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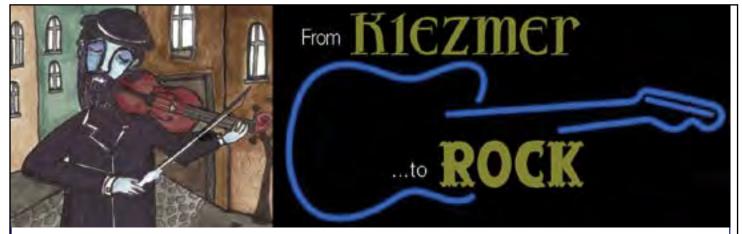
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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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The Clouds of Sukkot

Toward the very end of the permanent exhibit at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, there is a quote from Deuteronomy 25:17 that reads, "Remember what Amalek did to you." Amalek was the evil nation that attacked the Israelites on their way out of Egypt after they had emerged from the Red Sea. Later in the Tanach, we find other places where the nation of Amalek plagues the Jews and seems to have an irrational hatred for the Jewish people that consumes them. Included in their ranks is Haman, who intends to wipe out the Jewish people simply because they have different customs and practices than the other peoples of the Persian realm. It is thus fitting that a reminder at the end of Israel's national Holocaust museum of such irrational hatred never be forgotten. In fact, two of the 613 Commandments in the Torah concern remembering what Amalek did to us and rooting them out from our midst.

The rabbis ask the question though of how Amalek was able to attack the Jewish people when they left Egypt. We are told in the Torah that a protective cloud hovered over the Israelites and protected them. Surely any nation that tried to penetrate the coverage of the cloud would be repelled by the Divine and would have no capacity to harm the Jewish people. The Torah explains that Amalek attacked from the rear where the most vulnerable of the Jews were marching, and they were able to strike them. It appears that the Torah means to teach that the sick, elderly, and injured were marching towards the rear, and thus they were susceptible. Are we to believe though that the cloud of protection did not extend to cover those Jews who were most in need of protection? The rabbis explain that the weak ones in the rear were not the physically weak, but the spiritually weak. They were the ones who could not abandon the idolatry of Egypt and who brought idols with them on their journey. Their lack of faith in God caused the cloud to retreat from above

them, and thus they became susceptible to attack. It thus fell to the rest of the Israelites to go out to war against Amalek in defense of those at the rear who placed themselves outside of God's protection.

During Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we today experience a spiritual high that is supposed to mirror the spiritual ecstasy of the marching through the divided Red Sea towards freedom. However, when it is over, God wonders who will remain under the divine clouds and who will not. Five days after Yom Kippur, the festival of Sukkot begins. The Sukkah represents the clouds that hovered over us and protected us in the wilderness of Sinai. Placing yourself under a Sukkah during Sukkot signifies that you wish to remain committed to a more spiritual existence. Meandering away from the Sukkah places you at the mercy of the physical world and the dangers that come with it. In the Torah, we call those dangers Amalek. And we are commanded not to forget what Amalek did to us when we were journeying away from Egypt and towards the Promised Land.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel Tuesday, October 11 What Ever Happened to Sukkot?

RSVP to Mindy Robbin at 786.364.9446 or mrobbin@tbam,org; Lunch available for \$12 per person, or, bring your own lunch.



CLERGY CORNER Cantor Emerita Rachelle Nelson

Hello, Temple Beth Am! A Very Happy New Year!

It is such an honor to be able to connect with you again. I hope you enjoyed a fulfilling and less stressful summer and are now back in full throttle for the New Year. I would love to fill you in on some of my life journeys over this past year, and I look forward to your sharing the many things you have accomplished as well.

First, my beautiful Leah got married to Jesse Goldstein on March 19, 2022. It was a gorgeous wedding, but not just because of the flowers, the decorations, or the food. It was priceless and memorable because most of our family and friends were able to celebrate with us. The love and joy at the ceremony and the non-stop dancing and celebrating in the ballroom made for a wedding that will not soon be forgotten. I composed a *Dodi Li* (I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine) for Leah's wedding and my sister, Eve, orchestrated it. Leah walked down the aisle to the music, and I sang the song to them under the chuppah.

Second, I have been studying *Mishna Torah* with Rabbi Haskell Bernat every week. We will now be moving on to Judaism 101 using classical text. I am studying voice and attending conventions and workshops. I am also working on my YouTube page with all my compositions as well as creating a web page. (I hope you will subscribe on YouTube.)

Third, I am the Resident Cantor at Temple Israel of Greater Miami, where I teach all kinds of classes, officiate with and without Rabbi Amy Morrison on the *Bimah*, and often have the joy of leading minyan and Torah study.

My puppy Lyla (now two years old) completed her training as a licensed service dog and accompanies me to work and services. She has brought so much joy into my life and is loved by all the congregants, especially the kids.

And finally, I want to share with you my most valuable journey of all: my voyage from fear of change to the anticipation and excitement of new experiences and challenges. Let's begin with the definition of "fear."

Fear is "an unpleasant and often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger." Unfortunately, for many of us, having to make changes in our lives can also bring on fear. This can happen whether you are young or older, but the flexibility to move through these times is often easier when you are young.

Making changes after 29 years at Temple Beth Am was quite a struggle for me personally. The temple had become a huge part of my identity. I was their very first cantor, and I created a completely new and creative music program. I worked with both the very young and those much older, forging relationships throughout the entire synagogue through programming and life cycle. I grew to love and appreciate my *b'nai mitzvah* students. I started with a class of 110 youth—four b'nai mitzvah every weekend! As rabbis came and went, Rabbi Baumgard^{z1} called me "the pillar" that held Temple Beth Am together. I was very proud of this title and enjoyed knowing that I was making such a huge impact on my congregation.

When it was time to retire, I was really scared. Who would remember me, and who would I be without an often 10-hour plus day keeping me busy and needed? With tremendous support, I began to overcome my fears and began charting out a new path. I wanted to learn all those things I had yet to learn personally, and those things I wanted to study so that I could share my knowledge with others.

During Covid, **Rabbi Barras** had asked me to create a virtual program since everyone was housebound. That became the inspiration for "The Jewish Voice," inviting the most incredible Jewish composers and entertainers to spend an hour with me on Zoom every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. As time passed, I invited Susan Linder, an incredible song leader and spirit who knew all these musicians personally, to join me as my co-host. My sister, Eve, composed the opening jingle and away we flew! This program has been a remarkable success, and in October we will begin our third season. Now, let's wind our way back to "fear."

If you think that you are the only one who deals with panic or fear, all you need to do is open the Bible. When Avram sets out into uncharted territory as the first to have a personal covenant with God, he is told "al tira" (have no fear). When Hagar is filled with despair, an angel of God calls out, "al tira," and rescues her son from deadly thirst. Our Exodus from Egypt was filled with trepidation and fright, yet many Israelites took a chance and left the bonds of slavery. Time after time, the Bible shows us examples of fear. It also shows tremendous moments of bravery and courage; the reason why we still exist today.

It is very exciting for me to share all that I am learning with you. I look forward to teaching you and joining your fabulous clergy on the *Bimah* during the year. In the near future, I will be bringing The Jewish Voice onto the campus in a live coffeehouse setting where you will be able to interact with the artists.

I extend my love and blessings to each one of you. I can't wait to see your faces again; hopefully to be able to hug and kiss you as I always have. Until we meet again, I send all my love to you.

L'shalom,

Rachelle Nelson



MESSAGE PRESIDENT

David Young dyoung@tbam.org

The High Holy Days are over, and I hope we are all the better future of the Reform movement and ours here at Temple Beth Am.

It is no secret that many Jewish institutions are hurting. In our their doors, leading to many more unaffiliated Jews. This is sad-very sad.

So, what should our role be? What is the Jewish thing to do?

I read an article by Rabbi Marla J. Feldman which addressed this issue. Rabbi Feldman is the Executive Director of Women of Reform Judaism. In that article, she wrote, "If we are going to shape the future of the Reform movement and ensure that progressive Jewish life continues to thrive, we need to think beyond our walls and, as Rabbi Sussman so eloquently states, look into the hearts and minds of the Jewish people."

Temple Beth Am is not only the premiere Reform congregation in Miami, but we also have an exceptional reputation all over the country. We are a holy place where any Jew is welcome. Our community outreach is envied. And with the operation of our Rambam Day School building and the Hub, the sky is the limit. But with such a leadership position comes responsibilities.

I agree with the analysis that we "need to think beyond our walls," but we also need to think within them as well. One thing that I will say emphatically: our mission and identity will never change. And that includes inclusiveness. Under the direction of Rabbi Barras, we now have a Conservative Minyan once a month and offered High Holy Day services for those congregants who wished to participate. Those individuals brought in a Conservative cantor and had a meaningful High Holy Day service at their new religious home. It was beautiful.

We are one temple that opens its arms to everyone. Through the leadership and reputation of Temple Beth Am, we gain new members daily. A big thank you goes out to our membership director, Rita Diaz, for all her hard work. She asked if I

thought we should reinstitute the ambassador program for our because of them. My remarks to the congregation dealt with the new members. I told her it was a fabulous idea, but the program is also for our long-time members. Creating a big brother/sister relationship will make everyone feel closer to Temple Beth Am. So, if you would like to volunteer, please call Rita at 786.364.9434.

own community, we have seen first-hand congregations closing It's about time that every sect of Judaism realizes that it needs one another. Those that hate us really don't give a damn what kind of a Jew we are. And we all have witnessed antisemitism in 2022.

> I am honored to represent our treasured synagogue. We are adding and will continue to add to the quality of life of all Jewry.

David Young

Foin Us For An Evening of Celebrating our Newest Members

Friday, October 14, 2022

It is with great pleasure that we welcome each of our new families. Celebrate together at a special service where a blessing will be offered in their honor.

5:30 p.m. Pre-neg in the sukkah hosted by Latin Connection Committee
6:30 p.m. New Member Shabbat - Sanctuary
7:45 p.m. Catered Sukkot dinner and entertainment

We will enjoy a wonderful evening filled with music, prayer and community.

Adults: \$36 | Children under 4: \$10 | Children 4-15: \$18 *New member families are complimentary for dinner, however, RSVP is a must.

For more information: Rita Diaz 786.364.9434

RSVP: tbam.org/sukkotdinner



MEMBERSHIP

Rita Diaz Membership Director rdiaz@tbam.org



BLUEY WOULD LIIKE TO INVITE all of our young families to a special musical, fun shabbat on Friday, October 28 at 5:45 p.m. Meet Bluey and her friends!

Catered Dinner - Adults: \$36 | Children over 2: \$15 Arts and crafts and lots of fun!

Questions? Contact Rita Diaz at rdiaz@tbam.org RSVP REQUIRED: tbam.org/bluey



Temple Beth Am's How 'Bout Shabbat -Frozen was a magical night!

With over 250 children with their parents and grandparents we enjoyed a fabulous Shabbat with **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass**, **Cantor Tifani Coyot** and **Cantorial Soloist Jackie Berney** leading an interactive musical Shabbat service.

Families enjoyed a delicious catered dinner by Michael's Catering, special ceramic painting time..and SNOW! A big "thank you" you to Carlos Restrepo and his custodial staff for their hard work.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. We look forward to seeing you at How 'Bout Shabbat -Bluey, on Friday, October 28!





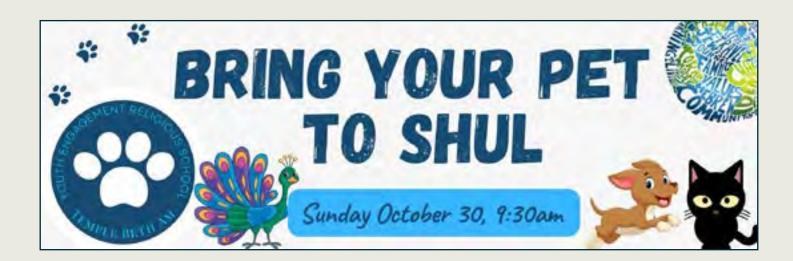
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A World of Opportunities

Sumiko Zayon Youth Engagement Director szayon@tbam.org

New Year, New Opportunity!

The beginning of a new year is a great opportunity to make changes. I encourage you to take the time to engage in self-reflection. Start with your achievements. Go over all the new things that you have learned, accomplished, and overcome this past year. Then think about where you might have missed the mark. Remember that failures are the seeds of resilience, and they pave the way to success. Are you determined to change this year? This Rosh HaShanah, you can be the change. Join YERS if you haven't yet. We offer a world of opportunities, and we are here to support and guide you on your journey, all the way from kindergarten through college. Contact me if you want to get involved.

Shanah Tovah,

Sumiko Zayon





PROGRAMMING

Andrea LeVine Kay Program Director akay@tbam.org

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GETTING READY FOR SUKKOT

Sukkah Decorating with the Latin Connection Chavurah!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 5:00 to 7:00 pm

It's a mitzvah to beautify the Sukkah, and it's even more fun with great food! Join our Latin Connection Chavurah as we nosh on pastelitos and croquetas and prepare the Sukkah for the holiday of Sukkot. This is such a fun mitzvah for adults and children to do together!

EREV SUKKOT Sukkot Service SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 6:00 pm in the Chapel

It's time to shake the lulav and etrog! Join us for an erev Sukkot service followed by an oneg in the Sukkah. It's a mitzvah to sit and eat in the Sukkah. Bring your family and friends to nosh and schmooze in our TBAM Sukkah.

PIZZA IN THE HUT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 5:00 pm

Bring the whole family for a pizza dinner in the Sukkah with Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantor Tifani Coyot! We'll shake the lulav and etrog, create some arts and crafts, and enjoy our beautiful Sukkah together. RSVP to tbam.org/pizzainthehut

SUKKAH LATINA PRE-NEG AND CONGREGATIONAL SUKKOT DINNER FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 5:30 pm

Once again, we're taking the pre-neg outside and enjoying some delicious Latin-inspired music and cuisine for this extended pre-neg! Come for the Sukkah and stay after services for our annual New Member Shabbat and Congregational Sukkot Dinner (see page 7 for details).

MINYAN SUKKOT POTLUCK LUNCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 immediately following Minuan Service (12:15 nm)

Bring a dairy dish and join our minyan community for a Shabbat lunch in the Sukkah! RSVP to Mindy Robbin at mrobbin@tbam.org and let us know what you'd like to bring!

FRIENDS OF THE TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 8:30 to 11:30 am

Join us to do some gardening and celebrate Sukkot with Clergy in our TBAM Garden. Bring your hat, water, gloves and energy! Please RSVP to garden@tbam.org Follow us on Facebook @ FriendsoftheTBAMGardenSanctuary

SIMCHATTORAH 5783

service, hakafah dance party, and dessert oneg Sunday, October 16 6:00pm, Sanctuary PLUS for the return of the chocolate fountains at our dessert following services

Celebrate the sweetness of Torah at Temple Beth Am! On Simchat Torah, we honor the completion of the year's Torah readings as we start anew.

We will also honor our first grade students as they begin their journey of Torah study for the Consecration.

RSVP: tbam.org/simchattorah



WITH CANTOR COYOT!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 9:30 AM

- OUTDOOR TERRACE -

Share the joy of Shabbat with your little ones with our first Tot Shabbat of the year! 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 **tbam.org/totshabbat**.

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR OUR NEXT TOT SHABBATS!

Saturday, December 10: Chanukah Edition | Saturday, February 4: Tu BiSh'vat Edition | Saturday, April 1: Passover Edition





SUNDAY SALON

JOIN US at 10:30 am in the Chapel for a bagel, a coffee and a schmooze or live streaming on <u>tbam.org/streaming</u>

OCTOBER 9TH

Meet Author Rosalind Merritt: MIAMI BEACH HIGH! JOURNEY AMONG DECADES OF FAME



Miami Beach High! reveals the community's insiders. Miami Beach High's Hall of Fame alumni members made countless other people's lives better, and this collection of rare interviews is what readers will choose to remember about Miami Beach. Local historian, guide for Context Travel, Flamingo Gardens, the Miami-Dade County Women's Park, and co-host of the TV series "Roadside Florida," Sylvia Gurinsky will moderate this event.

OCTOBER 23RD Meet Author Jeff Wallach: MR. WIZARD



Two brothers. One mother. One big question. Two days before her death, Jenny Elliot suggests to her fifty-year-old son Phillip that, being half-Irish, he should be more careful about his drinking. Phillip, along with his brother Spencer, has grown up believing they were the fully Jewish-American offspring of Jenny and her late husband who died in the Vietnam War. Was his mother uttering some dementia-inspired fantasy, or was her true character shining through in her last moments to leave the brothers a clue to their real heritage? After her death. Philip decides to take a DNA test. The brothers set off on a genetic treasure

hunt in search of who they really are—and what that might mean. And who, exactly, is Mr. Wizard?



These programs are being brought to us by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami.

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

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



DAY SCHOOL

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

As I enter my third year as Head of School, I recognize how fortunate I am to work alongside a dedicated, caring, and hardworking team who shares the mutual goal of giving each child the best educational experience possible. I am also blessed to work with supportive and thoughtful lay leaders, including our school board members. Our Rambam school board is composed of parents and community members reflecting diverse expertise, resources, and perspectives. Though they generally work behind the scenes, they are nonetheless committed and diligent volunteers.

As is the case in most private schools, the responsibilities of our school board include strategic planning, financial oversight, and the formulation of school policies. The board is charged with furthering Rambam's mission and ensuring its success. Through "big picture" planning, our board aims to provide for the Rambam students of the future. Because school board members make decisions that can have a significant and long-term impact, it is important to ensure that our school board members are equipped with the necessary knowledge to successfully fulfill their responsibilities.

With this in mind, in August, our school board was fortunate enough to participate in an all-day retreat and training session led by a consultant from the Institute of School Management (ISM). We were so thrilled to have this opportunity, and our board members showed up eager to work and learn. One of the board's goals was to increase its effectiveness, and this retreat was a huge step in that direction.

ISM brings decades of experience, strategies, and research in the independent school field. Throughout this retreat, ISM gave the school board invaluable guidance on numerous aspects that will surely help move the board forward. The ISM consultant helped our board understand its role in our institution. Board members learned so many ways to think, plan, and act strategically. They were able to collaborate to set an annual agenda and build up the effectiveness of its committees. They were able to ask questions, evaluate scenarios, and develop action plans to support our school's long-term success. It was also a fantastic opportunity for board members to get to know each other and build camaraderie, as many members are new to the board this year.

Our board is so thankful for this opportunity for board development, and I am so thankful for this group of volunteers who are willing to give up their time to work to make our school better. It is truly a gift to be able to kick off the new school year with a sense of focus and collaboration.

As our school year is underway, I know we are in good hands. I have such confidence in our talented, contemplative board members and know they share the common goal of ensuring Rambam Day School's success for years and years to come.

Nora Anderson





The Special Relationship Between Jews and Violins

A musical presentation by Alexander Mikhaylovsky, violin, and Alan Mason, piano "The Jew playing the violin could turn the listener's thoughts to magic"



Brotherhood's Opening Event Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 pm

Alexander Mikhaylovsky was born in Odessa, Ukraine (in the former Soviet Union), and began to learn violin at age 4. He graduated from the Odessa Music College,

where he excelled in four years of solo, ensemble and orchestral competitions.

After receiving a Bachelor's in music, Alexander attended the University of Music and Pedagogy in Ulianovsk, Russia for five years, where he earned a Master's degree in Music in 1990.

He has played with numerous groups including The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Latin American Chamber Orchestra, Florida Grand Opera and Miami Ballet. He has worked as an Orchestra Director with Miami-Dade Public Schools, Miami Beach Academy of Performing Arts, Florida Music Education Center and various local academies.

Alexander is a combination of extraordinary musical talent, great musical leadership, professionalism and humor.

All Men and Women of Temple Beth Am are welcome to attend this magical evening *Dinner Catered by Michael's Catering* FREE for all Brotherhood 2022–23 Members Guests: \$36 person INFO AND RESERVATIONS AT **tbam.org/KlezmerToRock** Dr. Alan Mason is Musical Director of Bet Shira Congregation. He received both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Manhattan School of Music, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Miami.



Alan spent over 15 summers studying synagogue

music and liturgy at Hebrew Union College. He was a college and university professor from 1982 to 2014, before retiring from Barry University as Associate Professor of Music.

As one of the nation's most noted accompanists, Alan is a regular feature at the Union for Reform Judaism, the Cantors Assembly, the American Conference of Cantors, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Guild of Temple Musicians and the Zamir Choral Foundation. He is the conductor of the Miami chapter of HaZamir: The International Jewish Teen Choir and the South Florida Jewish Community Choir. He is a Past President of the Guild of Temple Musicians (2015-2019), presently serving as Vice President for Special Projects, and was the pianist for the 2019 March of the Living.





BLESSING OF THE PETS Sunday, October 30 at 9:30 a.m., East Parking Lot

Celebrate your furry, feathered, and scaled friends with a special blessing at Temple Beth Am! As we read the story of Noah this week, we invite you to a special Havdalah morning program dedicated to honoring our pets.

Bring your pet for a special blessing with Rabbi Aklepi, and stick around to learn more about what Jewish tradition has to say regarding the compassionate treatment of animals. We'll have plenty of treats for the special animals in your life!

tbam.org/blessingofthepets

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Olivia Gomez October 1, 2022

Olivia is a graduate of Temple Beth Am Day School and is currently an a 8th grade student at Ransom Everglades. Olivia excels in math, science, lacrosse, basketball and being a great student. She is smart, emotionally intelligent, driven, sweet, funny, and resilient. Olivia enjoys volunteering at Patches which provides child nursing care and has become an advocate for the program. Olivia's parents, **Cindy** and **Jeff**, and siblings **Austin** and **Brandon**, are proud of Olivia and look forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah.



Sarah Bacigalupi October 8, 2022

Sarah is a 7th grader at Palmetto Middle School, where she currently serves on the National Junior Honor Society. Sarah is a kind, thoughtful, and driven young lady with a quick sense of humor. She is passionate about the arts and loves singing, playing the piano, and representing her theatre troupe at school. She looks forward to making her own appearance on a Broadway stage one day. She loves spending time with her family, friends, and being a big sister. Her mom, dad and sister are very proud and excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah and wish her Mazel always.



Charlotte Schaul October 8, 2022

Charlotte is a 7th grader at Gulliver. She enjoys playing sports and has played on the Junior Varsity Volleyball Team at Gulliver for the past two years. In addition to being an avid volleyball player, Charlotte also enjoys dancing, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. During the summer, Charlotte loves going to sleepaway camp in Maine. Her parents **Drew** and **Lizzie** and siblings **Daniel** and **Janie** are so proud of her and look forward to celebrating her special day.



Alyson Kaplan October 15, 2022

Alyson is a graduate of Temple Beth Am Day School and is now a 7th grade student at Ransom Everglades. Aly enjoys playing on her school's softball team, listening to music, playing guitar and drums, and spending time with her family and friends. She is compassionate, loving and quick-witted. Aly's parents, **Michele** and **Paul**, her sister **Rachel** and brother **Matthew**, are extremely proud of all her accomplishments and are excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.



Hailey Ginsburg October 22, 2022

Hailey is a 7th grade gifted student in the Dance Magnet at Southwood Middle School. She is an extremely talented dancer, a caring friend, and loving sister and daughter. When she is not at MVSA dancing, she loves spending times with her friends, shopping, and being with her family. Her parents, **Keith** and **Melissa**, and sisters, **Sydney** and **Rylee**, are extremely proud of Hailey and excited to celebrate her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Caleb Gold

October 22, 2022

Caleb is a 7th grade student at Ransom Middle School and graduate of Temple Beth Am Day School. He loves basketball, pole vaulting, snowboarding, guitar and fantasy football. Parents **Jane** and **Amir** and older siblings **Maia**, **Noah** and **Adi** are thrilled to celebrate Caleb has he becomes a Bar Mitzvah both here at Beth Am and in Jerusalem in December. Caleb is a loyal friend with a heart of gold that brings out the best in all of us.



Jake Taylor October 29, 2022

Jake is a 7th grade gifted student at Palmetto Middle School. He loves playing tennis, traveling, and spending his summers at Camp Judaea in the North Carolina mountains. His parents, **Wendy** and **Jordan**, and his brother, **Mason**, are very proud of all of his accomplishments and cannot wait to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah.

♀ Where can I find support for my recovery?

TEMPLE BETH AM'S 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.

October 25

From the Garden of Eden to Sodom and Gomorrah to Jacob's Ladder: How the stories in the Book of Genesis inspire recovery.

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.

NEW DATE

Cantor Coyot

TO OUR TEMPLE BETH AM CLERGY TEAM



Installation of Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 6:30 PM SERVICE

Dinner and Live Music to follow

www.tbam.org/installation

Temple Beth Am is Thrilled to Offer Learn Bridge in a Day

With Grand Life Master, Patty Tocker A unique opportunity to learn from an ABTA Master Teacher, ACBL Best Practices Teacher, North American Pairs Champion and Bridge Hall of Famer.



Tuesday, October 18

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Whether you are a beginner or returning to bridge, this is the perfect place to start.



\$50 per Person Lunch included 5950 SW 88th St, Pinecrest, FL 33156



Come with a friend or make new ones! See why bridge is the world's most. popular card game.

For more information or to register, please email akay@tbam.org

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This is our year Dedicate a Pair of Seats in



Dedicate a Pair of Seats in The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

The second floor of The Hub will be home to The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center.

This space will be used for religious services, holiday celebrations, lifecycle events, the Miami Jewish Film Festival, speaker series, musical performances, student shows, and much more.

NOW, WE INVITE YOU to dedicate a pair of seats to honor someone special in your life.

Your family's name will be listed on a beautiful cluster of plaques just outside and on the Donor Wall in the Hub Lobby.

Make sure you dedicate your seats before they are sold out!

* This does not reserve the right to preferred seating or reserved seats for events.

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Pledge for this dedication is \$10,000 over a 5-year period (\$2,000 commitment per year for 5 years). Donations are tax deductible.



TOURNAMENT

TEMPLE BETH AM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

DEERING BAY YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB

- Presented By -



11:00 AM Registration

Annual

12:00 PM Shotgun Start

5:30 PM Cocktails, Awards Dinner and Raffle Drawing

Four-person handicap scramble which will utilize handicap to determine final ranking. Golf is limited to the first 144 players.

\$425 per golfer includes golf, lunch, food on the course, open bar, awards dinner, 2 mulligans and 1 ticket to the Putting Contest.

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DON'T DELAY, LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WAS SOLD OUT!

WELCOME!

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We Welcome New Chair of Tikkun Olam Committee, Rebecca Holljes!



COMMENTATOR

As a TBAM member, Miami native, Pinecrest resident and mommy to two little boys, Rebecca Holljes is looking forward to giving back to a community that has provided so much to her and her family as the new chair of the Tikkun Olam Committee. As a TBAM pre-school and Hebrew-school graduate, Rebecca plans to focus on a post-Covid, in-person reengagement of TBAM families around service to our immediate and extended Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Although Rebecca knows she has big shoes to fill—thank you Shelley Jacoby!—she is excited to work with the talented, generous and compassionate Beth Am family to make this year fun, meaningful and impactful.

If you would like to be involved in the Tikkun Olam Committee, please call, text or email Rebecca with your ideas, questions and feedback at <u>rebecca@samsaraint.com</u> or 305.793.3022.



RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER FLORIDA (RAC-FL) UPDATE by Jeff Agron

Join Temple Beth Am, RAC-FL, and Florida Rising in the *Every Voice, Every Vote Civic Engagement* campaign for the 2022 election. We will be calling Florida voters to encourage them to vote on November 8. No experience is necessary! All you need is a smile and the willingness to speak with your neighbors. Each evening will start with a brief overview of the script and phone calling tools. You do not have to participate for the entire evening; join us anytime and any evening.

Please save these dates for upcoming virtual Zoom phone banks, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 • TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 • THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

You can register for these events at tbam.org/civicengagement. Once you register you will receive a Zoom link for the evening.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES TO KNOW:

OCTOBER 11

Last day to register to vote. registertovoteflorida. gov/home

OCTOBER 29 Last day to request Vote by Mail Ballot. miamidade.electionsfl. org/vrservices/mbrs#

OCTOBER 24– NOVEMBER 6 In-person early voting for Miami-Dade at various locations. www.miamidade.gov/ global/elections/ home.page OCTOBER 31 Mail in your Vote by Mail ballot by this day to ensure it arrives on time. NOVEMBER 8 Election Day! You must vote at your precinct.

You can check to see that your Vote by Mail ballot was received and counted by going to <u>www.miamidade.gov/global/elections/home.page</u> **QUESTIONS?** Contact Jeff Agron at jagron@tbam.org.

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 5

The Tikkun Olam Committee continues to collect food staples for those in need and will donate to the Jewish Community Services (JCS) Kosher Food Bank - the only food bank in Miami-Dade County to which those who observe kosher (kashrut) dietary laws can turn. JCS' Kosher Food Bank provides food to more than 400 families and nearly 100 Holocaust survivors. Please fill the Publix grocery bags you picked up on Rosh HaShanah, or any other shopping bag, with nonperishable food items, and bring to Temple Beth Am by Yom Kippur.

Thank you for your act of kindness.

Please check our website for details at <u>www.tbam.org/hhd</u>.



To make a monetary donation to the Kosher Food Bank, you may scan this QR code



TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

CELEBRATE WITH US

Opening Day Fall 2022 & Sukkot Celebration Sunday, October 9, 2022 8:30am-11:30am followed by a BBQ

A family friendly event held in our TBAM Garden Sanctuary. Help our garden grow and meet great people. Bring water, hats, gloves and energy! Advance registration requested. RSVP to **garden@tbam.org**

THE TBAM GARDEN SANCTUARY GROWS TOGETHER Sundays from 8:30am-11:30am

Everyone is welcome! We need you!

- » November 13, 2022
- » December 11, 2022

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Dearest Sisters and all TBAM Members,

I hope that the holidays have been filled with celebration, health and spiritual renewal. The fall season is a personal favorite as we celebrate the harvest and smells of our mind's eye. Miami, while gorgeous most of the time, requires some imagination of the beauty as our wonderful winter temperatures approach.

Sisterhood is thrilled to present our Opening Event: EAT, LAUGH, AND LOVE on Wednesday, October 26th. Adrian Dubow, Carol Flicker, and Laura Koffsky are the chairs of this complimentary evening. Let's celebrate Sisterhood together with these women and our amazing presenters. Please sign up to be a Sisterhood member at <u>tbam.org/joinsisterhood</u>. You can then RSVP to the opening event which is necessary for us to confirm our catering numbers no later than October 21st.

We have scheduled some educational and creative programs In October and November which you will see as you peruse our *Commentator* spread. Everyone is welcome to join our Sisterhood Board Meetings. We want to hear your thoughts and input regarding programming. Please contact Sheri Lieberman (sgl901@bellsouth.net) Executive VP of Sisterhood that you are attending so that we can add your name to our reminder notices.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Warmly,

SUSAN LAMPEN Sisterhood President

Tuesday, October 18 SISTERHOOD MOVIE CLUB 7:00 PM



Join us as Pamela Lear facilitates our discussion of **The Father**. This

Academy Award-winning film stars Anthony Hopkins as a man succumbing to dementia. It allows us to experience his confusion and offers the perspective of the caretakers and loved ones. The film is available on **Netflix** or go to **www.JustWatch.com** to choose what site you want to watch this film.

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

RSVP for Zoom link at tbam.org/movieclub.

Wednesday, October 19 SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM | Chapel

Please join us! Everyone is welcome and we want to get to know you and your interests! RSVP to Sheri Lieberman at sgl901@bellsouth.net.

Wednesdays: October 12, 19, 26 and November 9, 16, 30 WRITING WORKSHOPS 10:30 AM-12:00 PM | Conf. Rm. 3

Workshops begin in October! 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.

Tuesday, November 1 LUNCH AND LEARN 12:00–1:30 PM | Chapel

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 internationallyrecognized 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/lunchandlearn. Beverages and snacks will be provided!

Thursday, November 3 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB 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 lpfabry@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 9 THE MARVELOUS MRS. MARCIE MARKS RETURNS! 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.

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED!

Sisterhood is participating in **TBAM's 32nd Annual Golf Tournament** on Monday, November 7. We are seeking donation items including restaurant and store gift cards, tickets to sporting events, and more. For information please contact Judy Cowan at gatormom120@aol.com.

www.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.

OPENING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 6:30 pm – Social Hall

RSVP at tbam.org/eatlaughlove

Our three fabulous guest speakers will offer reflections on how food, humor and love can enrich the important relationships in our lives.

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NAOMI HARRIS is a Miami Native, Miami Palmetto High and Northwestern University graduate who has enjoyed baking since she was a teen. She bakes with organic, pure ingredients to create her culinary creations while creating a community at her Coral Gables restaurant, Madruga Bakery. Naomi and her husband Fabio have a newborn son, Theodore.





ALI LEVIN is a Brooklyn-based, Miami-born comedian, impressionist, actor, writer, and film producer dedicated to uplifting audiences through intimate storytelling and experiences that generate empathy and connectedness. Her comedy has been featured in Refinery 29, FunnyOrDie, and *The New York Times*. Her producing work has been featured on Netflix, CNN, Smithsonian Channel, Discovery Channel, and National Geographic. Ali grew up a member of the TBAM community and never scored a basket during her entire time as a TBAM basketball player! She is thrilled to spend the evening in laughter with the Sisterhood.

JUDITH KEMPLER is excited to be joining the Sisterhood Board this year as Vice President of Membership. Formerly a member of the Temple Beth Am clergy team, Rabbi Kempler spent seven years as spiritual adviser to TBAM's Sisterhood. During that time, she helped to craft engagement strategies, seeded thoughtful programming ideas and brought Jewish teaching to relevant programming. She is the mother of three Beth Am kiddos: Zoe (10), Zack (8) and Ava (3). She loves baking, running, singing (even when it embarrasses her kids) and dance!



This event is complimentary for all current 2022-2023 Sisterhood members.

Join Sisterhood today at tbam.org/joinsisterhood

We are thrilled to once again bring infant and early toddler programming back to campus! For the fall of 2022 we are offering the following classes:

Mommy and Me:

We invite children **birth to 18 months** along with a parent or caregiver to join us for a weekly handson learning experience that will integrate gross *motor* skills, sensory integration, music, play and more!

Classes are every Wednesday from 10:30–11:30am, beginning October 12.

The course will run for 10 weeks and is \$360.



Jammin with Jamie:

Join us for a weekly interactive musical experience with classic children's songs, rock n' roll hits and pop favorites! Enjoy prop and instrument play, movement, story time, parachute and bubbles. Are you ready to JAM?! Say OH YEAH!

The 10 week session will begin October 10 and will run every Monday for 10 weeks. The class is open to children birth to three years old.

Two classes will be offered. One beginning at 9:30am and one at 10:30am. The cost is \$360 for the full session.

* Please note that there will be no classes the week of November 21 as the school is closed for Thanksgiving recess. All classes will be on the second floor of Rambam Day School and strollers will remain parked on the first floor.

To register please go to: **tbam.org/babybluejs**



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*

More Information

Jacqueline Yehudiel, Director, Miami Beach and South Dade jyehudiel@jnf.org · 561-447-9733 x893

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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Week Ending October 7, 2022

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Week Ending October 14, 2022

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Week Ending October 21, 2022

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One of our most important traditions–an obligation to give, each in our own way, to help others. It is what makes us a strong, a united and a just people. Thank you for supporting Temple Beth Am on the Committee of 100 levels and making membership affordable to all.

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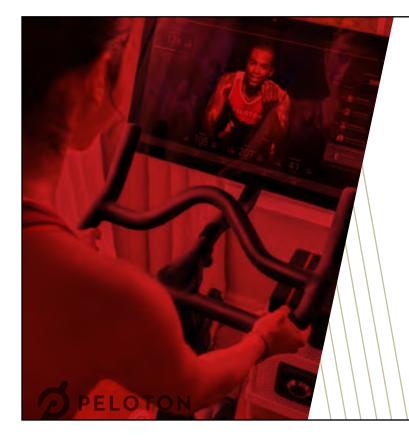
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By Dr. Lenore C. Kipper, RJE, Judaic Studies Director, Emerita

Journey to Israel 75: Pioneers, Leaders, Builders

The early writings about the return to the land, Eretz Yisrael, were supported by many leaders, especially in Russia and Poland, but the one who had a very significant role in the vision of the return was Asher Ginsberg.

Asher Ginsberg, Ahad Ha'am, 1856-1927

Asher Ginsberg was born into a Hassidic family in Kiev, and he was deeply rooted in the knowledge and traditions of Judaism and Hebrew. He wrote his ideas under the pen name of Ahad Ha'am, (one of the people). He believed that a Jewish homeland had to be established to not only save the Jewish people from persecution and oppression, but also to create a renewal of cultural Judaism. Ginsberg settled in Odessa in 1884 and became a leader with the group called Hovevei Zion, (lovers of Zion). They were young Jews who advocated for the return to the land to establish settlements.

Cultural and Spiritual Zionism

Ahad Ha'am was influenced by the changing nature of Jewish communal life in Eastern Europe. He realized that new relevant meaning for Jewish life would have to be found for the younger generation of Jews who were rebelling against traditional Jewish observance and ideas. He became the thinker, writer, visionary for spiritual and cultural Zionism. He also was sensitive to the impending conflict that would arise with the Arabs of the region. His vision included a democratic, egalitarian and humanitarian vision for a new Jewish homeland. He believed that Israel as a Jewish cultural center would reinforce Jewish life in the Diaspora communities. His hope was that a new Jewish identity based on Jewish ethics and values would strengthen Jewish life everywhere.

"Palestine (Israel) will become our spiritual and cultural center only when Jews are a majority of the population and own most of the land."

Ahad Ha'am was a persistent pioneer of Israel. He spent the last five years of his life in the land. As we approach the 75th anniversary year, we can truly say that his vision has become reality.

Theodor Herzl, 1860-1904

Almost all Jews know the name Theodor Herzl. He became the founder of nationalist Zionism, and the World Zionist Organization, and he was the advocate for political Zionism. An assimilated Jew, living in Vienna, at the age of 40, his Jewishness was aroused by the unjust trial of Alfred Dreyfus in France. After he witnessed the antisemitism displayed at that time, he then wrote a famous book, *The Jewish State*. It called for the Jewish communities of the Diaspora to come together in Basle, Switzerland, 1897, to organize a plan of action to gain political recognition for the establishment of a Jewish homeland and begin to purchase land in the name of the Jewish People, from Arabs of the Ottoman Empire. There was some opposition to Herzl from different leaders, but, in the end, most agreed that the time had come to motivate the Diaspora communities to implement the proposals that would lead to the establishment of a Jewish nation.

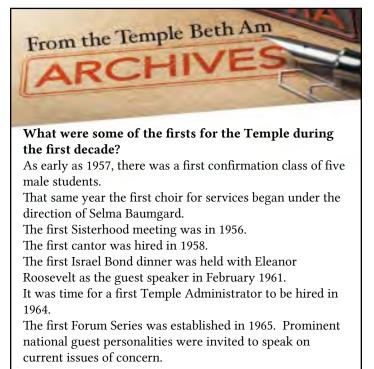
Herzl wrote, "No human being is wealthy or powerful enough to transplant a people from one place to another. Only an idea can achieve that. The Jewish State idea surely has that power. The Jews have dreamed this dream throughout the night of Jewish history. 'Next year in Jerusalem,' is our age-old motto. It is now a matter of showing that the vague dream can be transformed into a clear and glowing idea."

If you will it, it is not a dream.

I believe Herzl was a visionary modern prophet. He wrote after the Basel meeting that in 50 years the dream would become reality. And so it did. Exactly 50 years, 1897-1947, the UN voted for the partition plan and the creation of a Jewish state in the territory called Palestine. He spent the rest of his life working to achieve the goal of political recognition It has not been an easy journey, yet many of the goals of the early Zionist leaders have been achieved. Ahad Ha'am, Eliezer ben Yehuda, Theodor Herzl, did not live to see the establishment of Israel in 1948. Their visions and leadership set the stage for the achievements of 75 years. The journey continues.

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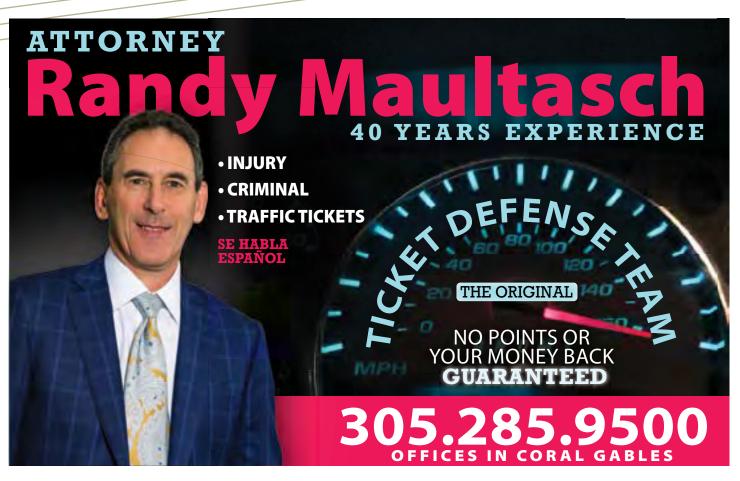
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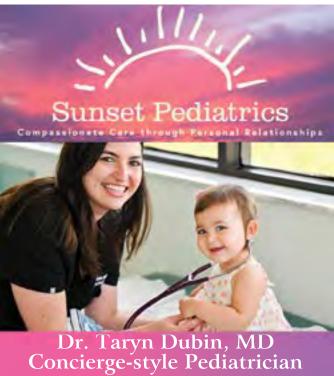
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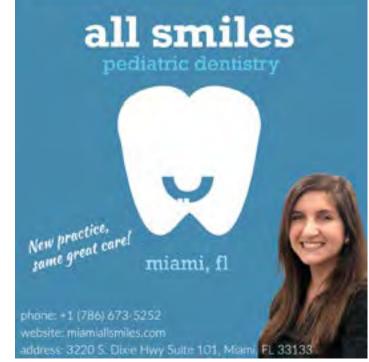


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