I would like to consider two examples from our tradition. We are aware of the biblical prohibition against working on Shabbat. The Talmud explains that there are thirty-nine different categories of work that are prohibited because they were the types of labor that were involved with

the building of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. During the week, the Israelites were busy running in different directions performing these various tasks. The Torah therefore outlawed those activities on Shabbat in order for people to cease from running in different directions and thus spend Shabbat together. The importance of Jews being together as a community on Shabbat was of paramount importance.

Another example comes from the pilgrimage festivals that used to take place in ancient times. Three times a year (Sukkot, Pesach, and Shavuot) Jews were obligated to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem from wherever they lived to offer their festival sacrifices. One might think that innkeepers could take advantage of the visitors by gouging their prices when everyone had to visit the holy city. However, we learn from our tradition that homeowners and innkeepers were required to make their spaces available to visitors at no charge. Jewish law recognized the importance of having the Jewish community together for such special occasions, so they removed all barriers that could limit participation.

We will continue to take advantage of all that technology has to offer. We are thrilled when people utilize their devices to participate in events they might not otherwise have been able to enjoy. Nevertheless, we should not minimize the importance of our interactions with each other and how they contribute to the health of our community. We are so blessed that our campus is back open, and we hope that whenever possible, you will come join us here in person!

L'Shalom.

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras Tuesday, May 10 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

How Jews Mourned President Lincoln The Shavuot Controversy of 1865

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 Jaime Aklepi jaklepi@tbam.org

May is back, along with all that May offers us! For two years we have waited for this month of graduations, birthdays, weddings, and Confirmation; in short, celebrations. We were extremely creative in our drive-by and distanced parties, video greetings sent far and wide, and of course my favorite, the Zoom bris. Now, back in person, we are evaluating the way we did things both pre-pandemic and during the pandemic, and maybe creating something new again. What I hope increases in our future celebrations is our gratitude.

Celebrations recognize the miracles that we may ignore. Children are born; they reach the age of bar/bat mitzvah and present themselves to the community as a leader; a young adult graduates high school or college. None of these moments should be taken for granted as "givens." A celebration holds greater meaning for us when we feel gratitude. Our sacred writings encourage us to celebrate as an act of gratitude. Our celebration is built on the notion that our accomplishments are shared work and shared joys. In Psalm 81:2-3 we read:

#### ָהַרְנִינוּ לֵאלֹהִים עוּזַנוּ הַׁרִיעוּ לֵאלֹהַי יַעִקְב: שֵׂאוּ־זַמְרָה וּתִנוּ־תַּף כָּנָוֹר נָעִים עִם־נֵבְל:

Sing out in celebration to the Lord who is our strength; call out to the Lord of Yaakov.

Rise up in song, play the drum, the pleasant harp and the navel!

God wants us to celebrate—practically commands it. Maimonides wrote in his Mishna Torah, commenting on the celebration of Sukkot, that one celebrates with one's full self, "How was this celebration observed? Flutes were sounded, and harps, lyres and cymbals were played. Anyone who could play an instrument, played it; anyone who could sing, sang. They danced, clapping hands and leaping, each one to the best of his ability." (Mishna Torah, Shofar, Sukkah and Lulay 8)

Sometimes, we cannot express our gratitude through celebration because we have trouble discerning when there is something to celebrate. A man once visited the Maggid of Mezeritch and said that he couldn't grasp the Talmudic dictum that we are meant to bless God for the bad times just as we bless Him for the good times (Brachos 54a). The Maggid told him to go visit his student Reb Zusha, who would explain it to him. The man went to Reb Zusha's house and was astonished at the family's dire poverty. They had almost no food, family members were sick, and there were many other challenges, but Reb Zusha welcomed him warmly and cheerfully.

"I asked the Maggid how it's possible to bless God for the bad times as we do for the good times," the visitor told Reb Zusha, "and he said that you would explain it to me." "I'm flattered," Reb Zusha replied, "but I'm afraid I can't help you. I've never experienced any bad times!" (As told by Rabbi Jack Abramowitz.)

Zusha might offer an extreme answer for many of us, but the concept remains the same. There is good in our lives; there are accomplishments and milestones to share and celebrate. Now that we have the understanding and the opportunity to offer thanks, let's come together and celebrate!

#### Rabbi Jaime Aklepi



Interested in learning more about clean eating, but not sure where to start?

Temple Beth Am invites you to check out our newest initiative, which seeks to provide resources and support for making better choices to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Join your fellow congregants as we embark on this health journey together!

Follow us on FaceBook at @TBAMPB&J for updates, and to learn how to get involved!



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Young dyoung@tbam.org

This month marks one year since I was sworn in as president of Temple Beth Am. It's been quite an eventful year!

Several past presidents advised me to remember the tag line from the old television show The Newlywed Game: "where you can always expect the unexpected ...."

I received a lot of good advice but probably none better than that. The unexpected happened within my initial few days: we had to find a new executive director.

My first boss was the former State Attorney Janet Reno. She taught me to have strength and courage when making tough decisions. I thought about her a lot those first days.

After meeting with our clergy and staff, I realized how incredible an organization we have. Until we could get an interim executive director in place, it would be up to all of us, working together, to keep Beth Am moving forward. Everyone rallied, and we overcame that difficult period. Temple Beth Am is stronger for it.

I then called our former executive director, **Bob Hersh**, to come back and take control until a new permanent person could be found. It was like Bob never left. He and the entire staff are unbelievable! Thank you, Bob. You are an invaluable member and a true friend to Beth Am.

Our mission is for Beth Am to meet the spiritual, educational, social, and cultural needs of its members and be a positive contributor to our community. Our permanent executive director had to help us fulfill that mission.

My vision for this person was clear: we needed a person with experience running a major operation. In addition to being our spiritual home, Beth Am is also a multi-million dollar enterprise. The new executive director also had to have experience opening new buildings. One of our members helped us connect with **Neil Kurlander**. Neil's experience at the Frost Museum made him the perfect fit for Temple Beth Am. He helped run that large enterprise, which also opened a huge new facility. We are so fortunate to have Neil on board.

While all this was going on, Beth Am kept improving in other ways. Thanks to our Beyond the Curve leadership, we opened a magnificent new day school building right in time to begin the new school year. And thanks to our construction team and Beyond the Curve team, we were right on budget. Then, we broke ground on "The Hub," our new cultural center, performing arts venue, and premier basketball facility.

Dealing with the pandemic has also been quite a challenge. Our

Covid Task Force, including highly qualified medical professionals, has literally been a lifesaver. This pandemic has had a major physical and psychological effect on everyone. But keeping everyone safe, regardless of the pressures put on us, was our chief concern. I am proud of how we kept everyone safe. No one, to the best of my knowledge, ever got infected by Covid as a result of our decisions.

Now we are slowly getting back to our routines at Beth Am. Shabbat services, Torah study, and minyan are live and in person. We have reinstituted the pre-neg and we are having after-service socials. Our sisterhood and brotherhood are once again engaged in robust programming. And we are finally able to say once again that there is something going on here on campus almost every day. Our Covid Task Force continues to monitor the latest health information in case adjustments need to be made in the future.

We also had a major change in the clergy. **Rachelle Nelson**, our Senior Cantor for 29 years, retired and is now Cantor Emerita. We conducted a nationwide search and welcomed a new Senior Cantor, **Tifani Coyot**. Her voice and her passion for everything Jewish brought new energy to our synagogue. So many of you have still only heard her through a screen. Please come listen in person. You will leave inspired, with a smile on your face. What a wonderful way to begin Shabbat.

Our clergy continues to impress me. They invent creative ways to connect to G-d regardless of platform. They teach new ways to understand Torah. And they help those dealing with medical issues, mental illness, and addiction. There is nothing our Rabbis and our Cantor won't do. They are indeed a blessing to all of us.

Our Tikkun Olam Committee and the Social Justice Initiative have been working nonstop to help repair our broken world. We conducted several food drives, we adopted two refugee families from Afghanistan, we helped rescue children in Odessa through the Tikva House, and we undertook over ten projects locally on our highly successful Mitzvah Day. We are indeed making the world a better place.

I want to mention how grateful I am to the Management Team: **Richard Siegel,** our Executive Vice President; **Alex Krys,** our Treasurer; **Rabbi Barras;** and Executive Director **Neil Kurlander.** I am also in debt to our Executive Board, the Big Board, and all the lay leadership who put in so many hours to help Beth Am thrive. Your devotion to Beth Am inspires me daily.

When I look out over our campus after this year, one building now completed and another rising, I keep hearing the Debbie Friedman melody *Im tirtzu ein zo agadah*. Based on a Zionist quote attributed to Theodor Herzl, this phrase has been translated as: "If you will it, it is no dream." Our new school building and The Hub may have started as a dream—one shared by clergy and so many of our lay leaders. But Beth Am willed them into being.

Our best days are ahead of us, but only if you are a part of the excitement. As I said when I assumed this position, Beth Am changed my life for the better. Let it change yours, too. If you would like to get involved or have any questions (compliments are also welcome), please email me at Dyoung@tbam.org

Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity.

#### David

#### MAZEL TOV TO

**Sheri** and **Steve Lieberman** on the birth of grandson Andrew Henry Heaps

**Drs. Diane Krieger** and **Bruce Kohrman** on the engagement of son **Sam Kohrman** to Michelle Dannenberg and the engagement of son **Max Kohrman** to Emily White. Mazel Tov to grandmother **Ruth Krieger**, as well.

Cantor Rachelle Nelson on the marriage of her daughter Leah Saunders to Jesse Goldstein

**Jason James, MD,** on being recently elected President of the Medical Staff at Baptist Hospital of Miami for an initial term of two years. He has served on the executive medical staff for the previous four years, and was Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for the four years preceding that.



Ella Barras Bailey Fefferman Luiz Gandelman Cameron Gussin Daniel Lang Louis Leibowitz
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Alexa Silva
Natalie Sochin

Carrie Zimmett

Confirmation *Shabbat* Celebration Friday, May 20, 6:30 in the evening

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

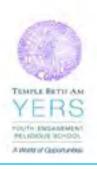
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# **MEMBERSHIP**

Rita Diaz Membership Director rdiaz@tbam.org



Dear Temple Beth Am Community,

I am looking forward to sharing a new year filled with hope and a full heart 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 very grateful for the past 22 years getting to know you and your families. 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 if 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 www.tbam.org/chavurah for more information and please 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 that 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 years. You will also help us to meet the financial obligations connected with maintaining consistent superior service by joining or re-joining one of our Committee of 100 levels this year. We are counting on you now more than ever!

Thank you for your continued commitment, your generosity, and support. With gratitude and love,

Membership Director

Jeremy Barras, Senior Rabbi Rachel Greengrass, M.A.R.E., Rabbi Jaime K. Akleni, D.D., Rabbi Tifani Coyot, M.A.R.E., Cantor Rachelle F. Nelson, D.M., Cantor Emerita Herbert M. Baumgardz"l, D.H.L., D.D., Founding Rabbi Emeritus

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#### Friday, May 6 at 5:45 p.m.

A special musical Shabbat service led by Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantorial Soloist Jackie Berney.

Enjoy a wonderful interactive Shabbat service, a deliciously catered Shabbat dinner and listen to the story of Catboy, Owlette, Gekko, Luna Girl and Night Ninja.

Creative arts and crafts tables!

Wine bar for parents and grandparents.

Questions? Call Rita Diaz at 305.323.9322

Adults: \$25
Children 2+ years old \$15
RSVP A MUST – www.tbam.org/pjmasks





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#### A YEAR IN REVIEW

Happy and young faces returning to campus... Welcoming new families moving from all over the country... State-of-the-art learning facility just inaugurated!

As Rabbi Wolfe said in an interview, "There may have been no better time in history than the present to be a Jew." "In another way, this is the golden age of the Jewish people," he said. "There are more safe, productive, excelling, able Jews in the world today than probably at any time in history, and I think that that's an incredible and wonderful achievement."

May is a special month. We are planning our summers and preparing for the next school year, but May is also a month of many celebrations and goodbyes.

Our MNC program has had a terrific year as a space for teens to meet, socialize, and strengthen relationships with one another while exploring their Jewish identity and ties to Israel.

Shevet Achim and Rosh Chodesh, our monthly gender-based programs led by Jeff Agron and Sumiko Zayon respectively, have gathered 8th and 9th grade students in a journey of introspection and identity search.

Our Social Justice Teen Fellowship has mobilized our upper classmen to live a life of Tzedek, justice; to look at the world with Jewish and moral eyes, and to act. Whether through juvenile justice, homelessness, disability rights, ecology, gender-based issues, economic or racial justice, our fellows were exposed to a world bigger than themselves and they were able to move out of their comfort zones.

Our Confirmation class, together with a significant number of 11th grade students, experienced Memphis, the cradle of the civil rights movement, and returned home with a deep understanding of racial issues, economic justice, and white privilege.

Our young learners, Pre-K to 6th grade, continued to explore Judaism through age-appropriate and interactive activities, bringing Judaism to life. Young BAFTY programs and outings offered our Religious School and Day School students an opportunity to get to know each other, to experience Judaism and create long-lasting bonds.

My cup is full. I am overwhelmed by the sight of our children and teens learning and enjoying the religious school experience. I am grateful for the dozens of parent volunteers, our YERS Board, the leadership team, and the clergy, who have supported our efforts and our mission.

Judaism is not a subject to be taught, but to be lived. This summer, don't shy away from Judaism...welcome it every Friday when you sit down together for dinner. Bless your children, sing songs, ask them to look for information on their phones, attend services wherever you go, discuss current events, practice spelling Hebrew words, guessing what word comes next in a particular prayer... Don't stop your Jewish journey! There is no end to it.

I look forward to seeing you at Confirmation Service on May 20 and at our End-of-the-Year Religious School program on May

B'Ahava.

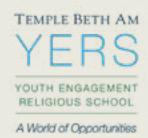
**Tamara** 

#### A Sincere Todah to the Greater Miami Jewish Foundation

We acknowledge the Greater Miami Jewish Federation for its support of our Religious School. Through its Congregational School Scholarship Fund, we are able to extend a quality Jewish education to all families, regardless of their ability to pay. We are truly one community that provides a myriad of ways to express and articulate our Jewish identities. We appreciate this funding initiative from the GMJF.



Sumiko Zayon Youth Engagement Director szayon@tbam.org



#### **FOCUS ON YOUTH**

Collaboration is key for strengthening and growing teens' Jewish community bonds. For Purim, BAFTY and JSU programs came together as one to celebrate Judaism during Monday Night CHAI. It was wonderful welcoming Jewish teens from neighboring high schools to partake in an activity together. We are looking forward to future collaborations.

"Since the very first time Sumiko and I met we noticed we had so much in common! You may be thinking how we are both Spanish, and pretty short. I'm talking about our shared passion for Jewish education, and strong mission of inspiring teens. This Purim, we came together and created a wonderful BAFTY & JSU program, where the teens didn't simply learn a message, and heard about the power of unity, but lived it themselves! The smooth collaboration of both organizations transcended the lesson from mere theory, into making the miracle of Purim tangible."

**Lea M. Bekhar**Director of Latin NCSY
and Director of Private School JSU Miami



With the reduction of Covid cases in our area, our campus has reopened its doors, and YERS has been able to offer outings and in-person experiences to our youth. BAFTYK2 celebrated Purim and Passover with the religious school. BAFTY34 and the day school's BAFTY5 enjoyed an unforgettable dance off. Our 3rd and 4th graders from both schools participated in the fantastically popular "Everything but The Sleepover" which took place off-campus as part of the Eco Adventure program at AD Barnes Park. The children engaged in an interactive shabbat, enjoyed an educational night walk and had fun around the fire pit while singing and roasting marshmallows. Our students also learned the basics of archery and discussed ways in which this practice can be related to Judaism.

Here some of my favorite quotes from our talk:

- "In archery we aim for the bull's eye, in Judaism we aim for our holidays, our Bar/Bat Mitzvah."
- "You need to practice a lot to be a good archer, we need to learn a lot to be a good Jew."
- "To start the practice, you need to be ready, and you prepare for that, we also need to prepare for Shabbat."

During the month of May, we are organizing off-campus activities for BAFTY5 and BAFTY6. Our high school BAFTY group is about to conclude their digital campaign to raise money for Camp Jenny. Thank you to all our supporters for being part of the change within our community.

The YERS Department is proud to prepare all of our K-12 children to be better Jews by showing them how fun and relevant Judaism can be.

#### Sumiko





# **PROGRAMMING**

Andrea LeVine Kay Program Director akay@tbam.org





The Telling: How Judaism's Essential Book Reveals the Meaning of Life

by Mark Gerson

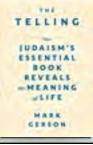
Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Have you ever wondered that there might be something more to Passover, the Seder and in the Haggadah—something that just might hold the secrets to living the life of joy and meaning that you were intended to?

The Telling will enable you to see what the Haggadah really is: The Greatest Hits of Jewish Thought. This understanding will enable you to provide your guests with the most interesting, insightful and practically helpful night of the year—with teachings and lessons that will continue to brighten in the year to come.

RSVP: www.tbam.org/readingrabbi for Zoom login info











# SUNDAY SALON

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

**MAY 15, 2022** 

#### **OBSERVING ISRAEL'S 74TH INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The Second Exodus: The Clandestine Jewish Immigrants to Palestine from Muslim States Prior to Israel Independence

In part 2 of a 2-part series from the **Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami**, we welcome **Lyn Julius**, Founder of Harif, UK Association of Jews from Middle East and North Africa, and **Dr. Haim Saadon**, Ben-Zvi Institute (Jerusalem) in conversation with **Professor Henry Green**, Founder of Sephardi Voices. Aliya Bet was the illegal immigration of Jewish refugees during WWII, desperate to run the British shipping blockade to reach Palestine. Jewish communities in Egypt and Iran played their part in helping refugees escape. At the time, most immigrants to *Eretz Israel* were Ashkenazim from Europe, but a trickle of Jews entered Palestine from Arab countries, either as individuals or in small groups. The great *aliyot* of entire communities, such as those of Yemen and Iraq, were not to take place until after 1948 when Israel flung its gates open. But clandestine immigration continued, for example from Morocco: the problem was no longer the British refusing to let Jews in, but Arab countries refusing to let them out.



#### LYN JULIUS, Founder of Harif, UK Association of Jews from Middle East and North Africa

Lyn Julius is a journalist, blogger, and speaker. The

British-born daughter of Iraqi - Jewish refugees, her work has appeared in JNS News, Times of Israel, Jewish Chronicle, Haaretz, Fathom, The Guardian, etc. Her book Uprooted: How 3,000 Years of Jewish Civilisation in the Arab World Vanished Overnight (Vallentine Mitchell, 2018) has been translated to Norwegian, Portuguese and Arabic.







#### DR. HAIM SAADON, Ben-Zvi Institute (Jerusalem)

A professor at the Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies at the Open

University and the Director of The Center for Documentation on North-African Jewry During World War II at The Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East in Jerusalem. He is the founding Editor of the Jewish Communities in the East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries series of books at The Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem; and received numerous honors including the Shaul Ben-Simhon prize from Ben-Gurion University (2021); The Gaon Prize for research of the North African Jewish Heritage and the President's prize in honor of President Yitzhak Ben Zvi for Research of the communities in the East.



#### DR. HENRY A. GREEN, Founder of Sephardi Voices, Moderator

A Professor of Religious Studies at the University

of Miami and former Director of the Judaic/ Sephardi Studies Program, he is the founder of Sephardi Voices, a digital audio-visual archive project to document the exodus of Jews from Arab countries post World War II. The archive will be hosted by the National Library of Israel and available for all without cost. Dr. Green testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in Washington D.C. on the topic of truth, justice, and reconciliation for Jewish refugees from Arab countries, and serves on several boards for Sephardi-related organizations. His most recent book, co-authored with Richard Stursberg, Sephardi Voices: The Untold Expulsion of Jews from Arab Lands (2022) was just released and provides hundreds of portraits of interviewees and unseen photos of life in Arab lands.



### DAY SCHOOL

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#### RAMBAM STUDENTS FIXING THE WORLD

At Rambam Day School, we incorporate *brit kavod*, or value-based behavior expectations, into our curriculum. Each Rosh Chodesh introduces a different *midah* and concept. We teach our students that values need to be seen as verbs and not nouns. Thus, it isn't just about understanding our values, but implementing them in our daily lives. Values should be so central to our lives that they should not change, whether others are watching or not. This can be seen as a moral imperative in our world today.

When students understand the values of our school, they evolve rather than simply comply with rules. We integrate values into our students' lives, thereby instilling a lifelong foundation of empathy, care, and service to others. We hope to foster a growth mindset in our students and develop reasonable expectations starting with our youngest learners. By the time our students graduate fifth grade, they have learned to be accountable to themselves and others, and they have learned to communicate and collaborate with parents, teachers, and peers to better the world around them.

This month, we celebrate the *midah* of Tikkun Olam: fixing the world. Through this *midah*, we "find ways to take action in ways that impact change for the better." In modern day, Tikkun Olam has come to connote social action. It means to do something with the world that will not only fix any damage, but to also improve upon it. Through Tikkun Olam, we create meaning, harmony, and beauty.

At Rambam, one of the ways in which we model Tikkun Olam is through our monthly dress-down days. Our Student Council members choose a theme—anything from pajama day to crazy hair day—and with that, a charity for which to raise money. Students may bring \$1 in order to come to school dressed in that day's theme. All money raised goes to that month's chosen charity. Rambam students have raised money for countless

nonprofit organizations, including the Steven Sotloff Memorial 2Lives Foundation, Paws4You, and the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization. We encourage students to "earn" the dollar they bring to school to participate in the dress-down day. Perhaps they might complete a chore at home, such as walking the dog, helping to fold laundry, clearing or setting the dinner table, or helping a younger sibling with homework.

Right now, the world is focused on the human tragedy that is unraveling in Ukraine. As you might know, Temple Beth Am has a special connection to Ukraine through its relationship with Tikva Children's Home, a Jewish orphanage and school in Odessa that houses and schools orphaned Jewish students from all over the Soviet Union. Several years ago, Beth Am adopted Tikva as a sister school, and we have a wonderful relationship with their community.

In light of the current situation in Ukraine, Tikva has been in desperate need of our support, and Rambam students have answered their call. In March, Rambam held a special dress-down day in which students could wear blue and yellow and bring in money to support Tikva Children's Home. Our school community raised nearly \$2000—a school record—for Tikva. It was a moving and heartwarming display of Tikkun Olam from our families.

The situation in Ukraine is complex, especially for our young learners, but each and every one of them understands their moral obligation to "fix the world" in ways big and small. They see the value of coming together as a community to do their part for the greater good.

Nora

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# MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Nicole Schachter May 7, 2022

**Nicole** is a 7th grade Honor student at Palmer Trinity School. Nicole enjoys soccer, camp, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. Her parents, **Adam** and **Betty**, and siblings, **Jonah** and **Lauren**, are extremely proud of Nicole and can't wait to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.



Charlie Jaffee May 14, 2022

Charlie is a graduate of Rambam Day School and a current 6th grader at Ransom Everglades. She enjoys playing soccer with her club travel team and basketball on the varsity Ransom Everglades basketball team. Charlie also enjoys spending her summers in the Berkshires at Camp Taconic. While not busy with sports, Charlie loves hanging out with her friends and family. Her parents, **Rob** and **Alison**, and brother, **Luke**, are very proud of her and look forward to celebrating her special day.



Sophie Gold May 14, 2022

**Sophie** is a 7th grade Honor student at Gulliver Preparatory and a Rambam Day School graduate. Sophie enjoys traveling, the beach, skiing, spending time with friends, and summers at Blue Star Camp. Sophie is a current volunteer and is helping to raise awareness and funds for Children's Resources as her mitzvah project. She is a thoughtful, intelligent, sweet, caring, and kind young woman. Her parents, **Steve** and **Avi**, and her big brother, **Aaron**, are very proud of her and are looking forward to celebrating Sophie's Bat Mitzvah.



Lucas Kapusta May 21, 2022

**Lucas** is a graduate of Rambam Day School and is currently a 6th grade student at Riviera Preparatory Schools. He is passionate about soccer and tennis and plays at the Atletico de Madrid and Riviera's tennis team. Lucas also loves spending time with his friends and family and reading all news related to sports. His parents, **Geraldine** and **Claudio**, and his younger brother, **Tommy**, are so proud of Lucas' big heart and caring for the others and excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah.



Raya Kempler May 21, 2022

**Raya**, a graduate of Rambam Day School, is a 7th grade National Honor Society student at Palmetto Middle School. Raya has a fierce passion and talent for playing soccer. She loves being with her friends and spending summers at sleep away camp. Raya is truly a one-of-a-kind, smart, funny, kind, and amazing person. She is always smiling and brings joy to everyone around her. Raya's parents, **Lauren** and **Ilan**, and older brother, **Jonah**, are so proud of all that Raya has accomplished and can't wait to see what the future holds for her.



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# BLUE J'S AFTER SCHOOL

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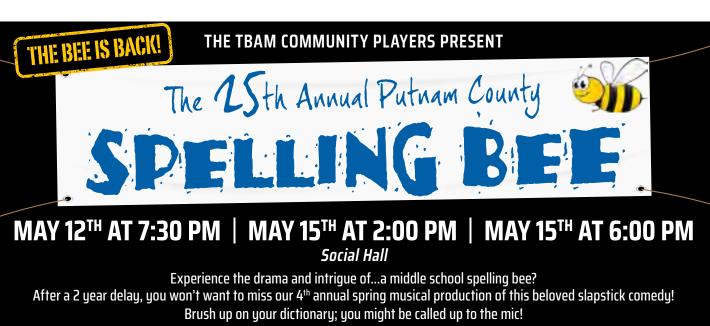
Under the leadership of Coach Craig Mankoff of Rambam Day School, Blue J's After School will offer a variety of age-appropriate sports, classes and clubs. From Spanish and debate, to basketball and soccer, Blue J's will be the school's one-stop shop for all of our students' after-school activities.

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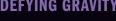
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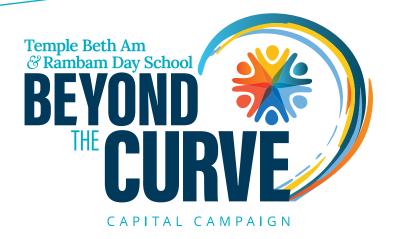
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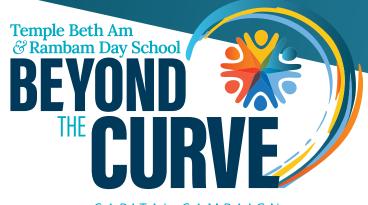


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Questions? Contact Ilana Gilat at igilat@tbam.org or 786.364.9429



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Change is in the Air

Construction continues to move along at a rapid pace while our school and campus activities are bustling.

The projected completion date for The Hub is in mid-spring 2023.

We have currently raised \$50M of our \$55M campaign. Thank you to our 424 donor families who have stepped up and helped make our dream into a reality.

#### **MORE HUB HIGHLIGHTS...**

School Lunchroom (converts into a beautiful celebration space)

**Instruction Pool (for summer camp)** 

Top Nosh Café (grab a coffee, a bite, or just schmooze)

Adult Reading Room (take advantage of all our adult learning opportunities)



Help us get to the finish line!

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#### Dear Sisters,

It's incredible to me that my term as Sisterhood president is coming to an end. When I took on this role two years ago, I had absolutely no idea what to expect or what was expected of me other than to try to lead this dedicated group of women. What I put into it in no way compares to what I have received. I've learned to work with women from all walks of life. I've grown to understand that leading is not about being the boss, it's about having the ability to ensure that all Sisters are heard with respect and empathy. It's about finding a way to come together to accomplish a group goal. I've come to realize that mistakes can be corrected and that the world will not end. The journey has been one of growth filled with laughter and sometimes tears. Most importantly, this journey has brought me to the realization that as Sisters, we will be there for each other under all circumstances.

There are so many people to thank who have helped me along the way. First of all, thank you Rabbi Jaime Aklepi for your continuous support and religious guidance. Besides the Torah studies, your guidance in our Cultural Competency discussions has been invaluable. I will always think of you as my rabbi, and also as my friend.

Andrea LeVine Kay, thank you for always listening when needed, thank you for your calming thoughts during the harried moments, and the biggest thank you for your programming skills and organization. Your ability to know the right vibe for each event is priceless. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the years to come.

Aida Littauer, you are the backbone of this group, always taking care of things quietly and effectively. Your experience and knowledge along with everything else you do is too long to list. I just know that you have made me look good time and time again. Your partner, Neil Littauer, needs to be thanked as well for helping Sisterhood with all the computer related issues. Neil, you will be missed!

Last but not least, **THANK YOU** to the amazing women who served on the board, as well as those women who worked on programs even though they weren't on the board. We welcome ALL sisters to participate and hope that more will join in on the fun in the upcoming year. I could not have done any of this without you and I truly appreciate your efforts and input.

Susan Lampen will be our next president and I know she will lead with a vision to keep this organization fresh with new ideas. She will work to maintain the legacy of L'dor v'dor so that the present Sisters lead the way for the future generations of Beth Am women. My very first Commentator article ended with the following quote, and I feel it's so appropriate to end my last article with the same quote:

"Sisterhood exists for each and every one of us; together, we are stronger." – PAMELA LEAR

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to a fabulous 2022-2023 year.

With much love,

**DILIA GROSSMAN**, Sisterhood President

#### Please enjoy a sample of our Miriam's Cup project and our Casa Valentina Garden Stone Mitzvah Day Project.

Many thanks to Robyn Abrams, mosaic artist and educator and her outstanding team of Sisterhood assistants: Janet Kelfer, Nancy Billings, Aida Littauer, Susan Golinsky, Joyce Spar, Marlene Kohn, and Judy Cowan.

Please join us in the future; we had a fantastic, truly "feel good" time.

Warmly,

**SUSAN LAMPEN** 

Miriam's Cup project for Multigenerational Women's Pre-Seder



Mitzvah Day project for Casa Valentina Garden

#### www.tbam.org/sisterhood



# THE ART OF (NO MEAT) CHARCUTERIE

How to Create Stylized Appetizer Platters

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022** 

Check In: 6:15 PM - Program: 6:45 PM

Social Hall

Join The Fashionable Hostess, Amanda Gluck, along with Chef Cindi Avila for a hands-on lesson on how to create beautiful savory and sweet boards for all occasions and themes.

\$36 includes a light meal and drinks!

RSVP today at www.tbam.org/endofyear

We will not be accepting reservations after May 14<sup>th</sup>, so grab your spot today!

and pay tribute to our outgoing president, Dilia Grossman!

# Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB 7:00 PM | Zoom

Judith Davidoff will lead our discussion of **Klara and the Sun** by Kazuo Ishiguro.

From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.

In Klara and the Sun, Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love?

RSVP at tbam.org/bookclub

# KAZUO ISHIGURO

#### THANK YOU!

Our **Multi-Generational Women's Pre Seder** was a smashing success! Thanks to all of the incredible women and girls who joined us for this incredibly special afternoon, and to the brilliant team of Sisters who worked tirelessly to plan such a meaningful and memorable event.











# 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.



# MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

After two years of being basically closed to the world, the COVID situation is stable enough to enable Israel to finally open its gates and welcome everyone back with open arms (and PCR tests and masks)! We've missed seeing our fellow Reform Jews from around the world and are simply delighted be "back in business" as a center for Reform Jewish life not only for Israelis, but for our brothers and sisters overseas.

It began with Purim, where we held our first in-person megillah reading since 2020 due to COVID. Given that we were in the

middle of unseasonably bitter cold weather with the windows wide open for ventilation, plus the obligation to wear protective mask indoors (limiting your Purim costume options), we planned on a modest crowd. How mistaken we were. With so much tsuris in our lives, people need the escape from reality that Purim provides, and we literally ran out of chairs for people to sit. And we ran out of hamantaschen (and liquor!).

Then the following week, for the first time in two years we had three overseas b'nai mitzvah in one week; one girl and two boys. For two of the three families, not only was it their second time celebrating with our congregation, but they also had their originally scheduled ceremonies with us cancelled due to COVID due to the closure of Israel's borders. So, being able to finally celebrate in person was extra special.

Likewise, I honestly think that one of the families called in a divine favor or had some help "behind the scenes" concerning the weather. This was for our third family that week, scheduled for Thursday, March 24. Although it can rain, late March is more or less the tail of the rainy season here in Israel. Well, March 2022 went down as one of the coldest and wettest on record, and it even snowed the week before! The forecast for that Thursday was low 40s F, stormy, with wind and hail, so obviously we needed to recalibrate. Since their ceremony had already been postponed once due to COVID, holding the bar mitzvah at the egalitarian section of the Kotel was a must. Friday morning was out of the question due to the Jerusalem marathon (also held in bitter cold and in the rain). So, that left Wednesday morning, which was already taken by another family at 10:30 a.m.. Wednesday was scheduled to be cold as well, but stormy only from the early afternoon. Lucky for everyone the 10:30 a.m. family didn't want to take any chances and asked us to start at 8:30 AM, to which we gladly agreed, since it then allowed us to move Thursday's family to Wednesday at 10:30 a.m..

Indeed, the sun was shining for the 8:30 AM, but by 10:30 a.m. for our second bar mitzvah, the storm clouds started to slowly roll in. Rabbi Ada's and my umbrellas were at the ready, the wind picked up and the temperature dropped, but the rain held off until the last verse of the bar mitzvah's Torah reading. Then, the moment he concluded, two to three very large rain drops plopped on to the scroll. Almost as if to say, "Hurry up guys, I can't hold the rain back much longer!" With Rabbi Ada holding an umbrella over me, I quickly rolled up the scroll and placed

it under the table to keep it dry. The raindrops suddenly ceased, but as soon as we finished singing "Hatikvah" the skies turned dark. The family rushed to take a few photos with the Torah, and as soon as I got it back in my hands, it began to drizzle. And indeed, the floodgates were about to open. While Rabbi Ada and I waited for a taxi back to the synagogue, it then began to hail! Not Egyptian plague size (so you know I'm

not exaggerating this story), but hail nonetheless. Then while in the taxi, an honest downpour began, exactly 15 minutes after we concluded the bar mitzvah...indeed divine providence.

The icing on the cake for that same week, however, was celebrating the birth of our congregation's newest members, Aya and Ziv Sharon-Avital early Friday afternoon, March 25. Aya and Ziv were born two months ago, but due to COVID, the celebration was postponed. Their mother, Dana, is a newly ordained Reform rabbi who did her internship at Har-El as a rabbinic student. Upon completing her internship, she didn't want to end the connection with our community and soon joined as a dues-paying member. Although she's now a rabbi with her own congregation, Har-El is still her spiritual home and, together with her husband Shai, she asked Rabbi Ada and me to officiate at the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony, she asked that we send her a photo of us all together so she could post it on social media (it's the photo attached to this article). The translation of her caption on her Facebook page was: "In the photo: Rabbi Ada, Cantor Evan, and two of the cutest members of Kehilat Har-El, and their new babies. Shabbat Shalom!" Shabbat Shalom indeed!

With Rabbi Ada's and my hope to welcome you back soon to Israel, Jerusalem, and Kehilat Har-El,

#### **Cantor Evan**



- NEW INITIATIVE -

# Prison Visits

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022** 

TBAM women visiting women in the Everglades facility.

Date TBD for TBAM men visiting the men's facility.

TBAM is participating in a new project with E4C (Exchange for Change, which offers writing classes to the incarcerated in Miami, and statewide), working in partnership with the **Frederick Douglass Project for Justice**, the nation's foremost prison visitation and conversation program. It facilitates structured meetings and respectful conversations between those on the outside and those on the inside. The goal is to foster a real understanding of incarceration, a recognition of humanity of incarcerated people, and an appreciation for the potential for human change. We will be visiting to have real conversations!

There is a limit to the number of people allowed, so please reach out to Rabbi Greengrass or Shelley Jacoby (shelleymayjacoby@gmail.com) if you are interested. If the visits in May are closed, there is an opportunity to do this regularly.



#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES**

presents

### Kerri Stone

Panes of the Glass Ceiling: The Unspoken Beliefs Behind the Law's Failure to Help Women Achieve Professional Parity

#### TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 7:00 PM

- Chapel -

Join us in conversation with TBAM congregant and Professor of Law at the FIU College of Law, Kerri Stone, as she shares her recently published book.



More than fifty years of civil rights legislation and movements have not ended employment discrimination. This book reframes the discourse about the "glass ceiling" that women face with respect to workplace inequality. It explores the unspoken, societally held beliefs that underlie and engender workplace behavior and failures of the law, policy, and human nature that contribute "panes" and ("pains") to the "glass ceiling." Each chapter identifies an "unspoken belief" and connects it with failures of law, policy, and human nature. It then describes the resulting harm and shows how this belief is not imagined or operating in a vacuum, but is pervasive throughout popular culture and society. By giving voice to previously unvoiced — even taboo — beliefs, we can better address and confront them and the problems they cause.

RSVP at tbam.org/kerristone

#### **ONGOING INITIATIVES**

#### LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

Interested in going to visit their Senior program for lunch and activities and/or donating items for the safety and well-being of their constituents?

Please reach out to Tina Forster (tinalforster@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **TBAM'S AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILIES**

We continue to support two wonderful Afghan refugee families.

To find out what you can do to help, please reach out to Ilene Kossman (ilenekossman@gmail.com) or Mark Buchbinder (buchbim@gmail.com)



Religious Action Center

The last week in February was the Jewish Disability Advocacy week, sponsored by The Jewish Federations of North America and the Religious Action Center (RAC). Some of our Beth Am members attended a series of online events over two days learning about the rights of disabled persons and what we can do to help them.

If you would like to take positive, non-partisan action for disability rights on a federal level, these are some things that you can do today. - Jeff Agron

#### **ABLE AGE ADJUSTMENT ACT**

The bicameral and bipartisan Able Age Adjustment Act (S. 331/H.R. 1219) would allow millions more individuals with disabilities to establish tax-free savings accounts that help pay for costly disability-related expenses.

TAKE ACTION jewishtogether.salsalabs.org/ableageadjustmentact

#### **INVESTING IN MEDICAID HCBS**

Bold action is needed to permanently expand and improve under-resourced Medicaid-funded home-based care, a lifeline for low-income people with disabilities.

TAKE ACTION
jewishtogether.salsalabs.org/hcbs

#### **SSI RESTORATION ACT**

Supplementary Security Income (SSI), the federal program that provides a minimum level of income to impoverished people with severe disabilities and older adults, is in dire need of reform.

TAKE ACTION

jewishtogether.salsalabs.org/ ssirestorationact

# Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

#### Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM

Join us for our last garden work day as we ready the garden to close for the summer. If you are interested in helping in any way, please reach out to Greg Frankel (gfrankel@thefrankelfirm.com) or Susan Fusfield (susanfusfield@gmail.com). Our garden is growing, and we would love for you to be a part of it in the coming year. Looking for a mitzvah project for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah, have a yearning to get your hands dirty and watch the seeds of your work blossom, or just want to be outside after too many years of being in our homes? Let us know where your interest lies, and we will find a job for you.

AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped us reach our goals and helped us grow together this year!



# RITUAL REMINDERS

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

#### **SHAVUOT**

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. However, like many Jewish holidays it began as an agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. Shavuot is the Hebrew word for "weeks," and the holiday is seven weeks after Passover, or 49 days of counting the Omer.

In ancient times, the Israelites brought the first crops of their harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem for Shavuot. There are no particular *mitzvot* or commandments associated with Shavuot; however, there are several rituals which have become associated

with the holiday. One ritual of Shavuot began in the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Safed. Mystics believed that by studying Torah all night on Shavuot, they were symbolically preparing Israel to enter into a sacred relationship with G-d. This event is known as Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Today, this ritual continues in temples throughout the world as an evening long study session. In Jerusalem, one can spend the whole night wandering from *tikkun* to *tikkun*, which are held in homes, synagogues, and educational institutions.

The Book of Ruth is read during services on Shavuot. Ruth, the Moabite whose Israelite husband died, followed her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to Israel and adopted the Jewish faith and people as her own. Ruth is often considered to be the archetype for all who choose to convert to Judaism. She accepted the Torah just as the Jews accepted the Torah on Mount Sinai. The ceremony of confirmation for high school students who continued their Jewish studies beyond b'nei mitzvah is often held on or around Shavuot, symbolizing the confirmands commitment to an adult Jewish life.

Another custom of Shavuot is to eat dairy foods, often cheesecake and blintzes. These foods help to remind us that the Torah tells us Israel is a land flowing with milk and honey. Shavuot begins at sundown on June 4.

#### **Classic Shavuot Cheesecake**

#### Ingredients

#### CRUST:

13 graham crackers

1 Tbsp. sugar

6 Tbsp. unsalted butter

#### FILLING:

2 pounds cream cheese, softened at room temperature for at least 45 minutes

5 large eggs

1¼ cups sugar

2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1 tsp. lemon zest

#### TOPPING:

1 cup sour cream

1 Tbsp. confectioners sugar Optional berries to decorate

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- 2. Wrap the bottom and sides of a 9- or 10-inch springform pan with foil.
- 3. Butter the bottom and sides of the pan.

#### TO MAKE THE CRUST:

- Grind the graham crackers in a food processor until finely ground.
- 2. Add the sugar and mix.
- 3. Heat the 6 tablespoons of butter in the microwave until soft.
- 4. Add the butter to the food processor and mix.
- 5. Press the mixture into the bottom and sides of your springform pan.

#### TO MAKE THE FILLING:

- Blend cream cheese in a mixer until smooth.
- 2. Add eggs one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl so that the eggs and cream cheese are thoroughlu mixed.
- 3. Add sugar, vanilla, and lemon zest.

#### TO COMBINE:

- 1. Pour the filling into the crust.
- Place the springform pan into a roasting pan at least 2 inches deep.
- 3. Pour boiling water into the roasting pan until it is about 1/3 of the way up the side of the springform pan.
- 4. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes in the middle rack of the oven.
- 5. Turn the oven off and leave the cheesecake in the oven, with the door open, for another hour.
- Let it cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate for five hours or overnight before topping.

#### TOPPING

Combine the sour cream and confectioner's sugar and mix well. Spread over the top.



### OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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

#### Time for Tanach, After the Torah

The three major books of Prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. They are the longest ones. All three of these books were written during a very difficult time for the Kingdom of Judah. The Assyrians had already destroyed the Kingdom of Israel. Soon the Babylonians conquered the Assyrians and proceeded south to eventually bring an end to the Kingdom of Judah. Eretz Yisrael was the land bridge and crossroads for all the great powers of the region.

#### The Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah began prophesying around the time that King Josiah started religious reform in Judah. (This is also the time when the scroll of Deuteuronomy was discovered). It was a period of hope, but it ended with the death of Josiah in battle. The Babylonian empire was on the rise and control of the land. Eventually, Jerusalem was captured and the Temple destroyed. Most of the people were taken to Babylonia, but some, like Jeremiah, escaped to Egypt.

Jeremiah became a prophet of doom, a man of contention and controversy. Why? His messages condemned the Kings and Priests for becoming puppets of the Babylonians. He speaks against the immoral and unjust behavior of the people. He warned the people of the coming destruction of the Kingdom of Judah. The book gives a very full description of the last days of Jerusalem. It contains fifty-two chapters, and it includes history, biography and prophecy. It is believed his scribe, Baruch, was responsible for writing the book. When Jeremiah is in Egypt, he writes a letter to the exiles in Babylonia that is a message of hope and comfort. He describes a time of redemption and return to Zion if they will be faithful to the Covenant, even though they are in Babylonia.

"Arise, and let us go up to Zion, Unto the Lord our God...And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,...and shall flow to the goodness of the Lord; and their souls shall be as a watered garden, and they shall not pine any more at all, then shall maidens rejoice in the dance, and young men and old together, For I will turn their mourning into joy. And I will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow, and My People will be satisfied with My goodness."

#### The Book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel was taken to Babylonia during the first captivity in 597BCE. He became an active prophet-priest there for 22 years, according to the text. The Babylonians completed the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple in 586 BCE. Those who were taken to Babylonia were allowed to live together in a community. This made it possible for them to continue to observe the Jewish way of life. However, it was a time of great confusion. They believed that they could not worship God in Babylonia since the Temple was destroyed. Ezekiel became the leader of the community and taught them

they could still worship God in a different way. In fact, he established the beginning of the role of the synagogue, instead of the Temple, as a new way to worship God, study Torah an observe Shabbat and holidays through prayer. He became the messenger of comfort and hope and kept the community together. He believed a time would come when they would return to Jerusalem. History confirms that 50 years after the destruction of the Temple, Cyrus, King of Persia, became the ruling Emperor, and allowed them to return. (more about this in the book of Nehemiah and Ezra next month)

Ezekiel taught in parables and spoke of the restoration of Jerusalem and redemption of the people. One of his most famous visions was the Valley of the Dry Bones.

"The Lord led me down in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones. ...God said to me, Son of man, can these bones live again? ... Prophecy over these bones and say to them, dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. I will cause breath to enter into you and you shall live....I will open your graves and raise you from them. My people, I will bring you into the land of Israel, and you shall know that I am the Lord and I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live and I will restore you to your own land, and you shall know that I have spoken and accomplished it." (Ezekiel 37)

The above is selections from the text. You can read the full description in your Tanach. You may know that the image of the Valley of the Dry Bones was used to create a song. Ezekiel was the religious leader who helped his people overcome the confusion and despair of being in exile, away from their land, and living in a Diaspora community. His name in Hebrew means "God will Strengthen."

This powerful vision and message has served as an inspiration for the Jewish People throughout difficult periods of history when it seemed that Judaism and the Jewish People would not survive. The miracle of rescue and redemption in every age and stage of our history is an important aspect of our story. The images of the Holocaust, the death and destruction, are a 20th century vision of the Dry Bones. The return and rebirth of a Jewish homeland in Eretz Yisrael is the fulfillment of the promise.

During the months of April-May, we observe and remember, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom HaAtzmaut, and Yom Yerushalaiyim. Our Jewish Calendar gives us moments of sorrow and joy. We are a people who eternally remembers, zachor, and hope, *tikvah*.

L'shalom,

Lenore



#### **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/alumnilist

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

Janice Baisman Fran Berrin

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#### Week Ending May 6, 2022

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#### THE CURRENT OF LIFE

#### We mourn the passing of

**Evelyn Beckerman,** mother of **Susan (Paul) Fletcher** and Bette Binkley; grandmother of Lynn (Daniel) Bachrach, Michael (Nathalie) Fletcher, Aly (Phil) Barrie, David Binkley and Christopher (Carissa) Binkley; great grandmother of Andrew, Sarah Debra, Gabriela, Aaron and Margot

Enid Arlene Michaelson Cook, mother of **Alicia (Mitchell) Widom**, Jan Cook, Mitchell (susan) Cook; grandmother of Brandon Cook, Justin (Tiffany) Cook, **Taylor Widom** and **Jordan Widom**; great grandmother of Bennett Cook

Barry Debowsky, father of Stuart (Shari) Debowsky, grandfather of Ben and Lizzie Debowsky

Daniel Durand, husband of Angela Durand, father of James (Catherine) Durand; grandfather of Andre, Emilie and Alex

Samuel L. Greenfeder, husband of Phyllis; father of **Gloria (George) Anderton**, Arthur (Lori) Greenfeder and Joan Sturge; grandfather of Dr. Alison (Dr. Aaron) Weiss, Spencer Greenfeder, **Daniel Anderton**, **Joseph Anderton**, Kevin Sturge; great grandfather of Jonah Weiss

Judy Prizer Greengrass, wife of Martin Greengrass; mother of **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass (John Crary)** and Sara Greengrass (Sean Brennan); grandmother of **Henry** and **Izzy Greengrass**, Etta and Asher Greengrass Brennan and **Brittany Addams** 

Lois Kaufman, mother of Susan Kaufman (Jeff Feiler), Shari (Andrew) Spector, Debra (David) Deutch and Ann Kaufman (Jorge Gomez); grandmother of Brian (Keely), Kevin and Alex Cowan, Samantha and Adam Spector, Jennifer and Matthew Deutch, Ethan and Benjamin Gomez and great grandmother of Keira Cowan

Marilyn Solomon mother of Paula Solomon, Karol Solomon Brigham, Lori (Arthur) Greenfeder, grandmother of Gina Rieger, Matthew (Jessica) Rieger and Meredith (Michael) Branciforte

Jesus Quintela husband of Josefa Quintela, father of Maggie (Mike) Brodkey and grandfather of Leah Brodkey

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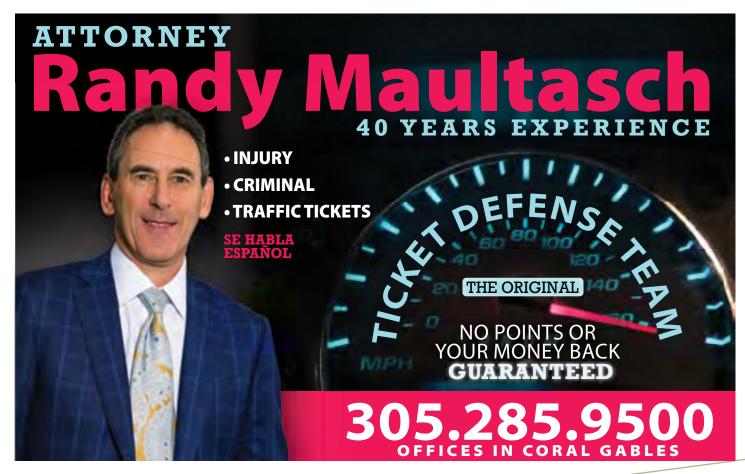
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Julio Frenk in memory of Judy Prizer Greengrass. May her memory be for a blessing.

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Judy Gilbert-Gould in memory of Judy Greengrass. So saddened to hear of your mother's passing. May her memory be for a blessing. Juliette and Jeff Glasser in loving memory of Judy Prizer, beloved mother of Rabbi Rachel Greengrass. With all our love.

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The Gould Family in memory of Judy Greengrass, with love. Diane Greenfield in memory of Judy Greengrass, mother of Rabbi Greengrass. May her memory be a blessing.

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Dilia and Bill Grossman in memory of Judy Greengrass. We are so sorry for your loss. May your mother's memory always be a blessing for you and your family.

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Rebecca Karsenti in memory of Judy Greengrass, mother of Rabbi Greengrass

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Abbe and Larry Kerr in memory of Judy Prizer Greengrass. Rabbi Greengrass, our sincere thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Rabbi Frederick Klein in memory of Judy Greengrass. May God comfort you among the mourners of Tzion and Jerusalem.

Wendy Kornfield in memory of Judy Prizer Greengrass. Rabbi - your speech honoring your mother was so beautiful. You are fortunate to have had such a wonderful mother. Her love and encouragement have made you who you are. May her memory be a blessing to you and your family.

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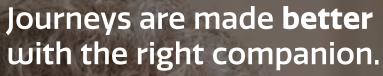


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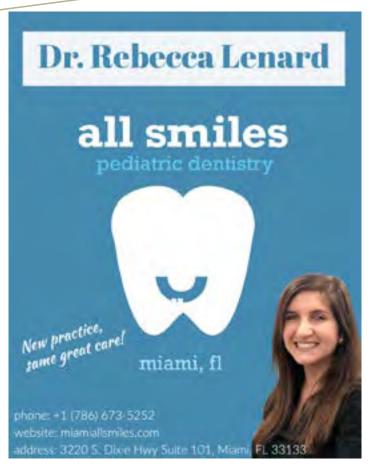
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