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GRAND OPENING OF THE HUB



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MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

9 Tevet
10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hayden Amron

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

14 Tevet
6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Eli Glasser
5:30 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Chelsea Rubin

Parashat Vayechi

Genesis 47:28 – 50:26
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

21 Tevet
6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Shabbat Services
7:30 p.m. MLK Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

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

Parashat Shemot

Exodus 1:1 – 6:1
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13; 29:22 – 23

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

28 Tevet
5:45 p.m. How 'bout Shabbat - Toy Story
6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
9:00 a.m. Sensory Shabbat – Library,
Rambam Building
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Victoria Andre
5:30 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Layla James

Parashat Vaeira

Exodus 6:2 – 9:35
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

6 Shevat
6:00 p.m. Pre-Neg
6:30 p.m. Chai Member Shabbat
Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Prusky

Parashat Bo

Exodus 10:1 – 13:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 28

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FAMILY SHABBAT

UNDER THE STARS



— CAMP COLEMAN STYLE —

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

6:30 PM

Join us for dinner and a fun-filled camping experience for ALL ages!

Immediately following student-led YERS Shabbat Services

ADULTS – \$54 | YOUTH (6-18) – \$22 | KIDS (5 & UNDER) – \$10

FAMILY PACKAGE – \$120 (INCLUDES 2 ADULTS AND UP TO 3 CHILDREN)

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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Everyone's Story is Important

Over a year ago, Rabbi Greengrass and I attended a meeting with officials from the Miami Police Department and Homeland Security. The goal of the meeting was to discuss the recent rise of antisemitism, and how we could coordinate together to fight this scourge. We discussed our concerns, and we listened as police officials talked poignantly about their desire to do everything possible to protect Miami's Jewish community. At the time of our meeting, Miami Beach had just been blanketed with flyers distributed across town by hatemongers. The flyers blamed most of the world's problems on Jews and made use of many of the traditional Jewish stereotypes and canards of which we are all familiar.

At one point, an African American man stood up and made a point that resonated with me. He opened his comments by speaking respectfully about the problem of antisemitism. But moments later, he shifted his focus to problems he faced in his community. He spoke logically and passionately, and to this day his words have had a great impact on me. He came to the meeting with a much different perspective than I did, and I learned a great deal from his words. In essence, he said that he felt bad for the rise in antisemitism, and he condemned it. He was sorry for the incident with the flyers. I remember one of his quotes distinctly. He said, "I'm sorry that you have to deal with these flyers, I really am. But you know what? When I walk outside my house, there is often a chance I could get shot. When my kids walk out of the house, they are approached by drug dealers. Why aren't we talking about that?"

After hearing him speak, I thought to myself how from his perspective flyers did not sound that bad. He made some very

good points. Obviously minimizing antisemitism is not the best strategy for fighting the ills of his community, but I understood where he was coming from, and I understood better what we should be doing. I entered the meeting that day prepared to discuss antisemitism and the threats to the Jewish community. But I have never been to a meeting that discussed threats to other ethnicities in our area. What I learned from that man was that if we expect them to have empathy for our story and sympathy for our fears, then we must reciprocate by listening to their stories and sharing their concerns. There are various communities in Miami that do not know much about each other. And when good, reasonable people do not take time to dialogue with each other, the empty vacuum is filled with the propaganda and vitriol of the malevolent forces among us.

Our new TBAM Antisemitism Task Force is currently working to set up dialogues with other groups throughout Miami. Our goal is to get to know each other. To share our story with them, but also to listen to their stories. Hopefully this is one step that we can take to get to know our neighbors and let them get to know us. Change will not surface if we remain confined in our echo chambers. But if we work together and reach out to our neighbors, then maybe we can improve the society we live in for the better. If you are interested in this noble effort, please contact me anytime.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras
Tuesday, January 17 at 12:00 P.M. in the Chapel

The History of Jewish-African American Relations

RSVP at tbam.org/lunchandlearn
 Lunch available for \$15 per person or bring your own lunch.



CLERGY CORNER

Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot

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The Spiritual and Musical Renaissance in Israel

Reform and Conservative Jews who travel to Israel are often surprised when they learn of the divide between religious Jews (Dati) and secular Jews (Chiloni). I've met many secular Jews who don't go to synagogue, but if they went to synagogue, it would be an Orthodox synagogue. The liberal Jewish movements don't have the same level of involvement as they do for Jews living in the diaspora. For American Jews, we need a place to attend that allows us to experience Jewish holidays and community. Israeli Jews experience the holidays, Shabbat, history, and culture everywhere they go. Israelis do not have the same need to belong to a synagogue unless they want to pray.

The intersection between spirituality and Israeli culture is a recent innovation. Secular and modern Israelis are struggling to create a new Jewish identity and equality in Israel. Israelis refer to this movement as the *Hitchadshut Yehudit*, the Jewish Renaissance. I learned that this renaissance was created after the death of Yitzhak Rabin in 1995. This tragic event caused Israelis to struggle with the notion that a Jew killed another Jew. Is peace with our neighbors ever possible if we are killing each other?

Secular Israelis looked inside themselves and realized they lacked community and depth. Slowly over the past thirty years, they created a path to Judaism that was secular, modern, pluralistic, and Israeli. They established organizations, communities, and schools across the country. When Beth Am takes trips to Israel,

we get to visit, pray, and learn with these communities.

During our worship services at Beth Am, we incorporate music from some of these communities, blending Sephardic rhythms with classical Israeli music. You can hear the beauty of Israel's diverse community in these prayer communities. I invite you to listen to the music from these communities and attend Shabbat services when we use these melodies.

Navah Tehillah in Jerusalem composed a completely musical Kabbalat Shabbat with soulful, meditative, and joyous music. Most of their music is written, adapted, and created by and for Israelis. They often perform on Friday evenings in commercial centers where Israelis and tourists eat and shop.

Beit Tefillah Yisraeli in Tel Aviv meets in the summer at the port overlooking the ocean. There is nothing more incredible than prayer at the beach with hundreds of people.

The new music for Israeli prayer communities made its way to America. I hope you will support the renaissance of Jewish prayer and music. May these melodies continue to inspire the diverse Jewish community to create a relevant and meaningful Judaism.

Cantor Tifani Coyot

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.

January 24, 2023
February 28, 2023

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.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Young
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As I drove to work this week, I saw that someone had graffitied “King Ye!” on a Metrorail pillar. What once was only in the shadows is now out in the open. I would not be silent.

I pulled over to the side of the road, took a photo, and texted it to my city commissioner, Ken Russell. Commissioner Russell had a city crew remove the graffiti immediately. He texted me later that day with a photo of the clean pillar. He captioned his message, “Erasing Kanye, one pole at a time.”

My mother, of blessed memory, told me a story about when she was in 5th grade at Horace Mann Elementary in Bayonne, New Jersey. Two boys would bully her all the time. One day on her walk home from school, my grandfather saw what was happening. He physically picked up these two boys by their shirt collars and told them to stop—or else. My mom never had any more trouble with them.

When I was at Tulane, a social fraternity held a “Jew Party” on Yom Kippur, at which everyone wore fake glasses with bushy eyebrows and big noses. Too bad for them that I was president of the student body and got the fraternity thrown off campus.

We must stand up to bullies. We cannot afford to be silent.

After having dinner with former President Trump and a well-known white supremacist, Ye (formerly Kanye West) went on a radio show and said, “I like Hitler. I love Jewish people, but I also love Nazis.” Like you, I feel disgusted and angry. Why would anyone love a Nazi? And why would anyone give him a platform?

Political leaders on both sides of the aisle have condemned the recent increase in antisemitic behavior by public individuals. A former Republican Secretary of State stated, “Antisemitism is

a cancer. We stand with the Jewish people in the fight against the world’s oldest bigotry.” Megan McCain tweeted, “We must call out this vile evil and do better. This didn’t just happen in a vacuum; it’s been building for years.”

Perhaps the strongest words of condemnation came from President Biden. He tweeted, “I just want to make a few things clear: The Holocaust happened. Hitler was a demonic figure. And instead of giving it a platform, our political leaders should be calling out and rejecting antisemitism wherever it hides. Silence is complicity.”

Yes, indeed. Silence is complicity. I call on all of you to speak out. If you see something, say something. We must confront the bullies among us.

On Shabbat, I was sitting in the sanctuary watching two b’nai mitzvah families on the *bimah* saying the blessings over the candles and wine, and it hit me. I finally figured out what we can all do to combat antisemitism. The joy and the kvelling by the two families showed me the light.

We need to be Jewish. We need to lead by example. We need to go to temple as a family. We need to teach our younger family members the importance of being Jewish. Families need to come to Beth Am not only for the holidays but for our incredible programming. By enjoying being Jewish, we will ensure that the bigots will not win. For our entire history, the antisemites wanted to eliminate the Jews. We have the power—not them.

So, as we begin 2023 and our campus continues to grow, I hope that all of you will grow and become a more active part of Beth Am. Our future depends on it.

David Young

MAZEL TOV TO...

Casey and Erica on the birth of Oliver Lyle Cromer.
Mazel Tov to grandfather **Tom Cromer** and uncle Rob Cromer
Mark and **Suzan Farber** on the birth of granddaughter
Penelope Rae Colcord

Steve and **Nadine Foldes** on the birth of grandson Cole Morry
Foldes
John and **Donna Shepard** on the engagement of daughter
Jillian Shepard to Edward Mudzinski

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BEYOND THE CURVE

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

THIS IS OUR YEAR!

GRAND OPENING OF THE HUB

– Save-the Date –
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

This Spring 2023, we will welcome you to **The Hub**,
dedicated by Richard and Colleen Fain. **The Hub** will be our new
state-of-the-art cultural, athletic and activity center, featuring:

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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MEMBERSHIP

TEMPLE BETH AM CHAI SHABBAT

Join us for a special evening of celebration
as we honor our chai members, 18-36 years of
membership and counting!

Friday Evening, January 27, 2023

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

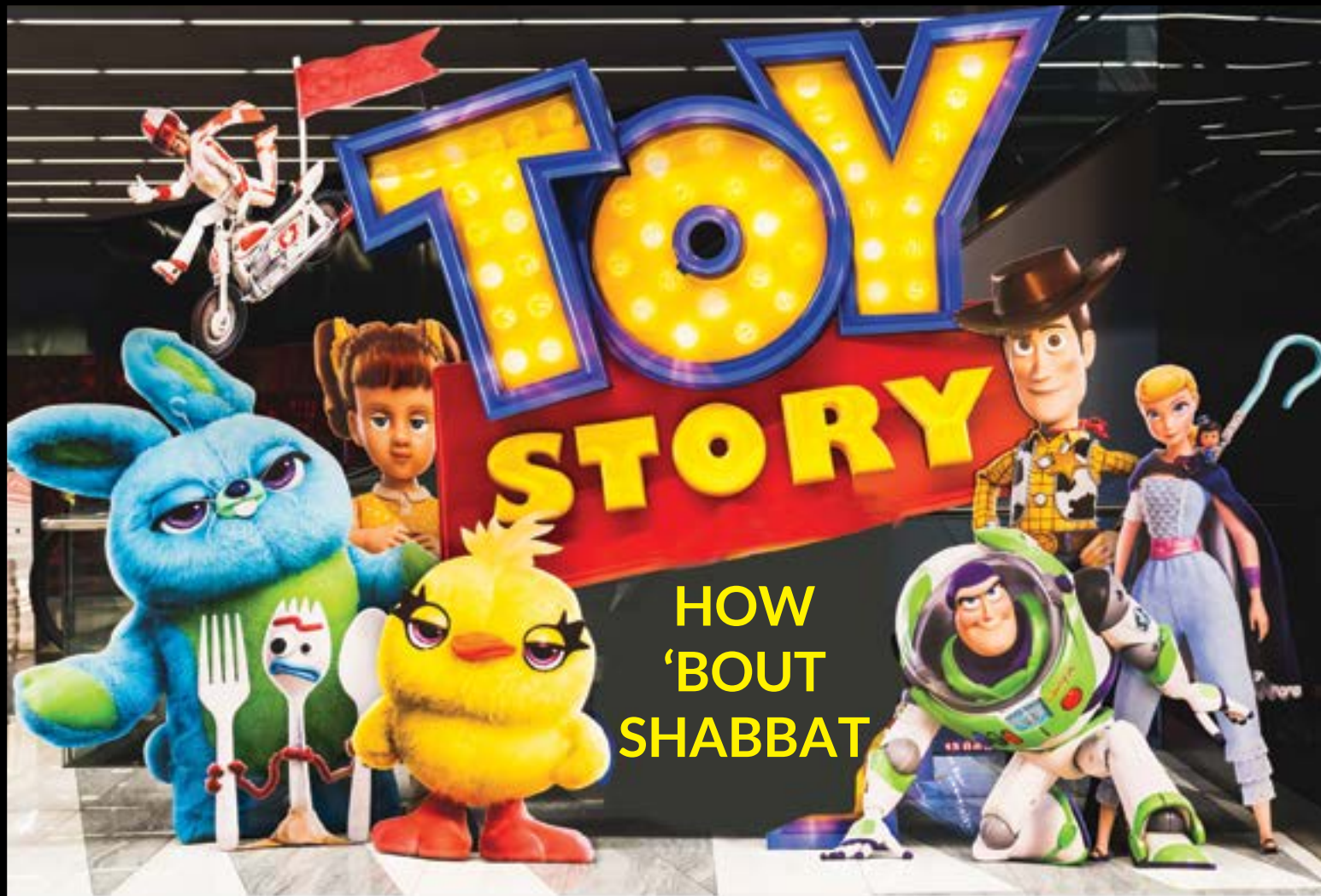
6:00 PM Light bites – Sanctuary Lobby
6:30 PM Shabbat Service – Sanctuary
Oneg immediately following service

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

If you have questions, please
call Rita at 786.364.9434

RSVP required
tbam.org/chai





HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT

HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT – TOY STORY

Friday, January 20, 2023 at 5:45 PM

Join all of your friends: Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bullseye and Mr. Potato Head! Children will enjoy this musical, interactive shabbat with

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantor Tifani Coyot
and catering by Michael's Catering.

Delicious dinner, wine bar for parents and grandparents!
BAFTY teens will be on hand for arts and craft with the kids.

Questions? Call Rita Diaz 786.364.9434

RSVP A MUST: tbam.org/toystory



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Combatting Antisemitism

Antisemitism is on the rise around the world, from graffiti, hate speech, and social media attacks, to more violent crimes including physical assault and worse.

I didn't think it could happen here. I follow the Anti-Defamation League ("ADL") Heat Map with attention, and it pains me to read the current reports on hate, extremism, antisemitism, and terrorism in this country.

These attacks come as no surprise. The racist discourses that our country has experienced in the last few years highlight the spread of hatred and intolerance. We, the Jewish people, know too well that antisemitism continues to fester in our society. What is frightening is that this behavior is not confined to extremist groups, but it has become a threat to our democracy.

Antisemitism and xenophobia have mainstreamed, and the world has witnessed attacks against people of different cultures, races and faiths; violent and unacceptable responses to being different.

As an educator, I believe dialogue and education can address these issues. Our curricula invite our teens to participate in the CoExist fellowship, a high school program in which participants visit different houses of worship and engage in conversation to learn about other cultures and faiths. Our nation was founded on the principle of religious freedom. This has resulted in religious diversity in our country. And yet, we very rarely talk to people of other faiths about what makes their beliefs different than our own. Ignorance breeds fear. Understanding leads to acceptance.

We cannot afford to segregate ourselves within our synagogues, mosques, and churches. Rather, we must educate ourselves and each other, thus taking a necessary first step toward global understanding and religious harmony. The CoExist fellowship is about respectful coexistence with others whose faiths, customs and views are different than our own. By exploring our differences and similarities, we strengthen our connections to the Jewish faith while building respect for other faiths in our community.

Rabbi Barras educates about antisemitism and the Holocaust in Confirmation and in our lower grades. During the week of Kristallnacht, our 5th grade and 6th grade students visited the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach, met a Holocaust survivor and heard some personal accounts.

On Sunday, January 22 our Religious School upper classmen will be participating in a workshop led by Toshimi Abe-Janiga, in partnership with the Jewish Department at FIU. Ms. Abe-Janiga, 2022 Palm Beach teacher of the year, got her national reputation in Holocaust education for making lessons relatable to students. Ms. Abe-Janiga will be presenting an intergenerational workshop for TBAM's Sunday Salon and our 5th and 6th grade students, sharing the Sugihara story and creating an art project, "Visas for Life." RSVP for this special event at tbam.org/visasforlife.

Every year since 2015, I have been an educator at the Leo Martin March of the Living, an identity-building program that uses Poland and Israel as a platform to study the history of the Holocaust and examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.

Along with our youth, adults are also interested in combating antisemitism. This past fall, Temple Beth Am joined the ADL in a pilot program to combat antisemitism. This project gathered dozens of members interested in this education. I am proud to co-lead the education and outreach aspect of the ADL program with Brittany Addams, a grand task of identifying connections to local churches, schools, and organizations to begin a path of dialogue and learning. Our group of adult members are ready to create relationships with groups of other faiths, both young and old, to break this millenary cycle of hatred, intolerance, and bias.

Want to join us? Contact me at tdonnenfeld@tbam.org

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Guatemala, here we come!



This month, our Social Justice Teen Fellows will travel to Comalapa, to contribute in the eco building of “La Escuela de Llantas.” Rabbi Greengrass, Jacki Altman and I will be returning to one of our favorite places as we again reclaim the sense of humility and gratefulness it place brings us.

“Seeing the way that the people of Comalapa lived really opened my eyes to fully understand how truly lucky I am to live such a fortunate life. I constantly worry about the little things, but they are nothing compared to their life problems. They have to focus on saving water because they can only get a certain amount a day, or their sanitation because there is no real trash disposing system where they live. I truly appreciate the lifestyle I am able to live because they could never imagine living with luxuries like a computer, or even having their own room.” – 2019 Fellow

“The people in Comalapa were very kind, and they always wanted to talk to us. They didn’t judge or make pretentious comments, in fact most of the people were very welcoming and kind. There were no blatantly ostentatious people like we see so much here in the U.S. Most of the people were very down to earth and wore their hearts in their chests and not on their sleeves. All the children were

happy outside playing sports, unlike children here who are always upset that they don’t have the newest sneakers or Xbox games. ... To me Guatemala was a recess from the real world, and I greatly appreciated my time there, and I will never forget it.” – 2019 Fellow

The Social Justice Teen Fellowship is a year-long program that seeks to empower 11th and 12th grade students to take responsibility and action for significant social, economic and environmental problems in our community. The program is an incredible opportunity to not only explore Jewish life, but also to make a difference in the world.

Reminder!
YERS Live is Friday, February 10, 2023
at 6:30 P.M.

Details and RSVP at
tbam.org/yerslive



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PROGRAMMING

MLK Shabbat Friday January 13, 2023

6:00 P.M. preneg
6:30 P.M. service with dinner to follow

Temple Beth Am is honored to welcome back our friends from St. Peters Missionary Baptist Church to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in song and worship, featuring the joyful music of the St. Peters choir and the inspiring words of Reverend Robert Brooks.

Social justice is a cornerstone of Reform Judaism, and on this Shabbat before MLK Day, we invite you to join us for a meaningful evening to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King as we look to a future guided by his principles of social action.

**Join us immediately after services
for a festive Shabbat dinner with
our friends from St. Peters!**

To RSVP visit tbam.org/mlkshabbat



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The White Rose Anti-Nazi Resistance

*Featuring Dr. Jud Newborn,
Founding Historian of
New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage*



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 7 P.M.
THE KISLAK FAMILY SOCIAL HALL



Using stirring theme music, powerful images and suspenseful storytelling, Dr. Newborn recounts how Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans—former fanatical Hitler Youth leaders—transformed to become the heroes of the German anti-Nazi resistance through the student-led protest group, The White Rose. Relating the White Rose story to today's most compelling current events and global issues, he presents an array of inspiring "White Rosers" today, abroad and at home, who risk themselves for freedom and our shared humanity.



We hope you'll join us to hear this compelling story as we reflect on how we can follow their example to combat antisemitism in our community and beyond.

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WE WILL NOT BE SILENT
by David Myers

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SUNDAY SALON

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

JANUARY 8TH

Dr. Abraham Benyunes brings us a fascinating true story:



THE NON-JEWISH ORIGINS OF THE SEPHARDIC JEWS

The prevailing understanding is that Sephardic Jewry had its genesis in Spain and Portugal and did not descend from the ancient Judeans. Dr. Benyunes' curiosity peaked some years ago when visiting Morocco, and he found many families in the phone book with the name Benyunes - and none were Jewish. Later, when he was clearing customs, he was hailed as a celebrity because the Mayor of Tangiers was a Benyunes, and an Olympic athlete from Libya was also a Benyunes. Come and hear about this most interesting history.

JANUARY 22ND at 10:30 am, Kislak Family Social Hall

HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE AWARENESS WEEK - CHIUNE SUGIHARA: VISAS FOR LIFE



Our Sunday Salon society is invited to join our remarkable Temple Beth Am Religious School for a special FIU sponsored multi-generational program commemorating Holocaust and Genocide Awareness Week. We will learn the amazing story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat who served as vice-consul for the Japanese Empire in Lithuania during the Second World War. Sugihara helped thousands of Jews flee Europe by issuing transit visas so that they could travel through Japanese territory, risking his job and the lives of his family.

What an inspiring reminder that one person doing the right thing can make a difference in the world! Participants in this educational workshop will reflect on his actions and will craft visa tags for the individuals whose names appear on the Sugihara List in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Please join us for an extraordinary presentation brought to us by Florida International University, as part of the 8th annual Holocaust and Genocide Awareness Week (HGAW).

Kindly RSVP at tbam.org/visasforlife

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

TU BISH'VAT SUNDAY SUNDAY SEDA SEDA IN THE GARDEN

Sunday, February 5 | 2:00 P.M.

Celebrate the Jewish New Year for the Trees
in our TBAM Garden Sanctuary!
We're putting our own spin on the traditional Tu BiSh'vat seder with
ice cream sundaes for all. Join us for this family-friendly holiday
celebration as we explore how our Jewish tradition
teaches us to advocate for the environment while
connecting to nature in our own beautiful garden.

Free of charge, but please RSVP at
tbam.org/tubishvat





TOT SHABBAT

WITH CANTOR COYOT!

Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 A.M.

Early Childhood Courtyard (Rambam Day School Building)

Share the joy of Shabbat with your little ones at our Tot Shabbat!
Join us for Shabbat songs, crafts and fun while connecting with other families
as we welcome Shabbat together. This month, we'll be celebrating Tu BiSh'vat! We will decorate
pots, plant seeds and learn all about the Jewish New Year for the Trees.
This program is geared toward children ages 4 and under, but big brothers and sisters are welcome!

RSVP: tbam.org/totshabbat



February FamJam Mitzvah Edition

**Friday, February 24
5:30 P.M.**

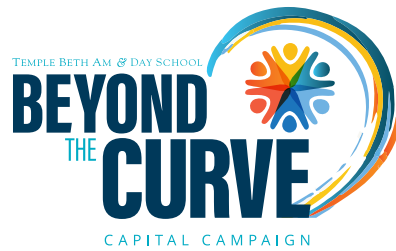
The Krys Family Atrium, Rambam Day School Building

We invite all elementary school students and their families to this special abbreviated Shabbat service with Cantor Coyot and her band, featuring a pop-up choir of talented Rambam Day School students. With Mitzvah Day right around the corner, we will have special kid-friendly mitzvah opportunities so that our little ones can use this Shabbat to give back and learn about the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam.

Stick around after services for food trucks, sports and family fun!
Admission includes full access to food trucks and prepared food, as well as activities geared toward children K-5...
but little sisters and brothers are welcome!

Adults \$25 / Children ages 5 and over \$15 / Family of 4 \$72
Children 4 and under are free, but please let us know how many will attend. No charge to attend the service only.

RSVP at tbam.org/famjamshabbat



JANUARY 30, 2023
is the
EXTENDED DEADLINE
For signing a pledge to be included on the
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Don't miss out!

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





DAY SCHOOL

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It is a new year and time for new opportunities!

Some of the most useful tools in education are field trips. Every student comes to the classroom with a different world experience. Today's students are visual learners, and field trip allows them to touch, feel, and listen to what they are learning about. To think broadly, students need to have a variety of real-world experiences. This helps them build on classroom instruction and gain a better understanding of topics. Field trips allow them to build a cultural understanding and tolerance and gain exposure to worlds outside their own.

Over the years, some of the most memorable activities at Rambam Day School have been our field trips. Rambam proudly offers a wide variety of field trips, from art museums to Virginia Key Beach to the Team Ropes Adventure Challenge at FIU. Our 5th graders eagerly await a special three-day overnight trip each year. Regrettably, due to Covid, we have been unable to offer these trips for the past two years. At long last, we are excited to welcome back this long standing tradition for our 5th graders! We are thrilled to be able to take our students to Savannah, Georgia in the spring. The trip will align with the students' learning about both the Civil War and Jewish history. Our students will have the opportunity to visit many fascinating places. They will experience Historic Savannah, with stops at the History Museum and Pinpoint Museum. They will learn about the Fort Jackson Militia Program and experience the intriguing Davenport House Museum, where they will learn the story of those dwelling in the house—both enslaved and free—in the early 19th century. Students will also experience different religious environments, from the Congregation Mickve Israel, one of the oldest synagogues in the United States, to the First African Baptist Church. The 5th grade overnight trip is as much about education as it is about the social experience. After so many years together, our 5th graders

will soon graduate and move on to various middle schools. This trip is the culmination of years of learning together, laughing together, and forging bonds that will last a lifetime. It gives students an opportunity to connect with one another away from home and share an experience that will provide heartfelt memories.

We are also thrilled to welcome back our annual 4th grade Kennedy Space Center field trip, a memorable tradition for our students. This field trip is part of the 4th grade science curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to spend an entire day touring the space center, learning about space exploration and all of its components, and will even meet a real astronaut. It is another special aspect of Rambam Day School that we are happy to offer once again.

When students leave the classroom for a field trip, they see connections between what is happening in school and in the real world. They begin to see that what they learn in the classroom can help them solve the problems in the world around them and can have a direct impact on the people they become. We are so thrilled to be able to provide our students with all of this and more.

Here's to a healthy and happy 2023!

Nora Anderson

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***returning member**

This reflects renewals as of 11/29/2022

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Hayden Amron
January 2, 2023

Hayden is a 7th grade student at Gulliver Prep. She enjoys cheerleading, fashion design, spending time with her friends and family, and playing with her dog Winter. Hayden loves children and enjoyed her summer working as a volunteer at Beth Am Day Camp. She also volunteers frequently with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Hayden's parents, **Lauren** and **Brett**, and her brothers **Danny** and **Dylan**, are extremely proud of her hard work and look forward to celebrating her special day.



Eli Glasser
January 7, 2023

Eli is currently a 7th grader at Carver Middle school. His motivation and work ethic are admirable, both in the classroom and on the soccer field. Eli spends the majority of his free hours playing competitive soccer, and loves any spare time to socialize with his friends. Eli is a sensitive and kind young man, a fiercely loyal friend, and his laugh is infectious to all. His parents, **Greg** and **Alissa**, and siblings, **Caroline**, **Shane** and **Jake**, could not be prouder of Eli and can't wait to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah.



Chelsea Rubin
January 7, 2023

Chelsea is a 7th grader at Riviera Prep. She loves soccer, Camp Blue Star, shopping, hanging with her friends and family, and every kind of candy in existence! She is also an animal lover, who is crazy about her two dogs, Matilda and Tucker. Her parents, **Erin** and **Adam**, and brother **Jack** are super excited to celebrate her on her special day.



Tori Andre
January 21, 2023

Tori is a 7th grade gifted student in the drama program at Southwood Middle School. She loves competitive horseback riding, friends, sleepaway camp, and spending time with her family. She is always the life of the party and is extremely loving and passionate! Her parents **Stacy** and **Robert**, brother **Jake** and sister **Brooke**, are extremely proud of Tori and excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.



Layla James
January 21, 2023

Layla is a 7th grade honor student in the dance magnet program at Southwood Middle School. Layla's passion is ballet: She also dances at Armour Dance Theatre, and she will be performing in the Nutcracker this holiday season. Layla is smart, loving, and funny, and she loves hanging out with her friends, her dogs, her parents **Zach** and **Danielle**, and her brother **Austin**. For Layla's mitzvah project, she raised money and awareness for Glycogen Storage Disease research.

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Isabel Prusky
January 28, 2023

Isabel is a 7th grade student at Gulliver Prep and a graduate of Rambam Day School. She is joyful, outgoing and has a big heart. She has been dancing since she was four and is currently participating at Gulliver's advanced dance program and MDC. She also practices pole vaulting. She is a dedicated student and enjoys traveling, cooking and trying all kind of foods. Her parents, **Adriana** and **Diego** and her brother **Sebastian** are extremely proud of the young woman she is becoming.

Reading with the Rabbi



A God We Can Believe In

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**Tuesdays,
12-1:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 3**

RSVP: tbam.org/agodwecanbelievein

**We want to thank all our coaches
and commissioners who willingly volunteer
their time each season.**

A special thank you to head commissioners
Valerie Berrin and **Michael Williams**
for their hard work and dedication to Beth Am Basketball.



Our Spring League Welcomes...



Spring 2023 Season runs February through Early May.

Basketball evaluations: Saturday, January 21, 2023

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND EVALUATIONS

For the most up-to-date information on registration and scheduling, visit our website at
tbam.org/basketball

Installation of Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot

Thank you to all who joined us as we celebrated the Installation of Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot! We welcomed over 300 congregants for a beautiful Shabbat service followed by a festive party with dinner and dancing. What a night!

May we share many more *simchas* to come with Cantor Coyot and our entire Temple Beth Am community.



Summer Camp is Back!

Camp Sababa

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Have questions? Contact Isabella Martinez or Cassie Sosa, Co-Camp Directors,
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Calling all



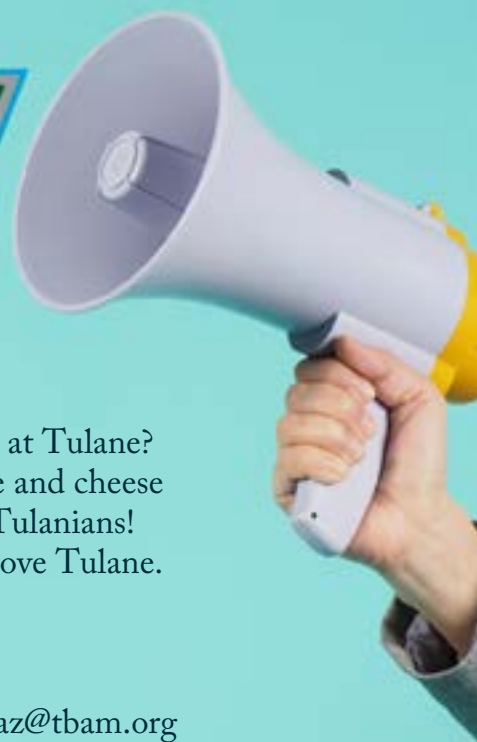
Alum or Affiliated

**Wednesday, February 8
7:30 – 9:00 P.M.**

Are you a Tulane alum? Have a son or daughter at Tulane? Michelle and Steve Cohen will be hosting a wine and cheese evening at their home in Palmetto Bay for all Tulanians! Join us and meet other Beth Am folks who also love Tulane.

Roll wave, Rita!

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



Our Next General Membership Meeting...

Wednesday, January 25th

at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Everyone is welcome to attend



featuring Guest Speaker

J.B. Harris, Esq.

One of our own Brotherhood members, J.B. will regale us with his mountain climbing exploits. When he's not indulging his adventuresome spirit, J.B. is an attorney who is well-known for his high profile cases.



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Save the Date!

**Sunday, March 26, 2023
Men's Passover Seder**

TBAM Tours Charleston!

This past November, after many years of dreaming and many months of planning, Temple Beth Am took its inaugural Jewish heritage trip to Charleston, SC to explore the city's Jewish origins. We had the distinct honor of welcoming Dr. Gary P. Zola to guide us through the city's rich history.

Dr. Zola is the Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, and one of the foremost experts on the American Jewish experience, with a particular focus on the development of American Reform Judaism. His passion for this important history was palpable as he brought to life the perspectives of the early Reformers. With each talk he gave, Dr. Zola drew us in more and more, allowing us to consider our place in the trajectory of American Jewish life as congregants at one of the preeminent Reform synagogues of the Southeastern United States.

It was compelling for me as a Jewish professional to hear that the concerns of those creating this new Reform Jewish tradition—perceived at the time to be entirely radical—are the same concerns that Jewish thought leaders have today. How do we evolve a tradition without losing its most essential elements? How do we honor where we come from as we meet people where they are? What are the reasons that people disconnect from Jewish life, and how can we create an inclusive environment that will encourage them to return? We also know that being a part of Jewish community is not just about ritual, liturgy, and halacha (Jewish law); building Jewish community is about creating collective experiences. It's about connecting with other Jewish people.

As we visioned this trip, Rabbi Barras and I were most excited about this visit as a unique opportunity to connect people in a new way. In the end, perhaps the most powerful aspect of this congregational trip was its intimacy. Our group of 28 all had a passion for Judaism and a passion for Beth Am, but also an earnest interest in exploring Jewish history. We were all there because we really wanted to be there, and it always feels good to be in a group of likeminded, enthusiastic people! The size of our group was big enough to feel like we were arriving as a community, and small enough that everyone really got a chance to get to know everyone else. As we shared a Shabbat dinner together at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, one of the oldest Reform synagogues in the country and the birthplace of American Reform Judaism, we could feel the gravity of being in that historic space with our Beth Am family. It's experiences like these that nurture Jewish life, that keep it thriving and vibrant, and that ensure that we are building on the beautiful traditions of not just our Biblical ancestors, but our American Jewish ancestors.

We are extremely grateful to Michael and Julie Weiser, who were instrumental in making this trip possible. Michael shared some reflections at the start of the trip wherein he told us how proud he is to be a Jew, and how proud he is to be an American. I felt that patriotism and Jewish pride throughout the trip, and I feel so immensely grateful and proud to be a part of Temple Beth Am.

L'shalom,

Andrea Kay

This was our first congregational trip, but it won't be our last!

We're in the beginning phases of planning our next trip to...
New Orleans!



Thus, from the above extract, it appears, that no climes, nor even tyranny itself, can forever fetter or control the human mind; and that even amidst the intolerance of Europe, our brethren have anticipated the free citizens of America in the glorious work of reformation; let us then hasten to the task with harmony and good fellowship. We wish not to overthrow, but to rebuild; we wish not to destroy, but to reform and revise the evils complained of; we wish not to abandon the institutions of Moses, but to understand and observe them; in fine, we wish to worship G-d, not as slaves of bigotry and priestcraft, but as the enlightened descendants of that chosen race, whose blessings have been scattered throughout the land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Signed by forty-seven Israelites of the City of Charleston.

Excerpt from "Memorial" - A Petition to the President and Members of the Adjunta of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim of Charleston, South Carolina, December 23rd, 1824



Interested in learning more about traveling with TBAM?

Sign up for our mailing list at tbam.org/tbamtours and be the first to hear about our next adventure!



Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are focusing on 2023! There is so much to look forward to with our collaborations with Brotherhood, Tikkun Olam, PATIO, and our TBAM Programming Department.

We are concurrently planning our Winter and Spring Programs with the support of Sisterhood board members and Sisterhood members. We are 370 strong and I urge all of you to get involved with a program that is of particular interest to you.

Please come forward and share your ideas with our Board by contacting Sheri Lieberman at sgl901@bellsouth.net. Sheri, Sisterhood Executive Vice President, helps our chairs coordinate our programs and will provide support to you regarding your specific suggestions.

Please peruse the programming here. Many RSVP links may not be up but keep checking. Marketing is dancing as fast as they can. Some of our programs may have limited numbers because of physical space concerns. If there is a lot of interest, particularly with the art studio visits, we are able to offer a second opportunity to attend.

Continue to check your email and Mid Month Mailer (MMM) for updates and additional activities being offered by Sisterhood.

Happy New Year.

Warmly,
Susan Lampen
Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD CREATIVITY WITH COMMUNITY

WRITING WORKSHOPS Winter 2023

Smile at the Many Faces of Words

Whether you wish to write a memoir, poetry, reflections on life, thoughts about Judaism, or anything else - **this writing group is for you.**

Classes in-person on Wednesdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Meeting Rm. 3

January 11, 18, 25

February 1, 15, 22

\$50/all 6 sessions, \$10/each session

No expertise required, just the desire to put words on paper.

Casual, friendly, all women welcome!!!

Workshops will be led by **Ricki Dorn** -published poet, editor, recently retired MDC and FIU writing professor, and immediate past president of South Florida Writers Association.

For more information and to register, contact

Pamela Lear at lear4752@yahoo.com or 858-775-0409.

Save the Date

Torah Study and Flower Arranging Experience

Wednesday, January 25th
Chapel, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Meaning of Flowers: An Ikebana (Japanese) Spiritual Experience given by Shara Eastern, Contemporary Asian Studies expert and Rabbi Jaime Aklepi.

\$18 per person. Space is limited to 20 participants.
For details and to RSVP visit: tbam.org/flowers

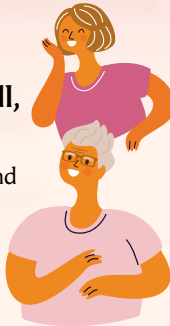
Sisterhood Members Mingle: LET'S WEAVE OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Drinks and Hors d'Oeuvres

Wednesday, February 15
The Kislak Family Social Hall,
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Chaired by Rosy Bild, Faye Koniver and
Judy Kempler, VP of Membership

\$20 per person
RSVP at: tbam.org/mingle



The Garden Continues... Sisterhood Project at Casa Valentina for Mitzvah Day

Wednesday, February 26

For details on Mitzvah Day, email toctbam@gmail.com



Introduction to CPR

Thursday, February 1
Chapel, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Limited to 30 participants.

RSVP at: tbam.org/heart

Sisterhood Board Meetings

Tuesday, January 18
Chapel, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday, February 9
Chapel, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

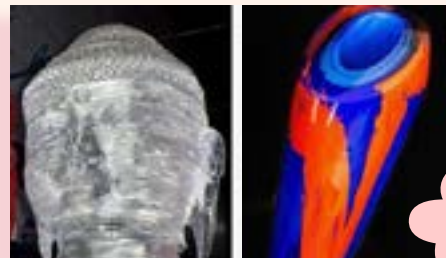
All members welcome.

Sisterhood Art Visit and Lunch

Wednesday, February 23
10:30 AM

Terje Lundaas' Studio followed by lunch at
Tropical Chinese. Location information will be
sent upon registration.

\$36 per person. Space is limited to 20 participants.
No reservations will be accepted after Friday, February 20th.
For details and to RSVP visit: tbam.org/artandlunch



Sisterhood Book Club

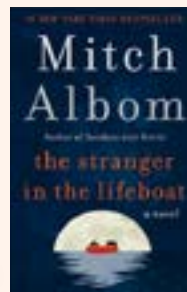


Thursday, January 5,
Chapel, 7:00 PM

"Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson
(Pamela Lear will lead the discussion)

Thursday, March 2,
Chapel, 7:00 PM

"The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom
(Ivy Ames will lead the discussion)



Thursday, May 11,
Chapel, 7:00 PM

"Lessons" by Ian McEwan
(Facilitator is not yet determined)

Contact us to volunteer to lead May 11th
or to RSVP for any date:
lpfabry@gmail.com or
gingerdurand@yahoo.com

tikkun olam

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU?

Happy 2023 friends! I hope your holidays, however celebrated, were filled with the company of loved ones, yummy food, health and happiness—and I wish the same for you for this new year.

Many of us are likely considering New Year's resolutions. A new year, new you, perhaps? A new commitment to exercise and improved health, meditation, focus and positivity? Maybe something else? What about resolving to serve?

A core tenet of our faith is Tikkun Olam and the daily performance of mitzvot. And though a commitment to daily mitzvot may feel a bit ambitious, the journey of 1000 (or perhaps 613) mitzvot begins with a single step.

With that in mind, please consider making service—volunteering, donating, sharing and using your skills to help others and organizations in and beyond our community—part of your New Year's resolutions.

If you're not sure where to start, please contact the TOC (toctbam@gmail.com) and check out the TBAM website to discover opportunities. Also, please consider signing up to participate in one of the community projects your fellow congregants are presently organizing and planning for this year's Mitzvah Day (on Sunday, February 26). We will include numerous service projects both on and off campus. And if you don't see something that you think the committee should be addressing, please suggest an initiative, and we'll make it a part of our mission.

Happy New Year....and let's talk soon!

Rebecca Holljes,
Tikkun Olam Chair



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Join us Sunday, January 22, 2023!

8:30am-11:30am

Fulfill your New Year's resolution to live a healthy and balanced life with a family-friendly morning of gardening, meditation and yoga movement.

Bring a hat, gloves, yoga mat, towel or chair and your positive energy!

Kindly RSVP to garden@tbam.org

Save These Dates:

February 26, 2023 - Garden Education & Mitzvah Day

March 12, 2023 - TBD

April 23, 2023 - Earth Day Celebration



TBAM'S BOUNDLESS GENEROSITY *THANK YOU!*



Our adorable Nursery students representing the generous families of Rambam Day School as they showcase some of their donations for our annual holiday toy drive for Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO).



Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Tikkun Olam are excited to partner together by collecting books to support Exchange For Change, which offers educational and skills-building courses to incarcerated students.



Members and clergy participated in Greater Miami Jewish Federation's annual Everything But the Turkey event by preparing boxed lunches for community fridges and local homeless shelters.

RAC-FL UPDATE

RAC-FL Election work continues: Thank you to everyone who turned out to ensure a free and safe election – those who did calling, sent texts and mailed postcards to voters. Voting is the linchpin of our democracy. The Babylonian Talmud teaches us that “A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted”, thus stressing the importance of voting for our leaders. Even though the midterm elections have passed, our work with RAC-FL, Florida Rising and All Voting is Local continues.

In 2023, there will be many municipal and local elections and, of course, 2024 is a Presidential election year with elections for the Senate and House of Representatives.

We will continue to make sure that every voter who is eligible gets to vote and that all votes count. This past election cycle we worked closely with the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections.

In 2024, Miami-Dade voters will for the first time elect a Supervisor, so it is a crucial year for our electoral work. RAC and RAC-FL will also be deciding soon which issues it will be organizing around for 2023. If you would like to be involved in this important work, please be in touch with Jeff Agron at jagron@tbam.org.

All the best,

Jeff Agron,
RAC-FL





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THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023
7:00 pm

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OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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



Journey to Israel 75: Pioneers, Leaders, Builders

The support and participation of important American Jewish leaders was essential in the pre-statehood period. From the time of the First World Zionist Organization meeting in Basel, Switzerland, 1897, American Jews were encouraged by several prominent leaders to support Zionism and the establishment of a Jewish nation in the land of Eretz Yisrael.

Louis Brandeis, 1856-1941

Before 1914 some Jewish leaders in the United States were ambivalent or opposed to the ideas of Zionism. Louis Brandeis advocated for the establishment of a Jewish state, and he influenced many American Jews to support the idea. Brandeis came from a German Jewish family living in Kentucky. His family was not involved actively in belonging to the Jewish community, but he had an uncle, Louis Dembitz, who influenced him in his younger years. Brandeis attended Harvard Law School and graduated at 20!

When President Wilson was elected in 1912, he consulted with Brandeis on many issues, and four years later, he nominated him for Justice to the Supreme Court. It was a difficult time for Brandeis because of the rise of antisemitism, but he was confirmed, and he became the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice, serving for twenty-three years.

At the same time, he used his influence to continue his support of Zionism. At the end of World War I, Brandeis agreed to take a leadership position in the WZO. He sent delegates to the Paris Peace Conference to urge them to include the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. One of the results of that conference was the Balfour Declaration.

He helped establish the Palestine Economic Corporation which worked to develop investment in important projects in the land. Brandeis and Ben Gurion communicated with each other in 1934 about a port on the Red Sea that needed development. The cost for this new project would be \$100,000. Brandeis did not ask others to raise the money, instead, he wrote his own personal check for the amount and sent it to Ben Gurion. It became the port city of Eilat!

Brandeis contributed both spirit and influence, as well as fortune, leaving the largest amount of his estate to support the establishment of a Jewish state.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, 1893-1963

Rabbi Silver was one of the outstanding leaders and orators of his generation. Born in Lithuania, he arrived in the United States in 1902. Although he grew up in an Orthodox community and family, he decided to become a Reform Rabbi and studied at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. At that time the Reform movement and the College were not advocates of Zionism. Rabbi Silver, however, was an ardent supporter of Zionism from the pulpit and in his actions. He became the rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio from age 24 until his death. In 1938 Rabbi Silver became the founder and co-chair of the United Jewish Appeal. He was the first Zionist leader to publicly criticize the political position of President Roosevelt and the State Department for their views on the future of Palestine.

"We cannot truly rescue the Jews of Europe unless we have free immigration to Palestine, and we cannot have free immigration unless our political rights are recognized."

When Roosevelt's anti-Zionist views in correspondence with King Ibn Saud became known, Silver's views were vindicated. He pursued a leading role in the struggle for the creation of a Jewish nation-state, especially when he became president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) and the chairman of the American Section of the

Jewish Agency. He worked closely with David Ben Gurion, who was the head of the Jewish Agency in Eretz Yisrael. He was the leading spokesperson in the United Nations negotiations that culminated in the November 29, 1947 resolution vote that partitioned Palestine and led to the establishment of a Jewish nation. He was the right person at the right time in Jewish history.

L'Shalom,

Lenore Kipper



Temple Growth Requires Additional Rabbinic Roles

Between 1974 and 1979 it was necessary to expand the clergy responsibilities. The Religious School enrollment grew as well as in the Day School. Two Rabbis were hired to support and guide the schools. Rabbi Julian Cook and Rabbi Fred Davidow were appointed. In addition, Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz began a long time assistant Rabbi for five years. His role was to develop the Chavurah groups and develop the Adult Education Program. In 1977 there were 80 students in the Confirmation class! During this growth period, the music groups for students were created under the direction of Harriet Potluck, the Beth Americans and the Troubadors. They performed not only at the Temple, but were invited to give concerts for other organizations in the city.

Many Musical Concerts and Programs

Under the leadership of Selma Baumgard, an Adult Choir sang every week at services. In addition, many guest musicians were brought to the Temple. In 1976 a Jewish Music Concert was performed with Composer and Professor Max Janowski to direct the Adult Choir. We still hear some of Janowski's music, especially on the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Baumgard and Selma created a musical program telling the story of Broadway musicals and tracing the Jewish contribution to the musical heritage of the U.S. This program became very popular and was repeated several times.

Another musical program featured the History of Israeli Music. It presented the pre-state pioneer music to 1976. The importance of all kinds of music, classical, modern, folk music, Yiddish, Hebrew, have always been an important aspect of programming for the community.

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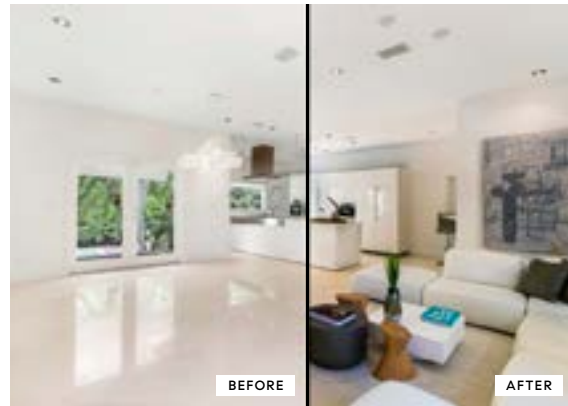
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