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Kislev 5783 November 2022

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Cantor Coyot as the newest member of our clergy team Friday, December 9

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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Torah Study 9:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Sam Lipof

Parashat Lech Lecha Genesis 12:1 - 17:27 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

18 Cheshvan 6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

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

Parashat Vayeira Genesis 18:1 - 22:24 Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 - 37

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022

25 Cheshvan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services with
	Talmud Torah Award
7:30 p.m.	Talmud Torah Award Dinner
	and Speaker Chapel

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Services
10:30 a.m.	Bar Mitzvah of Jadon Dreilinger
5:30 p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Carletta

Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1 - 25:18 Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 31

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

SHABBAT SERVICES

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

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Services
10:30 a.m.	B'not Mitzvah of
	Alexa Young
	and Tory Young
5:30 p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of
	Ruby Krekelberg

Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19 - 28:9 Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

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

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## Friday, December 16th

## Join us for a special pre-Chanukah Shabbat celebration!



Latke Vodka oneg to follow!

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#### FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras jbarras@tbam.org

#### The Blessing of Normalcy

After two years of virtual services on the High Holy Days, it was truly extraordinary to see so many members of our congregation back in the Sanctuary. For some it was their first time back amongst a large crowd in over two years. It was not lost on the clergy how special it was for us all to be together on our holiest days. This was my eighth High Holy Day season at Beth Am, and I cannot tell you how much I missed having everyone back in the Sanctuary these past two years. For so long we dreamed about what it would be like to "get back to normal," and now that it is here, I certainly appreciate every blessing that we were deprived of during Covid.

For most people, considering the monotony of our daily routine, it is difficult to find blessing in the mundane. It is only when we are deprived of something that we had previously counted on that we take note of the blessings we enjoy. In most cases, we only appreciate the gifts that we enjoy when we are deprived of them. This, in essence, is what Jewish prayer is meant to combat. By praying properly daily, a Jew considers and offers thanks for each and every blessing. The goal is to spend our days in gratitude for what we have in a way that endows each of our days with meaning and perspective.

I once heard one of my favorite teachers, Rabbi Ari Kahn, tell a story about when his son was born. It was many years ago in Jerusalem, and Rabbi Kahn was pushing his new baby along in a stroller in the Mea Shearim neighborhood of Jerusalem. As he was walking, he noticed one of the great rabbis of Israel coming from the other direction. His name was Rabbi Yisroel Zeev Gustman. Upon seeing the great rabbi, Rabbi Kahn became excited about asking the revered rabbi to bestow a blessing upon his newborn son. The old rabbi agreed. He bent down, looked at the infant, and said succinctly, "may he be a boy like all the other boys." At first, Rabbi Kahn was surprised and disappointed. He had an opportunity to have one of Jerusalem's most righteous rabbis offer his son a prayer, and all he said was that his son should be no different than any of the other boys. It didn't make sense at first. However, after considering Rabbi Gustman's own background, Rabbi Kahn eventually understood the beauty of the blessing.

Rabbi Gustman was a survivor of the Holocaust, and his own young son was taken from his hands and executed in front of him by the Nazis. The rabbi survived, but his son never had a chance to have a normal life. He was never able to be a boy like all the other boys. This is a dramatic example, but it is a reminder to us not to take for granted all the blessings we lost during Covid, which have now been restored. For me, seeing you all on the High Holy Days this year was the greatest gift. It is wonderful to get back to normal, and I am looking forward to sharing many more meaningful times together with our sacred community.

L'Shalom,

#### **Rabbi Jeremy Barras**





#### **CLERGY CORNER Rabbi Rachel Greengrass**

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While calendars turn to November, the Jewish calendar has entered the month of Mar Cheshvan. I was always taught that the correct name for the month following Tishrei is Cheshvan, and it is a "cute" tradition to call it Mar Cheshvan because it is bitter (Hebrew: mar) due to the lack of holidays. But guess what? That's wrong! It's just a kind of play-on-name that has become so widely accepted as fact that people now refer to the month incorrectly as just Cheshvan!

"Rabbi," you're thinking, "how did you learn this fantastic nugget?" Glad you asked. I am part of a world-wide activity called "Daf Yomi" where participants have committed to reading a page of Talmud every day. Not impressed? What if I tell you that "one page" is really one page front and back and that there are 2,711 pages in the Talmud so that one Daf Yomi cycle takes about commitment. Every day I show up. I think that's how to 7 years, 5 months? Yep. It's a lot. It's also where I learned that Mar Cheshvan is not cute, but correct. And I wanted to use this article to share a few other funny/strange/and powerful things I have learned.

The Talmud, while being a collection of laws and rules, is also full of stories, insults, miracles and really bizarre scenes. I have read of rabbis who make their students examine feces to determine how moist or dry it is (and your kids complain about their homework assignments), a rabbi whose lectures were so long all the men in his class became impotent from holding in their urine (think about that before you complain that services are too long), and a black widow who was so attractive that just a glimpse of her wrist made a respectable rabbi go wild (and his wife beat her and sent her out of town). I have read of rabbis who are so fat that a herd of cattle could walk under their bellies as they talked to one another. Seen rabbis insult one another and lose their tempers so badly they brought on the wrath of God. I have read of rabbis who neglected their families so badly their children did not recognize them, and their wives' heart breaks caused their death.

And I have learned how far we are to go to avoid embarrassing anyone, that not giving tzedakah is equivalent to idol worship, that sex is a holy act meant for more than procreation. I have learned that learning Torah means nothing if one doesn't live it's values, that we shouldn't ask of the community more than they are capable of, and that even the greatest of us is incredibly flawed. The rabbis teach that everything in creation has a

purpose, that every word of Torah has many interpretations, and they teach the holiness of learning, recording, and reciting opinions that are different than your own.

I have laughed out loud, cried, been so excited that I told anyone who would listen about what was on the daf, been angry and bored. It's been beautiful.

On the second of Mar Cheshvan, we start a new tractate of the Talmud, Nedarim, Vows. Just the word makes one question: who are the people I am committed to? What are the activities? How do I fulfill my commitments?

I am two years and 10 months into a 7 year 5 month be accountable. Showing up, every day, even when it's challenging, or I am feeling bitter (see what I did there? That was a play on "mar" Cheshvan).

May you show up for your commitments.

Love,

#### Rabbi Rachel Greengrass



M E S S A G E RESIDENT David Young

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November is not only my favorite month of the year, but it is also the saddest. My beautiful sister and niece were born this month, whereas my beloved mother passed away in November. It is also the month when we say thank you to G-d and the universe for our blessings.

Rabbi Ron Jawary commented, "The Talmud teaches us that in physical, mundane matters we should always look at those who have less than us, but in spiritual and moral matters we should always look at those who have more. This will inspire us to be grateful for all our blessings, while at the same time inspire us to become better people and leave our mark on the world." Here at Temple Beth Am, we have so many blessings for which to be grateful. I have many blessings to appreciate. One of the lessons from my parents is to say thank you. It's amazing how those two simple words can change a person's day.

So, I dedicate this column to saying, "Thank you." First, our staff. I would like to thank Sharone Levi, Carlos Restrepo, and Carlos' team for preparing the sanctuary for the High Holy Days. I had the opportunity to see them transform the sanctuary from the 8:30 a.m. service to the 11:30 a.m. service to the 3:00 p.m. service to the Neilah service on Yom Kippur. The men and women worked their tuchuses off. What a well-oiled machine. Each of our employees had one goal in mind, and that was to make sure the service was meaningful for the congregation. Next time you see them on campus, please say thank you! I am also so thankful for all of our new members. We have over 250 new families that have entrusted us as their new religious home. I speak for all of us when I say that we will ensure that you and your family feel at home in this loving and welcoming congregation.

I would also like to say to our families that have called Beth Am home for many years that we so appreciate you and all you have done for us. You have and will always sustain us on so many different levels. I am so grateful.

While sitting on the bimah for the High Holy Days, seeing congregants greeting each other after a long time away brought a tear to my eye. The love in the synagogue was so powerful. During Neilah, the whole congregation was holding each other; this truly defined what community really is. It truly is a special place.

Our community extends beyond our membership. I am thankful course we do-it's the Beth Am way! for the entire Jewish community. When a disaster occurs anywhere in the world, we come together. This was sadly evident again as Hurricane Ian ravaged the people on the west coast of Florida. Rabbi Barras' former congregation suffered horrific damage. In the typical Beth Am way, we reached out to help. Partnering with Miami-Dade Jewish Federation, we began to raise significant funds to help out Jews and non-Jews alike.

Helping those in need, regardless of their religious background, is what we do-and do so well.

Rabbi Barras will be working with the leaders in Ft. Myers and will advise us on how we can help. This will be a long and drawn-out process. We are sending students to help with the cleanup and sponsoring a Shabbat service (or several) with an Oneg dinner. We have been asked to help them rebuild the Temple's playground. Of course we will. In my High Holy Days comments, I told them we were honored that they came to our Yom Kippur services or watched via live stream and that Beth Am is their second religious home.

I am so appreciative of the phone call I received from our congregant Miriam Singer on behalf of Jewish Community Services asking us to partner with them in sponsoring a Ukrainian family that wants to come to Miami. This family of three is currently in Poland and has been awaiting sponsorship in order to rebuild their lives here in South Florida.

I am thankful to our executive committee, who not only approved the sponsorship but volunteered their help. I am so lucky to be surrounded by so many excellent lay leaders. Whether it be Rambam Day School leadership, PATIO, YERS, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, or our dedicated board of directors. They give this sacred place so much of their time.

Being president of this special place has made me eternally grateful for so much that I would not have thought of. Yes, I am grateful for the clergy, directors, the teachers at Rambam Day School and religious school, our students and their parents who entrust us with their children, those who contributed to Beyond the Curve, our fabulous lay leadership, everyone who works here, and our congregants. But I am most grateful for the sense of community that is Beth Am.

I want you to feel that same feeling. I hope to see you back on campus greeting your friends and neighbors. There is something special when you hug a friend or meet a new one.

This year we have the opportunity to be thankful for so much. Let's be as grateful as the chicken on Thanksgiving who is so glad it is not a turkey.

Beth Am continuously leaves its mark on the community. Of

#### **David Young**



Join Jewish National Fund-USA and fellow South Floridians for an engaging, impactful, and informative in-person Brunch for Israel! Gather together with your community members to hear how your local efforts ensure a bright, prosperous future for the land and people of Israel.



#### **Featuring Alon Ben-Gurion**

Hospitality consultant Alon Ben-Gurion has managed hotels worldwide, including the prestigious Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. He is using his extensive network and hospitality know-how to actively promote development in the Negev, working to make the region bloom and realize the dream of his grandfather, David Ben-Gurion. **Sunday, December 4, 2022** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Temple Beth Am** 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Pinecrest, Florida 33156 *Cost: \$36 per person* 

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#### DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED

JNF–USA events adhere to all CDC guidelines, as well as State and Federal regulations.



**RSVP Required at jnf.org/SFLBFI** Please RSVP by November 28, 2022



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**Rita Diaz** Membership Director rdiaz@tbam.org

Dear Temple Beth Am members,

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

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

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

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

With love,

**Rita Diaz** Membership Director





TEMPLE BETH AM Embracing Jewish Life

Temple Beth Am invites you to join us in honoring our veterans, for a special

## **VETERANS** SHABBAT SERVICE

#### FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

6:00 PM - PRE-NEG 6:30 PM - SHABBAT SERVICE 7:30 PM - ONEG - LOBBY AREA

Temple Beth Am Clergy and community pay tribute to the men and women who have so gallantly served our beautiful country!

If you are a veteran and would like to attend, please RSVP to Rita Diaz at 786-364-9434 or rdiaz@tbam.org







Tamara Donnenfeld Director of Lifelong Learning tdonnenfeld@tbam.org

We are thrilled to share the continued growth and evolution of programs for our youth. We continue to reach out to our elementary students and teenagers with new and meaningful programs, and our youth engagement is growing in offerings and numbers.

Starting in 8th grade, YERS has incorporated a travel component into most educational opportunities. Recent studies show that social experiences at this critical time in one's life are intensified by traveling. Thus, having an existential conversation at an ancient Israel site, lobbying in Washington about issues teens feel passionate about, exploring sites where history was made, and building a school with recyclable materials in Guatemala are all experiences that will remain throughout the teens' lives.

#### Pre-Confirmation is headed to Memphis, TN | November 10-13, 2022



Ninth graders will experience the sights, sounds, culture, food, and people that shaped the American South, learn about the Civil Rights movement and how the political process impacts us. Students will be able to understand the importance of racial equality, civil rights, and community relations and get an appreciation of the freedoms with which we are endowed.

As part of the weekend, students will tour the National Civil Rights Museum and Lorraine Motel, visit the Slave Haven Underground Railroad, and enjoy an interactive tour at the Soul & Rock Museum. It will be a weekend full of food for the mind and the soul!

#### Kristallnacht visit to Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial | November 13, 2022

On Sunday, November 13, our 5th and 6th grade students will commemorate the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass.

By learning about the history and hearing a Holocaust survivor's story, students will reflect on how these elements impact their world view and decisions. Students will understand their roles in their community and learn to respond when witnessing hatred or prejudice.

Classroom teachers, **Rabbi Barras**, and **Rabbi Aklepi** will be accompanying the students on this field trip.

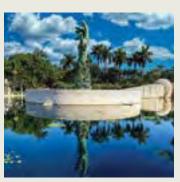
Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.





A dynamic part of Confirmation is participation in the incredible L'taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C. This national program, sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), introduces teens to current social and political issues that are being debated on Capitol Hill and presents the Reform movement's positions on social justice topics. The teens will have the opportunity to learn, discuss, and impact the political process as they, along with teens from all over the country, share their views on social justice topics with their district's decision-makers on Capitol Hill.

Calling parents, teens, and religious school students who love to sing in preparation for YERS Live! Contact Tamara Donnenfeld at tdonnenfeld@tbam.org





TEMPLE BETH AM

A World of Opportunities

Sumiko Zayon Youth Engagement Director szayon@tbam.org

YERS has great leaders, and recently added a few new faces. I want to introduce them and share a little bit about them. Each person leads in a Jewish way, which means they care about Jewish values and principles. When starting a new position as a leader in a large and vibrant community such as Temple Beth Am, it is important to work with a strong team. YERS feels blessed to have the team that we do! If you would like to make a difference, get involved with YERS! We have many opportunities to lead in our community. Visit tbam.org/YERS to learn about what we have going on this year.

#### Sumiko Zayon





#### Daniel Goldberg, the newest addition to our YERS team

"Hey everyone! My name is Daniel Goldberg. I am excited to work as an administrative assistant as well as an educator for BAFTY groups and religious school. I am an FIU graduate with a history and education degree, and with a penchant for geography and ancient culture studies. I play guitar as a hobby and try to incorporate it into my sessions. I have gone to Israel twice: once on the March of the Living in 2008, and again with Birthright in 2014. I am proud of my Judaism, and I have been immersing myself again in the Hebrew language and the Jewish community. I hope to bring along this excitement and energy into YERS."

#### Luiz Gandelman, BAFTY Religious and Cultural VP

"Jewish education and leadership, two personal passions of mine, are factors that have had a tremendous impact on my life. As BAFTY's Religious and Cultural VP, it is my goal to ensure BAFTYites connect to Judaism and have fun while doing so, which further bolsters learning and makes connecting to religion fun. In October, we ran BAFTY's sukkah pizza party in collaboration with JSU, and BAFTYites had the opportunity to learn about Sukkot and the rules behind building a sukkah (albeit turned into candy terms). They competed for the best sukkah. I really enjoyed running this program with our BAFTY president (Morgan) and see this as an example of the possibility of making BAFTY fun and engaging without ignoring the religious and cultural aspects behind it! As I can assert from experience, Jewish leadership and education can be exhausting and difficult, but a lighthearted and enthusiastic approach can make it fun, something I am heavily committed to doing! I am excited for the year ahead working with BAFTY and look forward to helping all BAFTY teens connect even better to their Judaism!"





#### Sofia Cohn & Gaby Kushner, the latest additions to our Madrichim program

"Being part of the *Madrichim* program is so much fun! I love spending time with all the younger students at religious school on Sundays, teaching them about holidays and working with our team to prepare fun projects and workshops! We get to learn new leadership skills and work closely with YERS leadership to make everyone's experience awesome!"



## PROGRAMMING

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#### WITH CANTOR COYOT! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> at 9:30 AM

- OUTDOOR TERRACE -

Share the joy of Shabbat with your little ones with our Tot Shabbat! Join us for Shabbat songs, craft, and fun, and connect with other families as we welcome Shabbat together. This program is geared toward children ages 4 and under, but big brothers and sisters are welcome! RSVP at <u>tham.org/totshabbat</u>.

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR OUR NEXT TOT SHABBAT! Saturday, February 4: Tu BiSh'vat Edition

tbam.org/totshabbat



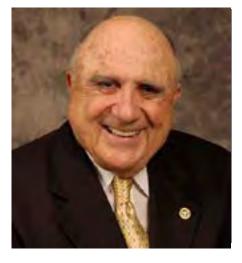
## THE DR. LENORE KIPPER TALMUD TORAH AWARD

Temple Beth Am presents this honor to congregants who have contributed significantly to the temple by engaging thoughtfully in our Adult Education programs.

#### Join us for Shabbat services on Friday, November 18th as we finally honor our 2020 recipients, Bill Silver and Ken & Judy Rosenthal!

#### **OUR HONOREES REFLECT ON THEIR TIME AT TEMPLE BETH AM:**

In this "House of the People" my family and I found a home. We were introduced to Reform Jewish education, customs and values. There was an intimacy between the clergy and the congregants that I never realized existed. That made Temple Beth Am and my family grow more meaningful every day. The study of Torah gave me a reason for being a Jew for all of my life—before, during, and after! — *Bill Silver* 



After services, we will enjoy a festive dinner and learning in the Chapel. \$36 for dinner. RSVP at tbam.org/talmudtorah



We were a young family when we moved to Miami in 1977, and found a welcoming synagogue in our neighborhood, Temple Beth Am, where all four of our children attended religious and Hebrew school and celebrated bar and bat mitzvahs. Little did we realize that our children were not the only ones to receive a Jewish education here. We found a rich offering of intellectually stimulating adult classes where we studied on Wednesday night, and Judy joined the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class and began attending Sabbath Torah study. For many years since then, both of us have continued with weekly Torah study, where our lives are enriched not only with the beauty of Torah, but also with a very special community within Beth Am. — Ken and Judy Rosenthal

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



## **Recovery Through a Jewish Lens**

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

Our support group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. this fall in Meeting Room 3 at Temple Beth Am, 5950 N Kendall Drive.

#### November 29

Jewish insights for living in the counterculture to "eat, drink and be merry."

Open to the community, confidentiality is observed. For more information contact Rabbi Jaime Aklepi at jaklepi@tbam.org.



#### Join us at 10:30 AM for a bagel, a coffee and a schmooze Chapel, The Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

#### NOVEMBER 6, 2022 Guest Speaker Kathie Klarreich



When people have the ability to listen and be heard, strong and safe communities are formed.

Kathie Klarreich is Founder and Executive Director of Exchange for Change, which offers writing courses in prisons and runs letter exchanges between incarcerated students and writers studying on the outside. Exchange for Change believes education is a human right and prepares those who are incarcerated for return into the community while providing a vision and understanding of their circumstance to their counterparts.

Exchange for Change offers prison visits through a special program of the Frederick Douglass Project, which seeks to bring prisoners and community members together for face-to-face conversation that highlight our shared humanity. Temple Beth Am Brotherhood and Sisterhood participated in this program and found it to be a mutually beneficial and life altering experience. You, too, can do this mitzvah!

Kathie Klarreich is the author of "Madame Dread: A Tale of Love, Vodou, and Civil Strife in Haiti" and a contributor to two anthologies: "So Spoke the Earth" and "Women, Writing, and Prison." In 2010 she received a Knight International Journalism Fellowship to train journalists in investigative reporting in Haiti, where she spent half of the last 24 years reporting for print, radio and television, including Time, The New York Times, ABC, and NPR.

nday Salon would like to extend our appreciation to the Brotherhood for sharing this beautiful program with us.

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

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



## DAY SCHOOL

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

Several years ago, before my time as Head of School, Temple Beth Am leaders past and present concluded that it was time to modernize and enhance our campus's physical structures. It was clear that the premier education we offered required state-of-the-art facilities. It would enhance the breadth of our scope and reach while maintaining our current identity. Thanks to their dedication and leadership—and the support of many donors—this vision became a reality. And last August, after much anticipation, we opened the doors to our brand-new school building.

So, a little over a year later, how are we faring?

The short answer: we are flourishing.

If you were to visit our school on any given day, the classrooms and hallways would be pulsating with students learning collaboratively, exploring the world around them, and interacting socially with their classmates. The walls are filled with students' work product, student council posters, and beautiful art displays. Our new school building provides our students and faculty with so many opportunities. Our spaces have been designed to enlighten and transform the student experience and the ways in which we educate. Every area on Rambam's new campus has become a space for learning and community building.

Our new building has allowed enrollment to reach soaring levels. With the physical capacity for four classes per elementary school grade (and more per early childhood level), plus additional classrooms with flexible seating, we can accommodate more students than ever before, all while maintaining our community-minded, small-school feeling. We have been able to expand our state-of-the-art educational programming, such as STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) instruction and a maker space lab. Our open spaces and flexible multipurpose rooms now give us the flexibility to adapt to new educational opportunities and emerging technologies. For example, last year, we were able to offer not one but two STREAM Enrichment Days. This integrated the subjects of science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics-along with other subjects such as music and library-into one fun and challenging day. Students took full advantage of our community spaces and wide-open atrium to work in teams to accomplish their goals. Fifth graders, for example, dropped makeshift nests from the top of the atrium as the entire elementary school gathered in anticipation to see if the eggs inside landed safely without cracking.

We now have space for multiple Hebrew classrooms, music rooms, art facilities, and so much more. On the third floor, for example, we have an ample meeting space that also houses our Shuk Rambam, our new marketplace that allows students to have a genuine Israeli marketplace shopping experience. Students can learn to buy and sell items entirely in Hebrew.

Our younger learners have also been taking full advantage of all our new campus offers. With so much outdoor space, our students can safely explore their outdoor surroundings, whether it is via riding toys on their new trike track, climbing on the many climbing structures, or running on the soft turf. They happily partake in Shabbat services on the atrium steps and enjoy learning and socializing with other students in their wideopen, shared hallways.

Overall, we have seen such growth over the past year; growth in our students, faculty, and programming. We have enhanced much of our curricula, including adding the Writing Revolution program and implementing a new math curriculum that emphasizes collaboration and problem-solving. Overall, we are able to offer educational experiences that are active, social, and engaging. Students have been able to learn on a deeper level as they continue to develop critical thinking, communication, and accountability skills. Our increased flexibility at Rambam allows students to make decisions and follow their curiosities, creating new levels of confidence and self-esteem.

And come spring, the Hub, the final phase of construction, will provide a new dining facility with increased kitchen and dining area space. It will offer a brand-new gymnasium and performance space. The Hub will accommodate recitals, art exhibits, sporting events, and so much more.

So, yes, I believe we are faring quite well in the new building. We are joyfully thriving—and so grateful for it.

#### Nora Anderson

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**Family Dinner** 



BROTHERHOOD

OF TEMPLE BETH AM

Brotherhood

## Sunday, December 18th, 5:00 pm

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

<sup>s</sup>18 per family for 2022–23 Brotherhood members and their families This is a great opportunity for all members of Brotherhood

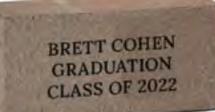
to socialize with other members and their families as we get together for a good ole fashioned Bar-B-Q.

Details/RSVP at tbam.org/brotherhoodchanukah



## Last Chance To Buy A Brick **DON'T MISS OUT!**

## DEADLINE NOVEMBER 30, 2022



DANIELLE GOLDBERG BAT MITZVAH JANUARY 15, 2022

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### Give Miami Day

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

# NOVEMBER 17, 2022

#### **GIVE MIAMI DAY** THURSDAY 11/17/22

- » 24 hours of online giving
- » A Miami-Dade community-wide day of giving with over 900 non-profits participating!
- » Donate \$25 or more to Temple Beth Am
- » Help us reach our goal of \$25,000

#### **NEW EARLY GIVING DONATION PERIOD**

 The GiveMiamiDay.org portal will open up for an Early Giving donation period from Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please include Temple Beth Am in your Give Miami Day Contributions! tbam.org/GiveMiamiDay





Rambam Day School

#### COMMENTATOR

## MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



#### Sam Lipof November 5, 2022

**Sam** is a 7th grade student at Palmetto Middle School. He is a great student, a caring friend and brother, and loves to tell jokes and stories. Sam loves tennis, baseball, gaming, and spending time with friends and family. His parents, **Allison** and **Stephen**; older brother, **Daniel**; and younger sister, **Hannah**, are very excited to celebrate his bar mitzvah with him and share in this important milestone.



#### Shai Or Waizbrot November 12, 2022

**Shai** is in 8th grade at Ransom Everglades. Currently a brown belt in Tae Kwon Do, he is a smart, fun student who also enjoys playing music and volleyball. Shai loves spending summers in Israel, where every year he visits family and friends and attends Camp Kimama. He's passionate about flying and can often be seen spotting and documenting aircraft in different locations across Miami. His parents, **Shelly** and **Gustavo**, and his sister, **Sol**, look forward to celebrating his bar mitzvah.



#### Benjamin Debowsky November 12, 2022

**Ben** is a Rambam Day School graduate and a current 7th grade student at Palmetto Middle School. Ben has also attended URJ Camp Coleman since 4th grade. He loves basketball, music, and collecting vinyl records. Ben created "Mitzvah Basketball" to help raise money to purchase sports equipment for underprivileged children in our community. Ben's parents, **Shari** and **Stuart**, and his sister, **Lizzie**, are beyond proud of his commitment to his bar mitzvah preparation and cannot wait to celebrate with him on this momentous occasion.



#### Jadon Dreilinger November 19, 2022

**Jadon** is a 7th grade student in the drama program at Southwood Middle School and a Rambam Day School graduate. Jadon is a bright and thoughtful young man who approaches the world with a creative and inquisitive spirit. His love of music and performance is contagious to those who love him. Jadon's parents, **Jaime** and **Aaron Dreilinger**, and his siblings, **Aviva** and **Derek**, are so proud of his accomplishments and look forward to his special day.



#### Chloe Carletta November 19, 2022

**Chloe** is a graduate of Rambam Day School and is currently a 7th grader at Palmetto Middle School. She loves being a part of the dance company at the Miami Dance Collective, spending time with friends and family, baking, and taking care of her pets. Our family is excited to celebrate this special occasion with her. Her parents, **Doug** and **Nathalie**, brother **Colin**, and sister **Camila**, are beyond proud of her always.

## MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



#### Alexa Young

November 26, 2022

**Alexa** is a 7th grader at Riviera Prep. She is kind, strong, thoughtful, and funny. She loves volleyball, her friends, her pets, and her twin sister **Tory**. Alexa always gives her best effort in everything she does. She has worked so hard for her b'not mitzvah. Her mom, **Jami**, and dad, **Courtney**, are so proud of her and can't wait to honor her and celebrate with their friends and family.



Tory Young November 26, 2022

**Tory** is a 7th grader at Riviera Prep. She is a great friend, teammate, and sister to **Alexa**. She loves volleyball, her dogs, her friends, and her TV shows. She works very hard at everything she does and practicing for her b'not mitzvah is no different. Her mom, **Jami**, and dad, **Courtney**, are so proud and excited to honor her and celebrate with their family and friends.



Ruby Mac Krekelberg November 26, 2022

**Ruby** is a 7th grader at John Adams Middle School in Santa Monica, California. Ruby is a talented artist and has won numerous awards for her art. A former Nutcracker ballerina, her current hobbies include aerial silks, listening to music, and spending time with friends. Her mother, **Pam Suchman**, and father, **Steve Krekelberg**, are so very proud of her and look forward to celebrating her special day.

### MAZEL TOV TO ...

Lisa and Barry Eichenbaum on the birth of grandson Andre Luke Ellis

Susan and Glenn Fusfield on the engagement of their son Bryan to Charlotte Ableman

Janet and Jerry Kelfer on the birth of granddaughter, Emma Samantha Kelfer

**Tammy** and **Steven Klein** on the wedding of their son **David** to Alana (Gross) Klein and on the marriage of **Carly Klein** to Danielle Greenbaum

Brad and Lauren Sokol on the birth of granddaughter Emma Lynn Carroll

Installation of Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 6:30 PM SERVICE

### Festive dinner, live music and dancing to follow! \$54 for Adults \$25 for Under 18

Please RSVP by December 5th

### tbam.org/installation

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#### **Give Thanks, Give Back!**

This year join Federations Jewish volunteer center to create over 1000 bento boxes for those experiencing hunger in Miami. Make sandwiches, chop fruits and vegetables, and enjoy your day giving back. For more information and to reserve a spot, please email sklein@gmjf.org

## TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

#### JOIN US

IOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP @**FRIENDSOFTHETBAMGARDENSANCTUARY** 

#### Planting Seeds To Share With Our Community Sunday, November 13, 2022

#### 8:30am-11:30am

A family friendly morning in our TBAM Garden Sanctuary. Meet great people as we tend to our new vegetable crops and maintain the Garden. Share your knowledge, talents, tools and energy! Bring your gloves, water and hat!

Want to host an event in the Garden? RSVP and reach us at **garden@tbam.org** 

#### THE TBAM GARDEN SANCTUARY GROWS TOGETHER

**Sundays from 8:30am-11:30am** Everyone is welcome! We need you!

#### **DECEMBER 11, 2022**

### Temple Beth Am <sup>®</sup> Rambam Day School **BEYOND THE CURVE** C A P I T A L C A M P A I G N

## Be Part of this Historical Campaign

FOUR YEARS AGO We launched the Beyond the Curve Capital Campaign. *November 2018* 

#### **FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO**

We opened the doors to Rambam Day School in a brand-new, state-of-theart building. *August 2021* 

#### **SIX MONTHS FROM NOW**

We will open the doors to The Hub and welcome our community to a fabulous new center for Jewish life. *April 2023* 

#### WE ARE SO PROUD OF HOW FAR WE HAVE COME

Over 460 families have answered our call and made financial pledges. TOTAL: Over \$52.4 million We are asking <u>YOU</u> to help us get to the finish line. CAMPAIGN GOAL: **\$55 million** 

#### Add your name as a proud supporter

of this historical campaign on the Donor Wall in The Hub.





## THIS IS OUR YEAR

#### Let's close the Beyond the Curve Capital Campaign TOGETHER in 5783!

- In our High Holy Day brochure, we recognized all donors who made financial commitments of \$10,000 or more
- All donors of any level of giving are appreciated and recognized on our website: www.tbam.org/BTCDonors

#### **MAKE A PLEDGE TODAY**

Contact Ilana Gilat, Development Director, at 786.364.9429 or igilat@tbam.org

### **TBAM.ORG/BEYONDTHECURVE**

# **tikkyn ølam**

Shanah tovah TBAM! Given that our community was fortunate enough to be spared by the direct and tragic impacts of Hurricane Ian, this feels like a particularly good time to embrace a core concept of our faith, and the focus of the Tikkun Olam Committee—to repair the world. This year, perhaps we start with our neighbors who were in Ian's path. As you are likely already aware, TBAM is supporting the Greater Miami Jewish Federation—an organization with decades of experience in providing aid to both Jewish and non-Jewish communities—and the TOC and TBAM encourage you to donate to the Federation's Hurricane Ian Relief Fund to help end the suffering of our neighbors.

Separately, the TOC is hard at work developing opportunities for our members to help our immediate and extended communities build a more generous, just and kinder world. At present, your fellow TBAM members are preparing regular tikkun olam programming for our kids and parents, young adults, seniors, and marginalized communities (among others). Additionally (and with great excitement!) planning for this year's Mitzvah Day is well underway (mark your calendars—it's Sunday, February 26!).

In the meantime, as everyone gets a little more comfortable returning to campus in a more-open, less Covid-contagious new era, the TOC is eager to reconnect the TBAM community with itself. As part of this effort, we are asking for your help as we develop the following:



The TBAM community is smart and passionate. Why not hear from your fellow members on subjects ranging from current events, news, politics, entertainment, art, law, finance, religion, family, health, medicine, science, technology, and so on? To this end, we're requesting you submit your friend, partner, family member, colleague, whomever and of whatever age—even yourself!—to talk about his or her passions, interests, skills, concerns, and efforts to right injustice, end poverty, spread smiles, better our minds and bodies, raise consciousnesses, support open dialogues, and the like. We'll host chats, discussions, round tables and get TBAM talking! Please email your submissions to toctbam@gmail.com (and put "TBAM Talks" in the subject line) and we'll be in touch.

#### PASSION PROJECTS

Do you have an idea for a community service project? If so, tell us! Are you aware of a project already happening at TBAM, but don't know how to get involved? Ask us! We want you on the TOC team and to help you help us repair the world. Please email your submissions to toctbam@gmail.com (and put "Passion" in the subject line) and we'll be in touch.



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

Let's talk soon,

**Rebecca Holljes,** Tikkun Olam Chair



THE ELECTIONS

The general election is on Tuesday, November 8, when we will elect a Governor, US Senator, US Representatives, Florida legislators, and a host of local officials. As in 2020, we at Beth Am would like to be a 100% voting congregation, meaning that everyone eligible to vote does so.

Thank you to everyone who participated with our Tikkun Olam Committee

in partnership with The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Every Voice, Every Vote campaign. Together, we heard from election experts, did postcarding to low-propensity voters, met with our county Supervisor of Elections, and made calls to Floridians encouraging them to vote.

1 On election day, you must vote at your local precinct as shown on your voter registration card sent out over the summer. You may not vote at the early voting sites on election day unless that happens to also be your assigned polling place. There are many new precincts. You can find your polling place and review your sample ballot (and look up all other voting questions) by going to the Supervisor of Elections website www.miamidade.gov/global/ elections/home.page.



#### DONATE TO THE GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION'S HURRICANE IAN RELIEF FUND BY VISITING THEIR WEBPAGE

jewishmiami.org/gift/hurricane-ian/

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 6PM-8PM

Social Justice in Action! Join us as we learn from Florida Rising and RAC-FL about how to engage low-propensity/highopportunity voters. Our right to vote is one of the things that makes our American democracy so great. Judaism teaches that voting is not just a civic duty, but can also be seen as a mitzvah. In the Talmud, Rabbi Yitzhak taught, "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted." We will learn together about our Jewish responsibility to help every voice to be heard and every vote to be counted. We will be calling potential voters and asking them to vote. THIS IS NON-PARTISAN. Every vote and every voice needs to be heard in a democracy; we are helping people exercise their rights - we are not soliciting on behalf of any political party or candidate. Please join us! Light food will be served.

#### JAFCO CHANUKAH GIFT DRIVE OCTOBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

Shop on Amazon or in person and help make the Chanukah wishes of 500 children come true by donating new toys for children receiving services through Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO). Find gift requests posted on the Temple side of the Rambam Day School and go to www.tbam.org/JAFCO and click on the link to see wish lists, including the names and ages of the kids and buy their gifts from there. However, please don't wrap them!

JAFCO's mission is to care for abused, neglected and at-risk children as well as those with developmental disabilities in the Jewish community and to work in partnership with families and the entire community.

Got questions? Email your gift drive chairs Melissa Ginsburg (melissaginsburg@yahoo.com) and Jennifer Diemar (jenniferdiemar@aol.com)

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS DURING OUR ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE!

Rambam students with Rabbi Greengrass learning about food insecurity and your brown-bag donations received at JCS.



#### **VOLUNTEERS** AT THE GARDEN

September preparations for this year's TBAM Garden re-opening on October 9!



- **2** Early voting runs through November 6.
- If you have a Vote by Mail ballot, it should be mailed by November 2 to ensure it is received in time. You may also drop off the ballot at any early voting site during their hours of operation.
- 4 On election day, Vote by Mail ballots may only be returned in person to the Supervisor's office in Doral or at the downtown Government Center office no later than 7:00 pm.
- 5 You may return no more than two ballots other than your own, except that additional ballots may be returned for your spouse or you or your spouse's parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling. When you return your own ballot, if you show your driver's license, your ballot will be signature verified at that time. All other ballots not returned by the voter with a driver's license will be accepted and verified by election day. There is no requirement to produce a driver's license; if you don't, your ballot will later be signature verified.
- 6 If you have a Vote by Mail ballot that you don't return and you wish to vote in person on November 8, you may be asked to surrender your Vote by Mail ballot, but this is not required. Once you send in your Vote by Mail ballot, you may not vote in person. Remember, your vote matters!



Remember, your vote counts!

All the best, Jeff Agron, RAC-FL

Cisterhood of Temple Beth Am

#### Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

When you read this month's Sisterhood page, we will have held our largest Sisterhood Event: EAT LAUGH LOVE. I am writing my greeting on September 28th, one day after Rosh Hashanah. Since I prefer to be in the present and cannot predict the future, I would like to share some reflections on Rabbi Barras's sermon that are applicable to our Opening Event. He talked about doing Mitzvot (613). I went down the rabbit hole and printed all of them, 30 pages in total. I started to think about what makes our Sisterhood and its programming worthwhile. We do many mitzvot individually and collectively. Currently, the mitzvot of loving the stranger speaks to me and you. The success of our programs is reflected not by numbers of women that attended, but more in how each of us welcomed and listened to a new member or guest, introduced them to other TBAM congregants and learned what interests them about our community and Sisterhood. We all gain from these interpersonal social opportunities; we have experience and knowledge of all that results from extending our love, friendship, and full embrace to new members. I thank everyone who volunteered to create and implement our Opening Event.

I thank all of you who attended and enjoyed the evening and connected with old and new friends. We have so many more shared opportunities to spend time together. Join us as we continue to bring relevant Sisterhood programming to TBAM at tbam.org/joinsisterhood. Thank you to all our Sisterhood Board members and Sisterhood members who have worked on past programs and continue to work on programs in the future. Our next Board Meeting is Wednesday, November 16th at 7 PM in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Sheri Lieberman, Executive Vice President, if you would like to attend at *sgl901@bellsouth.net*. Happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for.

Warmly, **Susan Lampen,** Sisterhood President



#### Writing Workshops November 9, 16, 30, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Conference Room 3

Ricki Dorn will be leading this program on Wednesday mornings. Cost is \$10 per workshop or \$50 for the series of six workshops, to be collected at the meetings.

Please contact Pamela Lear to register at **lear4752@yahoo.com** or 858.775.0409. More information and details at **tbam.org/WritingWorkshop**.



#### Lunch & Learn

#### Tuesday, November 1, 12:00–1:30 PM Chapel, The Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Caring for Our Friends, Family Members and Ourselves – Join Rabbi Barras, Sisterhood, and our acclaimed speaker, Dr. Marc E. Agronin at this Lunch and Learn. Dr. Agronin is a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist and an internationally- recognized expert in the field of dementia, and will present the following talk "Understanding and Managing Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: Resources for Patients & Caregivers, Innovative Treatment Options, and Prevention." He is the Senior Vice President for Behavioral Health and Chief Medical Officer for the Mind Institute at Miami Jewish Health. To RSVP and order lunch, visit **tbam.org/mindinstitute**. Beverages and snacks will be provided!

### MERCY STREET JENNIFER HAIGH

#### Sisterhood Book Club

#### Thursday, November 3, 7:00 PM

Join us at our monthly Sisterhood Book Club meeting to discuss "Mercy Street" by Jennifer Haig. We will meet via Zoom and Judith Davidoff will facilitate. RSVP to Angela Durand at **gingerdurand@yahoo.com** or Lori Fabry at **Ipfabry@gmail.com**.

#### The Marvelous Mrs. Marcie Marks Returns!

#### Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 PM Catering Kitchen

Make a delicious and gorgeous gift with Thanksgiving and Chanukah Cookies. This event is limited to 24 people. Cost is \$18pp for supplies and includes wine and cheese. RSVP by November 1 at *tbam.org/cookies*.



#### Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM Chapel, The Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

#### tbam.org/sisterhood

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.

## MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

Shana Tovah! Although you're reading this in November, these words were "penned" the day after Rosh HaShanah, and so Rabbi Ada Zavidov, the members of Kehilat Har-El, and yours truly share our very best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

and not at the community center, but the Orthodox (!) staff are the first to praise us and share how meaningful our holiday programs are for its participants.

And lastly, in addition to finally being able to hold Rosh HaShanah services without any COVID restrictions, it was

Leading up to the New Year, we were delighted and honored to welcome Israel's Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Dr. Nachman Shai, to deliver a lecture at our congregation on Saturday morning, September 17, about the challenges of Israeli-Diaspora relations. Dr. Shai is a dear friend to the Israeli Reform movement, and his father. Eliezer Shaikewitz z"l. was a member of the for a number of years as our treasurer (and



congregation and served From left to right: Rabbi Ada Zavidov, Har-El chairman Zvi Giladi, Israel's Minister for Diaspora Affairs Dr. Nachman Shai, and Cantor Evan Cohen

for transparency's sake, was very involved in hiring me). That being said, this is the first time, at least in the 21 years that I've been the cantor of Har-El, that an Israeli cabinet minister has visited our community and addressed our congregation. The lecture was held at the conclusion of Shabbat morning services, and so to our delight, Minister Shai also joined us for Shabbat services as well, where we were able to honor him with an aliyah l'Torah. Israeli politicians have addressed our movement before, but for a cabinet minister to actually attend a Shabbat service here in Israel (and be willing to be filmed doing it) and then formally speak in the synagogue (and in particular during election season) is testament to continued integration of the Reform movement into the Israeli mainstream.

Also leading up to the holidays, we held a pre-Rosh HaShanah event with participants from Kehilah Tomechet. Kehilat Tomechet is a non-profit organization through the local community center which provides support for elderly residents living alone in the Jerusalem city-center and surrounding neighborhoods. Although at first the local community center was very hesitant for any cooperation with the Reform movement for fear of alienating its Orthodox and "observant" clientele, our joint holiday programs with them are in our fifth year, with more than 20 participants from Kehilah Tomechet joining us in our garden for stories, discussions, and songs for Rosh HaShanah and the holiday season. The "compromise" with the community center is that the programs are held at Har-El

living facilities). Although we've continued our livestream broadcasts, it's still only a virtual experience. So the elderly members who haven't been able to attend synagogue for a few years now were truly appreciative of the opportunity to finally welcome the new year together in person, as Rabbi Ada and I made six different stops across the city throughout the morning and again late afternoon, with a honey cake and shofar in hand. It's what community is all about.

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

#### **Cantor Evan Cohen**

a true pleasure after a two-vear COVID hiatus to mark the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah with visits to homebound members of the congregation who couldn't physically attend services at the synagogue and hear the shofar blown. The tradition began a few years ago before the advent of livestreaming and then was put on hold during the pandemic and ensuing restrictions (in particular, at nursing homes/assisted



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#### Week ending November 4, 2022

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#### Week ending November 11, 2022

Harold Aibel Oscar Baisman\* Goldie Berkowitz Jerry Berman\* Sandy Block\* Simon H. Bloom\* Miriam Brightman Jacques Cachot Robin Caradonna Peggy Connolly Lillian Davis Phyllis Deutsch Carol Glassman Donaldson Jacob Douek Henry Dreyer Adolph Einspruch Arnold Elfer Hedy Engel Carlin\* David Fleeman Elva Fried Glenda Friedman Erica Gerstin Rose Glaser\* Dorothy Gorman Yvette Granite Glenn N. Greenfield\* Bernard Earl Hirsch\* Fannie Kallechstein\* Joseph Kamensky\* Joyce Weinstein Kazlow\* Beth Koren Carol Kresberg Reese Hyman Krulewitch\* Rose Kurzweil Harry Leitman\* Lilvan Levy Helen Lieb Henry Liebman\* Elinor Maultasch Sue Miller Abner Millman Aaron L. Mintz\* Dorothy Mirnoff Ana Nacach Harry Orlin Maria Parada Midge Pasternack Louis Rauchman\* Esther Astrid Reiter Phil Revitz\* Elaine Richman Hedy Ringel Julius Roistacher William Rosen\* Herschel Rosenthal Irene Rosin Felder Leon Rothkopf Walter Rubinstein Milton R. Russinof\* Alvis Sherouse\* Irene Siegel Zara Vitto Samuel Weinstein\* Milton Weiss Diane Whitman Wolfe\* Ian Yankwitt Minerva Zayon Jomolca

#### Week ending November 18, 2022

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#### Week ending November 25, 2022

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Mitchell (Mitch) Friedman, husband of Adria; father of Chad (Randi) Friedman and Robyn (Kevin Chip) Schumacher and grandfather of Addison and Alexa Schumacher and Ava and Harper Friedman. He is survived by Hilarie Friedman, as well.

Rita Gair, mother of Stephen Gair

Evan Higgins, grandson of Roberta Gallagher

Lawrence (Larry) Pauker, husband of Berna, father of **Mara (Adam) Berger** and Amanda (Michael) Freiberg and grandfather of **Harrison** and **Maxwell Berger** and Jordan Freiberg

Dr. Charlotte Ressler, sister of **Helene Lanster**; aunt of **Karen (Robert) Zinn** and **Dr. Steven (Rachelle) Lanster** 

Dr. Isaac Rosenbaum, father of **Dr. Abbe (Luis) Silberwasser** and Dr. Annan (Valerie) Rosenbaum; grandfather of **Daniel, Noah Joshua and Eliana Silberwasser** and **Joel Rosenbaum** 

Shirley Mervis Seitlin, mother of **Robin (Tom) Ringel,** Marilyn (Howard) Tendrich and Janet Seitlin (Lori Lazar); grandmother of **Jen Ringel (Mary Dittmar), Kevin Ringel (Emily Machado)** and Lauren (Kyle) Capasso and six great grandchildren

Francine Davidson Weinberg, **mother of Nadine (Steven) Foldes,** grandmother of Tracy (Lee) Cohen, Adam (Sarah) Foldes and Craig (Ellen) Foldes and great grandmother of Ty and Max Cohen

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OUR JEWISH HERITÄGI



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

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

Two famous names associated with the beginning of statehood are Chaim Weizmann and David ben Gurion, as the first President and Prime Minister in Israel. However, these pioneers began their dedication to Zionism before 1948. They both were instrumental in setting up the foundation for statehood in different ways.

#### Chaim Weizmann, 1874 – 1952

Weizmann was born in the town of Motol, near Pinsk, Russia. He received a Jewish and secular education, excelling in the study of science. He was raised in a traditional Jewish family, and during his youthful days, he became an active participant in Zionist activities. At the same time, he received his doctorate in chemistry in 1899 in Berlin. When he attended the First Zionist Conference in Basle. Switzerland, 1897, (125 years ago), he became a supporter of Ahad Ha'Am, the leader of cultural and spiritual Zionism.

In 1903, he received a teaching position in chemistry at Manchester University. It was during this time that he met Baron Edmund de Rothschild and Sir Arthur Balfour. After World War 1 began, he moved to London where his scientific research led to the discovery of synthetizing acetone, an important contribution to the war effort. After the war, the British were given control of the territory called Palestine. Weizmann was the chief architect of the Balfour Declaration 1918, which declared that the British government was in favor of establishing a Jewish national homeland in Palestine. That same year he laid the cornerstone for Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He continued to work for the development of Jewish life and created the Weizmann Institute for Science. Weizmann was also a diplomatic leader who spoke at the U.N. for the Partition Plan of November 1947. He served the Jewish People for three decades and was respected as a leader of moral integrity, and a man of great vision and action.

#### David ben Gurion, 1886 - 1973

Time magazine featured David ben Gurion as one of the 100 most important leaders of the 20th century. They wrote the following:

"Part Washington, part Moses, he was the architect of a new nation-state that altered the destiny of the Jewish people and the Middle East. He became a pioneer, a farmhand, a leader of socialist labor Zionism....a secular Jewish nationalist who combined Jewish Messianic visions with socialist idealism." His life is symbolic of all the ideals and institutions that resulted in the state of Israel. Born in Poland, his family was already committed to Zionist ideas. He moved to Palestine in 1906 as part of the second Aliyah. He defended the rights of workers and was one of the founders of the Histadrut, Israel's labor union. In addition, he was one of the founders of the Haganah, the pre-statehood defense organization. Ben Gurion was a leader in gaining U.S. Jewish support for Israel, financially and politically, and he launched the first Israel Bond Drive. As the head of the Jewish Agency, the organization that took care of Jewish life in Palestine during the British Mandate, he was able to establish a working relationship between the British and the Jewish communities. As Israel's first Prime Minister, he led the nation through the very difficult first decades. He retired from political life in 1963 and settled in Sde Boker in the Negev, where he wrote his memoirs leaving a testament for history. His vision, voice and charismatic leadership are recorded for eternity. (Read his inspiring writings)

#### L'shalom,

#### Lenore Kipper



#### When was the first assistant Rabbi hired?

The congregation membership had increased to 750 families by 1966. Now that the first buildings and sanctuary were completed, and the administrative staff for the Temple and the Religious school were in place, it was time to hire the first assistant Rabbi in 1968. Cantor Michael Kyrr had become part of the clergy in 1965, and Rabbi Arthur Steinberg was hired to work with Rabbi Baumgard, the Religious School and the Nursery School.

#### TBAM Bar Mitzvah year, 1968

During these thirteen years Temple Beth Am grew in many ways with excitement and enthusiasm. It truly became a house for the people, Beit Am, addressing the interests of all ages. The Adult Education committee continued to bring national guest speakers for the Forum Series. The Social Action committee began to engage congregants in issues of national and local concern. Rabbi Baumgard played a significant role in involving the congregation in interfaith meetings. The dedication and commitment of the lay leadership during this stage continued to ensure that the Temple was stable and secure. These years laid the foundation for the future.

# 32<sup>nd</sup> TEMPLE BETH AM

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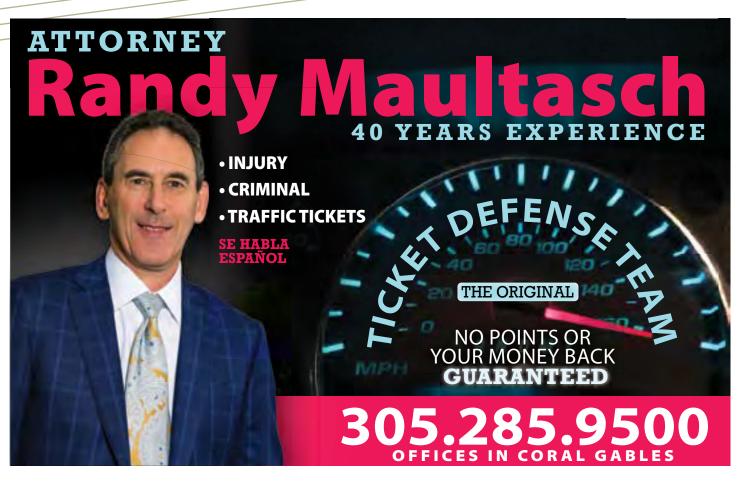
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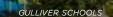




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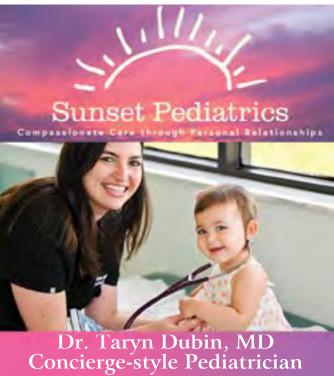
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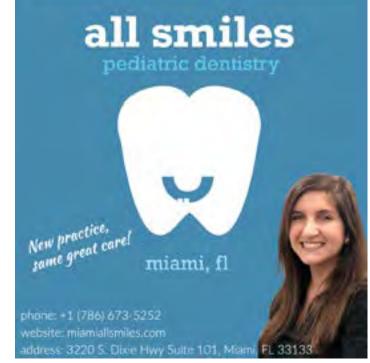


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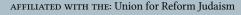
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