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March 2023



*the heat is on*  
*Let's Party!*

THURSDAY **MARCH 9** 7:00 PM

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6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 pm.	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

11 Adar	Shabbat Zachor
9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Saturday Morning Minyan
10:30 a.m.	B’not Mitzvah of Andrea and Caitlyn Liebowitz
10:30 a.m.	Conservative Minyan Service
5:30 p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Alexia Avila

Parashat Tetzaveh  
Exodus 27:20 – 30:10  
Haftarah: Esther 7:1 – 10; 8:15 – 17  
[historic: I Samuel 15:2 – 34]

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

13 Adar	Fast of Esther
6:00 p.m.	Megillah reading/Pre-Shpiel Party
7:00 p.m.	Purim Shpiel

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

14 Adar	
8:30 a.m.	Day School Purim Megillah reading – Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

18 Adar	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 pm.	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

18 Adar	Shabbat Parah
9:00 a.m.	Torah Study
10:30 a.m.	Saturday Morning Minyan
10:30 a.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Lamnin
5:30 p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Neve Salem

Parashat Ki Tisa  
Exodus 30:11 – 34:35  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22 – 36  
[historic: Ezekiel 36:16 – 38]

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

25 Adar	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 pm.	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

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

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei  
Exodus 35:1 – 40; 38  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 25  
[historic: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46: 18]

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

3 Nisan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
6:30 pm.	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

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

Parashat Vayikra  
Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26  
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

10 Nisan	
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Neg
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Please join us to celebrate  
the completion of our campus renovation with

# The GRAND Opening OF THE HUB



## OPEN TO THE ENTIRE BETH AM COMMUNITY

*Together, we built a better future!*

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023**

**2-3 PM**

Formal Dedication, Donor and Leadership Recognition Ceremony: The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

RSVP is a must as seating is limited. [www.tbam.org/hub](http://www.tbam.org/hub)

**3-5 PM**

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (3 PM) Festive Community Celebration Food, music, drinks, and family friendly entertainment! All new spaces will be showcased.

RSVP is a must. All ages welcome. [www.tbam.org/hub](http://www.tbam.org/hub)

The Hub, dedicated by Richard and Colleen Fain, is our new state-of-the-art cultural, athletic and activity center, featuring:

- The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
- The Poyastro Family Athletic Center
- The Havenick Family Outdoor Basketball Court
- The Lampen Sachar Outdoor Cultural Life Center

### EVENT CHAIRS

Bill and Dilia Grossman, Kate Lampen-Sachar and Daniel Sachar

### HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Meredith Branciforte, Rooney Brodie, Jennifer Glasser, Shelley Jacoby, Michelle Kramer, Michael Mautner, Edith Osman, Jenna Citron Pinchuk, Matt Rieger, Rachel Schapiro



Temple Beth Am  
AND  
Rambam Day School

If you are interested in making a financial contribution to our Beyond the Curve Capital Campaign, or adding your family's name to our Donor Wall in The Hub, please contact:

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## FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

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### The Road to Breaking Biases

After two years of thinking, planning and meeting, our antisemitism task force is beginning to make real progress. I remember last spring we decided to pause our efforts until the summer ended since everyone was heading in different directions during our long and hot summer. I told the group that if antisemitism still existed in the fall, we would regroup and continue our efforts. Although I hoped that maybe after three millennia, last summer would have marked the end of antisemitism, it turned out that when we returned in September the scourge still existed. Not only did it exist, but it was back with a vengeance. Kanye West declared war on the Jewish community, and Kyrie Irving exacerbated the situation. Given that the work was yet to be complete, we refocused our efforts and forged ahead.

I am delighted that thanks to the incredible leadership of **Jen Glasser** and **Edith Osman**, and the extraordinary efforts of **Pamela Lear**, we are hosting *Break the Bias*, a kick-off event for *Unbiased: A Temple Beth Am Initiative*. This program was spurred on as well by the courageous advocacy of one of our youth leaders, **Samantha Gitlin** (and the support of her mom **Lisa**!) We are so thrilled that the Village of Pinecrest, the Pinecrest Youth Advisory Council and Pinecrest Gardens, and Temple Beth Am's Sisterhood are all co-sponsoring the event with us.

As I wrote last month, if we have hopes that other segments of our community will care about us and our story, we must take meaningful steps to show that we care about them and their stories. *Break the Bias* will present a meaningful and important panel discussion designed to be the kick-off event for Temple Beth Am's unBIASed Initiative. Featuring speakers ranging

from high-school age students to senior citizens, the panel will include a healthy representation of backgrounds, ethnicities, faiths, ages, and genders. The evening will be a lively and informative community-building event focused on all kinds of misconceptions that result in misunderstandings, bias, and even hate. Together, we will learn, talk, and plan for a better future where we work as one in our commitment to peace and improved communication. The entire community is invited to attend, and I hope you will consider bringing your friends and neighbors to join in the dialogue.

All of the information for this event is on our website at [tbam.org/breakthebias](http://tbam.org/breakthebias). For several years now we have lamented the spread of hate and antisemitism in our country and in our city. The time has come for each and every one of us to take action, and take steps towards making our community a safer, healthier and more connected city. This is a powerful first step, and I pray that you will make every effort to join this noble and critically important cause. I hope to see you at Pinecrest Gardens on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:15 PM. Together we can help Break the Biases that threaten our society.

*L'shalom,*

**Rabbi Jeremy Barras**

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras  
Tuesday, March 14 at 12:00 PM in the Chapel

**PRESENTATION BY AMANDA BERMAN OF ZIONESS**

**SEE PAGE 18 FOR THE DETAILS.**

RSVP to Janice Baisman at [jbaisman@tbam.org](mailto:jbaisman@tbam.org) to let us know if you are coming!  
Light snacks will be provided, feel free to bring your own lunch!





## CLERGY CORNER

**Rabbi Jaime Aklepi**

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In a few days we will celebrate Purim by hearing the Megillah of Esther, doing tzedakah by giving gifts to the poor called *Matanot La'evyonim*, giving gift baskets to our friends - *Shalach Manot* and enjoying a festive meal. We also partake in a bonus ritual of enjoying a Purim Shpiel, the play that with humor and drama tells the story of Purim.

This year we will tell the story with the inspiration from the musical *Wicked*.

As you see, there is a lot to do on Purim - and with all that we do on Purim, it is considered a minor festival. The story of Purim has a lot in common with other Jewish holidays - I don't mean: "they tried to kill us, we won, now let's eat." I am referring to the Jewish tradition's message of: you are responsible and God will be there to help and inspire you.

It is on Purim in Esther 4:14, that Mordechai delivers Esther the message that she would not be spared the fate of the Jewish people because she was the queen. Rather, she may have become the queen in order to do miraculous work to try to save her people. "And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis." *Who knows?*

For us it is a rhetorical question. We know throughout our lives we must act on behalf of another person, a just cause, our

conscience. In *Pirkei Avot* we receive a similar rhetorical question in the quote by Rabbi Hillel in *Pirkei Avot* 1:14: "He (Rabbi Hillel) used to say: If I am not for me, who will be for me? And when I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now then when?"

We call this being an upstander, which is the opposite of being a bystander.

Our young people learn to stand up for themselves and for others against bullies and injustice and they also stand up for their own well-being, sense of self and Jewish identity. Throughout our Temple we are engaged in activities that educate and connect us. Our teen Fellowships that focus on coexistence and social justice, our Sisterhood that studies cultural competency, our new committees on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and unBIASed: A Temple Beth Am Initiative, are all a part of the lesson we learn from Esther. It's also the lesson we learn from Rabbi Hillel and it's the lesson we continually strive to integrate into our lives and our choices.

On March 28, Temple Beth Am will present a program in Pinecrest Gardens designed by our members called *Break the Bias*. It is one answer to the question Who knows? We will gather a diverse panel of students and adults who have powerful insights to share about bias to make people more aware of their own biases and their impact on others. (More information to follow). Who knows? We know. We know today we have an ability unparalleled in our history to be the fearless upstander - even more than the vulnerable Jewish Queen Esther.

So stand with your Temple family on Purim, hear the words of the Megillah, sing along with our Purim Players, enjoy the festive food and drink and be inspired.

**Rabbi Jaime Aklepi**

## TO OUR DEAR MEMBERS, YOUR CLERGY IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU

*Please let us know if you or a family member is  
hospitalized or ill at home.  
We will make every effort to visit or help in any way  
we can.*

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*Please reach out to Rabbi Barras' assistant,  
Mindy Robbin, at 786.364.9446 or [mrobbin@tbam.org](mailto:mrobbin@tbam.org)*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Young  
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Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said, *“A leader must have vision, but also realism. A leader must think the impossible but know the possible.”*

Temple Beth Am needs leaders that mirror Rabbi Sacks’ vision. Do you have the desire to help take Temple Beth Am to the next level? Do you have a vision of where we should be in five years, ten years, or even thirty years? If so, I encourage you to get involved in the temple leadership by applying to be on our Board of Directors.

If you have always wanted to get more involved at Temple Beth Am, now is the perfect time. Why is it a perfect time, you might ask. There are so many answers...

- Being on our Board of Directors affords you the opportunity of getting involved in every aspect of Temple life.
- We have a day school that is nationally recognized and a religious school that is transforming the lives of our young people.
- There are many committees and task forces that are doing great things. Tikkun Olum, Social Action Committee, DEI Task Force, and unBIASed (Combatting Antisemitism), are all doing incredible work.
- We are growing, but how do we remain relevant? This is a question that everyone involved in leadership should be asking themselves. Your thoughts and actions have and will continue have a major impact in our future.

A leader must have ideas and also be willing to learn. Rabbi Sacks said, “Leadership demands two kinds of courage: the strength to take a risk and the humility to admit when a risk fails.”

So if you want to get involved or know someone who wants to leave their imprint on Temple Beth Am, please email **Mindy Robbin** at MRobbin@tbam.org. Be sure to tell us why you or the person you are nominating wants to be on our Board. Tell

us your goals and aspirations for our future.

Not only will we be celebrating new leadership, our campus is officially transforming with the opening of The Hub.

The Hub represents the future of the Jewish community and all of Miami-Dade County. The best way to combat antisemitism is to educate others. The Hub will do just that.

I will have the privilege of being the President that opened The Hub. I would like to thank **Lily Serviansky**, **Richard** and **Colleen Fain**, and everyone involved in the Beyond the Curve Campaign. This campaign is what is making The Hub a reality. And a big thank you to all those who contributed to Beyond the Curve. We could not have done this without you. This is your moment.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Ellen Rusconi**, our new Executive Director, The Hub & Senior Director, Campus Programming. Ellen comes to us from the Arsht Center and is the perfect person to establish The Hub as a cultural hot spot. I would also like to congratulate **Andrea LeVine Kay**, our new Deputy Director, The Hub & Director, Campus Programming. These individuals are definitely a dynamic duo.

Thank you to The Hub chairs **Daniella Zanzuri**, **Scott Bernstein**, **Susan Lampen**, and **Jodi Hessel** for helping us plan for The Hub.

Together, we will make The Hub something Temple Beth Am will be proud of for future generations.

This is an exciting time to be your President.

As usual, if you have any comments or concerns, please email me at DYoung@tbam.org.

**David Young**

## MAZEL TOV TO...

**Dawn Adels Fine** on the birth of grandson, Kresimir Holmes Fine. Mazel Tov to parents Tony Fine and Dalton Kuhar and aunt, **Francesca Fine**.



# BAR MITZVAH

WITH MUCH JOY AND  
HAPPINESS  
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN  
US AS OUR SON  
HENRY GREENGRASS



חיים יצחק  
IS CALLED TO THE  
TORAH AS A  
BAR MITZVAH  
RACHEL & JOHN



**RSVP**  
TBAM.ORG/HENRY

**5.6.23**  
5:00 PM

TEMPLE BETH AM  
5950 N Kendall Drive, Pinecrest, FL 33156





**Rita Diaz**  
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# MEMBERSHIP



## COMMITTEE OF 100 *Reception*

TUESDAY  
**APRIL 11, 2023**  
6 PM – 8 PM

AT TEMPLE BETH AM  
THE HUB

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

Please RSVP at [tbam.org/committeeof100](https://tbam.org/committeeof100)  
or Rita Diaz at 786-364-9434 | [rdiaz@tbam.org](mailto:rdiaz@tbam.org)



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

*\*All foods served will be kosher for Passover by Michael Meltzer Catering*



TEMPLE BETH AM  
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# HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT

Temple Beth Am...the happiest place on earth invites you to a special Shabbat featuring Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse!

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 21, 2023**  
**5:45 PM**

Enjoy a fun family Shabbat officiated by our very own Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantor Tifani Coyot  
This will be a special Disney evening.

A delicious catered dinner, a wine bar for parents and grandparents, a special arts and crafts project for our little ones and special photo props for you to remember this Shabbat with your family.

**For more information,  
call Rita at 786.364.9434**

**DINNER**  
\$26 Adults  
\$15 Children



**WE  
WILL HAVE  
A SURPRISE  
GUEST!**

Please encourage  
your children to  
dress as Mickey or  
Minnie!!

**RSVP A MUST – [www.tbam.org/mickey](http://www.tbam.org/mickey)**



### Tamara Donnenfeld

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Judaism is better LIVED than STUDIED. Starting in 8th grade, YERS provides educational and experiential opportunities for our Jewish youth that enable them to choose and connect with their won unique Jewish experience. Recent studies show that social experiences at this critical time in one's life are intensified with a robust experience such as traveling.

This past January 15 of our Social Justice Teen fellows travel to Guatemala to be part of a transformative program. This month, during Spring Break, some of our 8th grade students will be traveling to Israel with the communities of Broward, West Palm Beach, Chicago and Rochester led by IsraelNOW.

### *Reflection from a Social Justice Fellow*

- Luiz Gandelman

My trip to Guatemala was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The country is rich in culture and history, and I was able to immerse myself in both during my time there, primarily through the help of our guide Omar and through walking around both Comalapa and Antigua. A highlight was visiting the local market. The colors, textures, and smells were overwhelming, and I loved being able to see and purchase locally-made goods. I also loved the people of Guatemala. They were friendly, welcoming, and eager to share their culture with me. I enjoyed trying new foods and learning about the traditional customs and celebrations. In addition, the natural beauty of the country was breathtaking. From the lush green forests to the active volcanoes, there was always something to marvel at.



My experience building schools in Guatemala with Long Way Home was the most life-changing moment in the trip. The organization's mission to provide education to underprivileged communities in Guatemala is truly admirable, and it was an honor to be a part of it. The work was physically demanding, but it was also incredibly rewarding. Seeing the progress we made each day and the impact it would have on the community

was truly motivating. The children in the area were so eager to learn, and it was heartening to see how excited they were about the school. We played games with them, which was my favorite part of the trip. Long Way Home takes the problem of waste and a lack of education and mends them together, doing so by building the school with sustainability in mind. I also had the opportunity to work alongside local builders, like Romeo, who were skilled and knowledgeable. Romeo was eager to learn about me and my background, as I was about his. He taught me a lot about building techniques and helped me to understand the importance of cultural sensitivity when working in a foreign country. I pushed myself to my limits and felt the tangible effort I was putting into the work. I felt like my work made a positive impact to fight a lack of education and waste, making it a very worthwhile effort.

One of the most impactful moments of the trip was getting to interact with the local community. They were incredibly welcoming and grateful for our efforts. I got to learn about their culture and their daily lives, and it was humbling to see how much they had to overcome to provide for their families. Overall, this experience taught me the importance of community service and the impact that we can make when we work together towards a common goal. It also reinforced the idea that education is a fundamental human right and it should be available to everyone, regardless of their socio-economic background. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Long Way Home and I hope to continue to support their efforts in the future, because their school, and the community of Comalapa, will always hold a special place in my heart.

### *8th Graders: Prepare for a magical adventure!*

This nine-day trip will nurture and strengthen a long-lasting connection and commitment to Jewish life among our community's youth. The trip is an educational program designed to give eighth graders an immersive, emotional and memorable taste of Israel and their Jewish heritage through a week-long, "hands-on" experience.

Temple Beth Am teens will be traveling with teens from Miami Beach, Aventura, and other areas in Miami. Our goal is that participants return home inspired to further their Jewish involvement in the

community through continued engagement in Jewish learning experiences and activities.

Are you ready?\*

\*MNC attendance is mandatory for Temple Beth Am students.





**Sumiko Zayon**  
Youth Engagement Director  
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## Ensuring Jewish Continuity

A month ago, I received a call from the mother of one of our teens, saying: “I need you to talk to my teen. My child will only listen to you. She/he is not feeling well, please call if you can.” I called the teen and had our first of what would be many wonderful conversations.

I am proud of our teen network at Temple Beth Am and that our teen community counts us as adults to come to as sounding boards. YERS and BAFTY provides a safe space for our teens to be their authentic selves. We have built trust and like to empower them. We don’t “make them feel important”...they ARE important...and we let them know that each time we meet.

When you reinforce a behavior, that behavior grows, and it is more likely that this behavior will reoccur. We encourage them when they attend Monday Night Chai after a long day at school; we praise them when they volunteer; we applaud them when they share ideas or sign up for a new program. We are their cheerleaders when they need a bit of encouragement.

We are here for them and they are here for us.

For our YERS Live event in February, the hope was to recruit 10 teen volunteers to facilitate games and activities for the religious school students in attendance. TWENTY-EIGHT TEENS VOLUNTEERED! They did such an amazing job and we are so incredibly proud of them! We love and respect our teens. They are, indeed, making a difference.

- Sumiko Zayon



Temple Beth Am is a very special place to me. I started at TBAM Day School in pre-kindergarten, became a Bat Mitzvah and got involved with BAFTY, the temple youth group, in middle school. As I got older, I took on leadership roles on the BAFTY Board. I am currently the Social Action Vice President. The most significant project I am involved in as the Social Action VP is Camp Jenny, a unique experience where children from

underserved communities in the Atlanta metro area are given the opportunity to spend a weekend at Camp Coleman. Through my engagement in community service, I have come to recognize that every child is not as fortunate as I am. Sleepaway camp is my home away from home. I started going the summer before 4th grade and I have been going every summer since. The children who come to Camp Jenny are faced with everyday hardships that you can’t even imagine. It is so rewarding to be part of something that gives underprivileged kids the experience of camp. The program is run entirely by volunteer staff and funded by donations. Last summer, I was selected to be a volunteer counselor. The two days I volunteered over Memorial Day weekend were filled with some of the most memorable moments of my life. The children formed new friendships and the teen volunteers

formed bonds with both the campers and one another while making a difference. I will forever cherish those moments and I know that the children will too.

I believe so strongly in the importance of Camp Jenny that I will be returning this year as part of the staff. In addition, as the BAFTY Board’s Social Action Vice President, I will be leading the committee of the BAFTY-TBAM annual fundraiser to support Camp Jenny. I invite you to support the youngest leadership at Temple Beth Am as we help to ensure that this life changing program can be available to so many deserving children. Please, support our Camp Jenny campaign if you can!

**Shayna Karmin** (BAFTY Social Action Vice President)



[donate.reformjudaism.org/TBAMIAMI](https://donate.reformjudaism.org/TBAMIAMI)



**Andrea LeVine Kay**  
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# PROGRAMMING

**Purim  
CARNIVAL**

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 5TH**

**12 PM - 3 PM  
FACULTY PARKING LOT**

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY  
AND CELEBRATE PURIM  
AT TEMPLE BETH AM WITH  
OUR ANNUAL CARNIVAL!**

Connect with old friends and meet new ones as we enjoy this festive holiday together.  
Featuring games, attractions, face painting, food trucks and more!

Purchase a wristband and get full access to all attractions!  
\$20 in advance for children ages 3-17 | \$30 at the door  
Free for adults and children under 3

**TBAM.ORG/PURIMCARNIVAL**



JOIN US FOR A PRE-SHPIEL PARTY AND PARTICIPATE

# 4 MITZVOT OF PURIM

## 1. MEGILLAH

Hear the megillah read by our clergy and congregants. Get ready to boo when you hear Haman's name!

## 2. MISHLOACH MANOT

Prepare gifts of food to send to your friends! When Haman wanted to destroy the Jewish people, he said that the Jews were "scattered and separate." We demonstrate our unity by sending gifts to one another.

## 3. SEUDAH

Fill your cup and your plate with a l'chayim, some noshes and of course, plenty of hamantaschen.

## 4. MATANOT L'EVYONIM

We share the joy of Purim by giving back to those less fortunate than us.

Help us prepare sandwiches to donate to Buddy System MIA to restock their pantry and community fridges.

MONDAY  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 PM

At 7:00 PM, we'll head into the Sanctuary for our Purim Shpiel, featuring the Purim Story set to the tunes of Broadway's Wicked.



# PURIM

The Frequently Told Story of the Queen of Shushan

Monday, March 6th - 7:00 PM

Don't miss this year's Purim shpiel, featuring the Purim story set to the tunes of Broadway's Wicked.

Listen to the megillah reading and be sure to BOO at the sound of Haman's name! Enjoy l'chayim, lotsa hamantaschen, and get ready to sing along with our Purim Players!

Free of charge, but please RSVP so that we have enough hamantaschen for all.

[www.tbam.org/purimshpiel](http://www.tbam.org/purimshpiel)



# UNDERSTANDING Gender Identity



RSVP: [tbam.org/gender](https://tbam.org/gender)

**Wednesday, March 15**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Temple Beth Am**  
**Social Hall**

with Tracey Labgold, Keshet  
and Sage Cassell-Rosenberg, E.I. Games

Join us in partnership with Keshet for an informative  
LGBTQ+ Introductory Session. Find out how becoming  
a better ally is aligned with Jewish values.

Noshes served.

No cost. RVSP requested.



Tracey Labgold  
She/Her  
Florida Education  
& Training Manager  
Keshet



Sage Cassell Rosenberg  
They/Them, LGBTQ Mental  
Health Activist  
and Content Creator

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WE'RE BRINGING  
BROADWAY  
TO OUR BIMAH!

## BROADWAY SHABBAT & DINNER

Cantor Tifani Coyot welcomes you to a special Shabbat service set to your favorite showtunes performed by some of Temple Beth Am's most talented congregants.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

6:00 PM Preneg

6:30 PM Service with dinner to follow

Stick around after services for a festive community Shabbat dinner, where the showtunes will keep on coming!

**\$36 for adults**

**\$18 for children 17 and under**

**RSVP at [tbam.org/broadway](http://tbam.org/broadway)**



After a week of eating matzah... **BREAD IS BACK!**  
Join us for Shabbat on April 14th, the first Shabbat after Passover,  
for a festive dinner to celebrate our return to leavened bread.  
We'll provide the pizza, you bring your favorite pie,  
or any other dessert you love!

## *Post Pesach* **PIZZA AND PIE** *Shabbat Dinner*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
Chapel

Immediately following Shabbat services

Featuring all-you-can-eat Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza  
for just \$18 per person

**RSVP at [tbam.org/pizzapie](http://tbam.org/pizzapie)**





# MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



**Caitlyn Liebowitz**  
March 4, 2023

**Caitlyn** is a 6th Grader at McGlannan School. She enjoys playing guitar, basketball, and creating ceramics which she learned at Camp Coleman. Caitlyn loves all things NASA, robotics and outer space. Her parents, **Diana** and **Evan**, along with her sister, **Andrea**, are excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah and create lifelong memories on this special day.



**Andrea Liebowitz**  
March 4, 2023

**Andrea** is an 8th Grader at Riviera Prep. Always a competitor, she plays the top spot in the middle school tennis team. When Andrea isn't playing Tennis, she volunteers as a madrichim, enjoys art and cooking as a family. Her parents, **Diana** and **Evan**, along with her sister, **Caitlyn**, are excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah and create lifelong memories on this special day.



**Alexia Avila**  
March 4, 2023

**Alexia** is a caring 7th Grade student at Palmetto Middle School. She has a love of musical theatre and has performed in productions at Palmetto, Area Stage, and her camp, French Woods. She has a passion for travel and all things Disney! In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis and swimming. Her parents and little sister, **Talia**, are so proud of Alexia and so excited to mark this special occasion.



**Lauren Lamnin**  
March 11, 2023

**Lauren** is a 7th grade student at Ransom Everglades Middle School. She loves traveling, outings with friends and is an excellent cook. Lauren is an avid animal lover, and has a great bond with her dog, Sadie. Her parents, **Dawn** and **Adam**, and her older brother, **Harrison**, are very proud of her and are excited to celebrate her special day.



**Neve Salem**  
March 11, 2023

**Neve** is a 7th Grader at GW Carver Middle School. She is a great student, loyal friend and wonderful sister and daughter. Neve enjoys soccer, cooking, summer camp and spending time with her family and friends. Parents, **Adele** and **Neil**, and brother **Michael** are extremely proud of Neve and all her accomplishments and can't wait to celebrate this special milestone.



# TBAM Tours

*Join Rabbi Aklepi and your friends for a Jewish tour of a lifetime.*

**Temple Beth Am's  
Jewish Heritage River Cruise  
Dürnstein, Austria**

**7-night river cruise aboard AmaLea  
Melodies of the Danube | October 20-29, 2023**

## **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

Private Jewish heritage experiences for our group:

### **BUDAPEST**

Visit the spectacular Dohány Street Synagogue, Hungarian Jewish Museum and Tree of Life Holocaust Memorial when you venture to Budapest's sprawling Jewish Quarter. This area boasts a variety of Jewish Hungarian restaurants, bakeries and shops. Alongside the river, you can also visit the deeply moving Shoes on the Danube memorial.

### **BRATISLAVA**

Learn about the history of the poignant Holocaust Memorial that stands in the center of Old Town, marking the site of the former Neolog Synagogue.

You may also pay your respects at the Rabbi Chatam Sofer Memorial – exclusively available to custom groups.

### **VIENNA**

Visit Vienna's historic Jewish Quarter. Marvel at the contemporary Memorial Against War and Fascism designed by Austrian sculptor Alfred Hrdlicka and journey through time at the Jewish Museum in Palais Eskeles, where you will see the foundations of the medieval synagogue.

### **LINZ/SALZBURG**

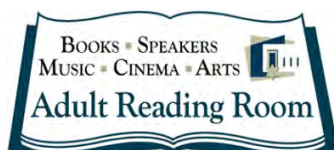
10 hr excursion from the ship in Linz to Salzburg and back. Your excursion begins with a tour of Linz and its Jewish heritage with a visit inside the local synagogue. Then depart for Salzburg, where you will walk along traces of Jewish history and life. Fabulous accommodations and dining.

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to enjoy some of the world's most beautiful cities with your Temple Beth Am community!

*For more details, including pricing and registration information, visit  
[tbam.org/tbamtours](http://tbam.org/tbamtours)*

***Space is limited, so register today!***





# SUNDAY SALON

JOIN US at 10:30 A.M in the Chapel for a bagel, a coffee and a schmooze or live streaming on [tbam.org/streaming](https://tbam.org/streaming)

**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE CASE OF EDGARDO MORTARA: PRESENTED BY JEFFREY DORN**



## THE SHOCKING KIDNAPPING OF A JEWISH ITALIAN BOY

by the Italian Catholic Church, and its ongoing political and cultural reverberations to the present day, will be the subject of our Sunday Salon program presented by Jeffrey Dorn. Please join us for a fascinating discussion of "The Case of Edgardo Mortara."

The Mortara incident captured the attention of much of Europe and North America in the 1850s and 1860s. It concerned the seizure of a six-year-old boy named Edgardo Mortara from his Jewish family in Bologna, based on a former servant's testimony that she had administered an emergency baptism to the boy when he fell ill as an infant.

Mortara then grew up as a Catholic under the protection of Pope Pius IX, who refused his parents' desperate pleas for his return; eventually Mortara became a priest.

The domestic and international outrage contributed to the downfall of the Pontifical State and the unification of Italy.

RSVP online for all events at  
[www.tbam.org/sundaysalon](https://www.tbam.org/sundaysalon)

Adult Reading Room events are  
coordinated by Etta Gold MLS RJE,  
Congregational Librarian.  
Contact Etta at [egold@tbam.org](mailto:egold@tbam.org)

# ZIONESS

**UNABASHEDLY PROGRESSIVE,  
UNAPOLOGETICALLY ZIONIST.**



Temple Beth Am is honored to welcome

**Amanda Berman, Founder and Executive Director of Zioness,**  
to lead us in our March Lunch 'n Learn.

Zioness is a grassroots organization with more than 30 chapters across the country, fighting for the advancement of social, racial, economic, environmental justice and gender justice in America. Zioness is also committed to fighting for Zionism and the inclusion of Zionists in social justice spaces, because Zionism is itself a progressive value: the movement for liberation and national self-determination of the Jewish people in our indigenous homeland.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the important work Zioness is doing to advocate for social justice for all people, to promote understanding of Judaism and Zionism within progressive circles, and to call out antisemitism wherever and whenever it appears.

Light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring your own lunch!

RSVP to Janice Baisman, [jbaisman@tbam.org](mailto:jbaisman@tbam.org)

**Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras  
presents Amanda Berman of Zioness  
Tuesday, March 14  
12:00 PM, Chapel**





# DAY SCHOOL

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

Since August, Rambam Day School has hosted our first in-house after-school program, currently offering 67 distinct enrichment classes and daily aftercare for students from junior pre-nursery through fifth grade. Though we are only in our first year, Blue J's After School has been a resounding success. Blue J's After School offers a variety of age-appropriate sports, classes, and clubs, and it is run by our very own **Coach Craig Mankoff**. Besides being an experienced athletic director, Coach Craig has coached all types of sports from the elementary level to the high school varsity level and has also developed physical and health curricula as an educator. In addition to his years in athletics and education, he has worked within the sports, video game, and entertainment industries while earning his B.A. from the University of Florida and his M.B.A. from Florida Atlantic University. So when it came time to appoint a director for this new program, who better to ask than Coach Craig?

Coach Craig's team consists of experienced, dynamic, and thoroughly vetted staff members—many of whom are Rambam faculty members—and each brings their brand of passion and expertise to all new offerings.

One of our most popular new classes is the "Invest Nest," an introductory course in investment and finance. Our Student Life Coordinator, **Evan Salzberg**, teaches third through fifth graders about the stock market and various major companies. They use the "How Markets Work" program to mock-invest \$100,000 in virtual cash. "What I love about the investment club," says fifth grader Mia Levi, "is that you don't have to be an expert at something before you try it because you learn everything you need to know about stocks and investments in the club."

For music lovers, Blue J's After School also offers introductory courses in guitar and piano. Led by early childhood music teacher **Adam Bornstein**, elementary students can learn the basics of guitar and piano, how to read music, and eventually learn how to play classical, blues, rock and roll, and many other genres of music. Blue J's After School even provides guitars and keyboards for the students to use. Our students love the individualized instruction from Mr. Bornstein, who makes every class a blast. Third grader Abraham Cheong says, "On Thursdays, I do guitar after school. I have been learning a lot, and it is so much fun. I made a new friend, and we started a rock band with other students as well. I am learning the song *Livin' On A Prayer* by Bon Jovi. I love Thursdays!" Who knows, maybe our Rambam students will be famous musicians someday!

Our most popular new spring semester class is Magic Potions, which, believe it or not, is an introduction to chemistry class for nursery and pre-kindergarten students. **Liora Vogel**, our Early Childhood Coordinator, leads this class. This class asks the fundamental question, "What happens when we mix two things together?" Students create rainbows in a jar, slime, and other fun concoctions using a variety of magic ingredients like "fairy dust," "dragon scales," and "happiness." This class serves as an exploratory class where students foster a love for chemistry and science in a safe and creative setting. Through whimsical mixing experiments and making observations, they learn fundamental problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Having an in-house after-school program allows us the flexibility to offer our families the activities they want and need, along with the convenience of doing so right on our campus. We are thrilled to offer so many exhilarating opportunities, and we can't wait to expand on our already diverse catalog. We thank Craig and his staff for working tirelessly to bring these outstanding programs to life!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR RAMBAM DAY SCHOOL SHABBAT SERVICES!



**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**  
**5:30 PM**

1st Grade Service and Dinner

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
**5:30 PM**

3rd Grade Service and Dinner

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**  
**5:30 PM**

Teacher Appreciation Day/Kindergarten  
 and 5th Grade Service and Dinner

*These are community Shabbat  
 services and all are welcome!*



# PASSOVER PREVIEW

PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023  
AND CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDOWN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

Temple Beth Am will have many opportunities to celebrate Passover throughout the holiday.  
Please join us for one or all of them!



## SECOND NIGHT COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER THURSDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:45 PM

### SEDER FOR YOUNG FAMILIES (Social Hall)

This interactive Seder is geared toward elementary and early childhood-aged children. Make memories with the whole family as we find creative ways to fulfil the mitzvah of telling the Passover story.

### TRADITIONAL SEDER (Chapel)

For those looking for a more traditional Passover experience, we invite you to the Chapel for an engaging and educational Seder dinner led by Rabbi Jeremy Barras.

\$54 for Adults, \$18 for Children ages 6-15, free for children 5 and under

**Register at [tbam.org/passoverseder](https://tbam.org/passoverseder)**

### BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH AM PRESENTS THE ANNUAL MEN'S SEDER

SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM

Featuring the incomparable wit and wisdom of  
Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Register at [tbam.org/mensseder](https://tbam.org/mensseder)  
\$36.00 per person

### MIAMI JEWS SEDER IN THE GARDEN

MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM

Fairchild Gardens

This unique Passover experience is designed  
for young professionals.

Follow us at @miamijews on Instagram for more info!

### TEMPLE BETH AM'S RECOVERY THROUGH A JEWISH LENS 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL

#### PASSOVER SERENITY SEDER CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM

On Passover we celebrate our people's liberation from slavery. At our Passover Serenity Seder we celebrate with family and friends, redemption from addictions. Join us for a meaningful, musical and delicious, alcohol-free evening.

Everyone is welcome.

Register at [tbam.org/recoveryseder](https://tbam.org/recoveryseder)

\$20 per adult, free for children 12 and under

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PASSOVER CELEBRATION DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>





## TEMPLE BETH AM

*Embracing Jewish Life*

### TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

*We feel so fortunate that you have chosen  
Temple Beth Am as your spiritual home.*

*It is with pleasure that we invite all new  
members families that have joined our  
community this year to a dessert reception on*

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**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 1, 2023  
7:30 TO 9:00 PM**

*At the home of*

**TEMPLE BETH AM'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
NEIL KURLANDER AND HIS WIFE LANI**

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*Please RSVP*

**[www.tbam.org/newmember](http://www.tbam.org/newmember)**

*or by email at*

**[rdiaz@tbam.org](mailto:rdiaz@tbam.org)**

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. in  
Meeting Room 3 at Temple Beth Am, 5950 N Kendall Drive.

**March 21 and May 16**

**Please also join us on April 13 for our Recovery Seder**

Open to the community, confidentiality is observed.  
For more information contact Rabbi Jaime Aklepi at [jaklepi@tbam.org](mailto:jaklepi@tbam.org).

## Congratulations WRJ SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

### and Mazel Tov

TO OUR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS JOINING THE  
WRJ NORTH AMERICAN BOARD:

**KADIE BLACK**  
SISTERHOOD MEMBER

**GENIA NEUHAUS**  
V.P. EDUCATION SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH AM



**Save The Date for Our Next  
Sensory-Friendly Family Shabbat Service**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023  
9:00 -10:00 AM**

Library in the Rambam Day School Building

Geared toward children with sensory processing disorders, but open to all!  
We invite you to join us on  
Shabbat morning for an  
abbreviated service featuring soft music, dim  
lighting and comfortable seating.

Questions? Contact Michele Kaplan  
at [michelemkaplan@yahoo.com](mailto:michelemkaplan@yahoo.com)



KICK-OFF EVENT  
**unBIASed**  
a TEMPLE BETH AM initiative

# BREAK THE BIAS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 PM**

PINECREST GARDENS BANYAN BOWL, 1000 RED ROAD, PINECREST, FL 33156

What if we listened to each other?  
What if we stepped up to be the change?

Get your free ticket today for Break the Bias where we join with our neighbors to reflect and learn from each other's experiences and identities so that we can live in a community, free of bias, where everyone can feel valued.

Local panelists from high school students to adult community leaders, representing different races, ethnicities, faiths, ages and genders, sharing personal stories including:

- The need for this forum
- Racism
- Homophobia
- Historical challenges faced by churches
- Antisemitism
- Bias encountered
- Barriers in the workplace
- How to create effective dialogue

Plus, live music chosen to inspire collaborative commitment for repairing the world

**What is unBIASed?**  
**Undoing Bias through | Education | Community Dialogue | Building Relationships**

Tickets are Free, Registration is **REQUIRED**  
[tbam.org/breakthebias](http://tbam.org/breakthebias)



## EARLY SPONSORS



For additional sponsorship opportunities, contact us at [dialogue@tbam.org](mailto:dialogue@tbam.org)

# tikkun olam

As I write this, Mitzvah Day 2023 is almost exactly one month away. Thank you all in advance for what I know will have been an incredible day of service, teamwork and kindness, and one that I can't wait to revisit in photos and in detail come the Commentator's April issue.

And an extra thank you to the largely volunteer team that has put in countless hours and energy already to make the day successful.

As we reflect on what I hope was an energizing and empowering Mitzvah Day, please consider parlaying the powerful feelings and connections of service into a year-round practice with an organization you supported on Mitzvah Day.

With our revamped website, the Tikkun Olam Committee is looking forward to highlighting the ongoing engagements your fellow congregants are leading and participating in so you can easily find opportunities to provide the leadership and support we need to bring sustained, positive change to our community and the world. So please regularly check out our webpage ([www.tbam.org/category/tikkun-olam](http://www.tbam.org/category/tikkun-olam)) for new activities and acts of service, contact us (at [toctbam@gmail.com](mailto:toctbam@gmail.com)), and let us know what you want to do and how we can help you make it happen.

Thanks again, and let's talk soon,

**Rebecca Hölljes**

Tikkun Olam Chair



## *Friends of the* **TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY**

### **March Madness in the Garden!**

**Join us Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**8:30-11:30am**

Family Friendly Games & Garden Themed Scavenger Hunt  
Planting, Harvesting, Gardening & The Nicest People  
Everyone is Welcome!  
Bring your hat, gloves and garden energy!

Kindly RSVP to [garden@tbam.org](mailto:garden@tbam.org)

### **Save These Dates:**

**April 23, 2023 Earth Day Celebration & Plant Based BBQ**

**May 21, 2023 Garden Season Close Out & Harvest**



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP @FRIENDSOFTHEBETHAMGARDENSANCTUARY  
NOW ON INSTAGRAM @TBAMGarden



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES: UNDERSTANDING GENDER IDENTITY**

7:00 PM

Temple Beth Am Kislak Family Social Hall

Presented by Keshet, Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am and the Tikkun Olam Committee. Join us for an informative LGBTQ+ Introductory Session. Find out how becoming a better ally is aligned with Jewish values. Noshes served. No cost - RSVP requested.

**RSVP:** [tbam.org/gender](https://tbam.org/gender)

**For more information go to page 14.**



**MARCH 11, 2023**

**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

10:00-1:00

601 SW 8th Ave, Miami, FL 33130, Parking Garage

Attend Miami Lighthouse for the Blind's annual art walk. View and purchase tactile art lovingly created by low sighted and blind artists along with music from the Lighthouse Gospel Choir. Have questions? Email Tina Forster at [TinaLForster@gmail.com](mailto:TinaLForster@gmail.com).

**MARCH 16, 2023**

**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

10:30-1:00

601 SW 8th Ave, Miami, Florida 33130, Parking Garage

Join Cantor Tifani Coyot to lead Miami Lighthouse for the Blind in song and share dessert! Limited spots available.

Email Tina Forster at

[TinaLForster@gmail.com](mailto:TinaLForster@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.



## RAC-FL UPDATE

These are going to be exciting years with RAC-FL. As a state organization we will be working to protect reproductive rights in Florida in the face of ever diminishing rights. We will be part of a broad and growing coalition of Jewish, other religious, and non-religious organizations. This will be a true statewide community organizing project and we need all of you to join us in this important work. Some of you will remember our work a few years ago in passing Amendment 4 to restore voting rights to returning citizens. We will be growing our power in Florida to now protect reproductive rights.

RAC-FL's work on reproductive rights will include a listening campaign with hundreds of conversations across Florida, in order to create widespread awareness of this campaign. RAC-FL will host small gatherings in homes and synagogues where members will come together to learn about the fight for reproductive rights, have meaningful conversations, as well as to ask questions, connect, share personal stories, and learn how to take action.

**CALLING ALL SOCIAL JUSTICE WARRIORS**

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) will be having its Days of Action in Washington, D.C. on May 10-11. Join other Reform Jews from all over the country as we learn about various issues pending on Capitol Hill and then visit our Senators and Representatives to advocate for what is important to us as a Reform Movement. More information and registration <https://rac.org/calendar/dc-day-action-0>.

All the best,  
**Jeff Agron,**  
RAC-FL



SAVE THE DATE

# TEMPLE BETH AM ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023  
1 SIVAN 5783  
4:00 PM

## LAWYERS WITHOUT RIGHTS

Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich

THURSDAY

APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 PM

FRANKEL FAMILY AUDITORIUM AT THE HUB

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW.  
RSVP AT [TBAM.ORG/LAWYERSWITHOUTRIGHTS](https://tbam.org/lawyerswithoutrights)

**unBIASed**

a TEMPLE BETH AM initiative

As part of Temple Beth Am's unBIASed initiative, we are honored to feature a compelling new exhibit, brought to us in partnership with the American Bar Association and the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (German Federal Bar), which will educate our community on the tragic fate of Jewish lawyers in Nazi Germany after 1933. This 25-panel exhibit depicts the humiliation, degradation, and purge from the German legal profession of roughly 5,000 lawyers simply because they had Jewish ancestry.

Jewish lawyers in Berlin suffered greatly once the Nazis came to power. Rampant antisemitism turned into government policy and quickly destroyed democracy in Germany. Yet the German legal system had a long history supporting the rule of law. How did this happen so quickly? Could lawyers have made a difference? Are there lessons for us today?

Come discuss these issues with our experts.

Temple Beth Am's unbiased initiative seeks to address antisemitism and all forms of hate in our community through community events, learning opportunities, partnerships, youth engagement, editorials in community newspapers, social media, and more.





# WE'RE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES!

## Temple Beth Am Board of Directors Nomination Recommendation

*We are looking for congregants who want to make a difference in our Temple Community. If you are interested in the opportunity to do meaningful work alongside talented and dedicated temple staff and lay leaders, or know someone who would like to, please consider submitting an application to Stuart Ratzan at [stuart@ratzanlawgroup.com](mailto:stuart@ratzanlawgroup.com). We are looking for people who want to share their passion, talents and contribute to the meaningful work that is done by the Temple Beth Am Board of Directors.*

The Nominating Committee meets during the first quarter of the secular year to identify congregants who have demonstrated the qualities necessary for becoming a member of the Temple Beth Am Board of Directors. If you or someone you have worked with deserves this honor and have the willingness to take on the responsibility, we invite you to complete this form and return it for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

- A Director should be committed to serving Temple Beth Am, attend monthly Board meetings, be active on at least one committee, have good follow through, act as a positive ambassador for the congregation, and make at least one B'nai Mitzvah presentation each year.
- To enhance the Board of Director's experience, we are working to align the personal interests of each nominee with the needs of Temple Beth Am. Each nominee will be invited to discuss their preferences as part of the nomination process.
- Placing a name in nomination does not guarantee a seat on the Board of Directors. The committee often receives more nominations than there are openings.

Please complete this form, providing as much information as possible. You are welcome to add additional sheets as necessary or copy this form if you have more than one recommendation, OR email your letter of recommendation to [mrobbin@tbam.org](mailto:mrobbin@tbam.org).

1. Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Nominee's phone number and email \_\_\_\_\_
  3. In what capacity have you worked with the nominee? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Positive contributions you feel the nominee would make to the Board \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Nominee's involvement in Temple Beth Am \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  6. Nominee's involvement in the greater Jewish Community \_\_\_\_\_  
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  7. Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Your name \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please scan/photograph and email to [stuart@ratzanlawgroup.com](mailto:stuart@ratzanlawgroup.com) and copy  
Mindy Robbin at [mrobbin@tbam.org](mailto:mrobbin@tbam.org) by March 20, 2023.

# Dear Sisters & Friends



Thank you for supporting our Members Mingle event on February 15th. We hope you enjoyed the evening.

We continue to plan many programs that we hope are of interest to you. Please review our March Calendar and register!

Susan Golinsky and Deanna Whitman, along with TBAM programming and Tikkun Olam, have put together an informative Social Justice program on Gender Identity. Everyone in our Temple Beth Am and greater South Dade community is invited to attend. Registration is highly encouraged. Please visit [tbam.org/gender](http://tbam.org/gender) to register.

This month, I have asked our Sisterhood VP of Leadership, Genia Neuhaus to share her experience on a WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) trip with all of you. Please read her recap below.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmly,

**Susan Lampen**  
Sisterhood President



## GENIA NEUHAUS

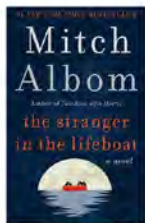
I am a member of the Board of Temple Beth Am Sisterhood as VP of Leadership. I am also a proud member of the Board of Women of Reform Judaism North America. WRJ's mission is to strengthen the voices of women across the country and beyond, to empower them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values. As members of Temple Beth Am Sisterhood we are a part of this network. We have access to great programs, initiatives, conferences, travel, and connections with like-minded women. We do good work, have fun, pray, and grow together.

This past October I went on the WRJ Civil Rights Journey. It was an eye opening, impactful, and perspective-changing experience. We traveled to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham to learn more about the fight for racial equality in the 1950s and 1960s and the modern-day continuation of this work. It not only provided education, first hand witness, and access to incredible speakers and sites, but it inspired us to become better advocates for racial equality and justice, all within a Jewish framework.

The WRJ Southeast District Convention: Waves of Change...Oceans of Opportunity will take place this March 17-19 in Tampa. It encompasses 45 Sisterhoods from Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, and of course, Florida. The new District Board will be installed, and a Social Action Project will be introduced as well as a Reproductive Rights panel. There will be great workshops to strengthen our leadership skills, special services, dinners, lunches, and entertainment. It's exciting that in-person conventions are back after a long time of being constricted to Zoom. There's a level of energy, camaraderie, and enthusiasm that is generated by "being there" that simply cannot happen online. I invite you to come along!



## Sisterhood Book Club



**THURSDAY, MARCH 2 AT 7:00 PM**  
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
"The Stranger in the Lifeboat"  
by Mitch Albom  
Ivy Ames will lead this discussion



**THURSDAY, MAY 11 AT 7:00 PM**  
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
"Lessons" by Ian McEwan  
Ricki Dorn will lead this discussion

**RSVP at** [Lpfabry@gmail.com](mailto:Lpfabry@gmail.com) or  
[gingerdurand@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerdurand@yahoo.com)

## Sisterhood Board Meeting

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16 AT 7:00 PM**  
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
All members welcome.

## Understanding Gender Identity

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 AT 7:00 PM**  
Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
Register at [tbam.org/gender](http://tbam.org/gender)  
*Please see page 14 for additional information*



## Mosaic Master Class

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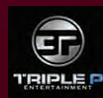


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SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM

INCLUDES COMPLETE PASSOVER SEDER MEAL FROM CATERING BY LES

## *The Four Questions...*

- ✓ Does the Miami Dolphins making the playoffs this year count as a miracle?
- ✓ What new things am I going to learn from Rabbi Barras about Passover this year?
  - ✓ Does beer count as a healthy carb?
- ✓ Does the Israeli baseball team have a chance vs. the Dominican Republic's team in the World Baseball Classic?

## *Some things you might not know about Passover...*

- ✓ Families of Moroccan and Algerian descent rejoice at the end of Passover with a *Mimouna*, a celebration that includes a feast of lavish sweets and pastries. And the table is heaped with items symbolizing luck or fertility.
- ✓ Jews have lived in Afghanistan since at least the Babylonian conquest more than 2,500 years ago, but, very sadly, almost none remain today. Today, the largest collection of Afghan Jews in the world is 200 families living in Queens, New York.

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**Jeffrey A. Rosenberg**, President  
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As we approach the Season of Passover, I am encouraged to see positive changes throughout the TBAM community. I like to refer to this time of year as a season, not just one of the most important Jewish family holidays of the year. This is our season to celebrate freedom, hope, renewal.

While it is tempting to stay home and watch online services, programs and events from the comfort of our computer, there is nothing better than connecting with each other in person. We invite you to join us for the many new programs presented by Brotherhood and all the other TBAM organizations.

On March 14, Brotherhood is going to the World Baseball Classic featuring Israel vs. the Dominican Republic. (On a personal note: my wife and I are strong supporters of Israel...including their baseball team...this is going to be so much fun!) On March 26th, we are having our annual Men's Seder at the Temple "featuring the wit and wisdom of Rabbi Barras." We are looking forward to The Hub grand opening event on April 2nd, bringing a whole new dimension of excitement and fun to our Beth Am Community. Then, on April 8th, everyone (not just the guys) is invited to a "Family Soccer Watch Party" in The Hub, hosted by Brotherhood and co-sponsored by Inter-Miami Soccer.

This Passover season, this time of renewal, we are looking for men to join us to help the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am grow and thrive, which in turn helps our local and global communities thrive. We are here for TBAM men - from all generations - to learn, grow, and have fun together. Whether you are just starting your family, or your kids have "grown and flown," we invite you to join us. We have so much to offer when we come together.

For more information, to pay for membership, and to register for our programs, visit us at [tbam.org/Brotherhood](http://tbam.org/Brotherhood).

Yours in Brotherhood,

**Jeff Rosenberg**

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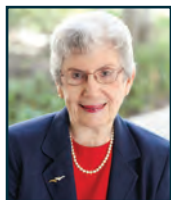
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# OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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



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

The security and defense of Israel began during the pre-statehood period of the British Mandate with the Haganah and Palmach. The early settlements needed to be protected from Arab attacks. There were many leaders, especially from the kibbutzim, who served in organizing this ongoing struggle. After statehood the IDF, Israel Defense Forces, was established. During the 75 years the major military battles were in 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, and the ongoing missile attacks from Gaza led by Hamas. Two names are examples of the many who led the soldiers; Moshe Dayan and Ariel Sharon.

### **Moshe Dayan 1915-1981**

Moshe Dayan was an Israeli military and government leader who later became a crusader for peace. He served a crucial role in four wars and helped negotiate the Israeli-Egypt Peace Treaty. Dayan was born in Kibbutz Degania, the first kibbutz established in 1910. When he was 14 he joined the Haganah and learned guerilla warfare from British Captain Charles Orde Wingate. In 1941 he joined the British Army where he served with the forces that liberated Lebanon and Syria during World War II. That is when he was injured and lost his left eye. Dayan's activities in the 1948 War of Independence included commander of the Jordan Valley, later on the Egyptian front, then Jerusalem. He participated in the Armistice talks with the Jordanians. In 1953 he was elected Chief of Staff of the IDF. It was a time of extreme Arab belligerence.

In October 1956, Dayan led Israel's Suez Campaign, an invasion of the Sinai Peninsula after Egypt, Syria and Jordan signed a pact stating as their goal the destruction of Israel. France and England were also engaged in this battle because Nasser controlled the Suez Canal, an important international waterway. Dayan left the military in 1958 to enter politics and was elected to the K'nesset. When Levi Eshkol was Prime Minister, he was appointed Minister of Defense. In June 1967 Dayan was the one who decided to launch a pre-emptive strike against the Syrians who had been shelling the villages in the Upper Galilee. This was the Six Day War in which Israel took control of the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights and the West Bank. Dayan continued as Minister of Defense under Golda Meir. He cautioned the cabinet about an increase in military activity in Egypt. Anwar Sadat launched the surprise attack on Israel on Yom Kippur 1973. Although Israel overcame the battle, many lives were lost, and the people called for the resignation of Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan.

Going forward, Dayan was called back to the government by Menachem Begin as Foreign Minister, and ultimately he was part of the negotiations which led to The Camp David Accords Peace Treaty with Egypt.

### **Ariel Sharon 1928-2006, 2014**

Ariel Sharon served in the Israeli Army for more than 25 years, and he served in the government in many roles and became Prime Minister in 2001. He was born in Kfar Malal and at age 14 he joined the Haganah. Sharon became commander of many units during the the 1948 War of Independence. He was appointed commander of the Paratroop Corps in 1956 and fought in the Sinai Campaign. Between 1958 and 1962 he served as Infantry Brigade Commander and then attended Law School at Tel Aviv University. Sharon led the IDF in the 1967 War as commander of an armored division. In 1973 Yom Kippur War, he led the crossing of the Suez Canal which helped secure an Israeli victory that eventually led to peace talks with Egypt.

As a member of the K'nesset, he was appointed to many positions of leadership under several Prime Ministers, including Menachem Begin. One of the most significant decisions he made when he became Prime Minister was to unilaterally leave Gaza and dismantle the settlements in the area.

In December of 2005 Sharon suffered a stroke that led to his remaining hospitalized in a vegetative state until the family made the decision to end his life on January 11, 2014.

There is much more to read about both of these significant leaders.

*L'Shalom.*

**Lenore Kipper**



The *Commentators* of 1979 inform us about many outstanding programs and activities. The Bible Scholar, Harry Orlinsky, taught us in January. His book, "Ancient Israel: Understanding the Bible through History and Archaeology" is an excellent resource. Bill Silver was President of the Temple, and he continues to be engaged in Torah Study every week.

Rabbi Baumgard made visits to colleges around the state of Florida to meet with students, especially from Beth Am. Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt was selected to be Associate Rabbi with special responsibility to work with the Religious School, and Youth Group.

The Day School graduation class of that year was 38 students, many who began when they were three years old. A special Havdalah Service and dinner was planned for them.

Joan Schwartzman, long time Administrative Assistant, wrote an ongoing section called Joan's Gems, sharing stories about some of the long time families. Did you know we once had 7th grade Cotillion classes and a bowling league?

The family of the year Award was given to Bernard and Evelyn Goodman. Both of them were Presidents at different times. The Goodmans truly represented a family dedicated to Judaism and the Temple.

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 Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences.  
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 January 16th, 30 years apart  
 Shawn Post-Klauber in memory of Joanne Harvest  
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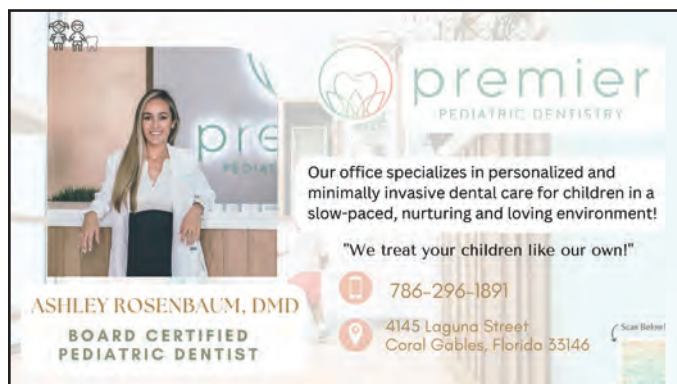
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# MESSAGE FROM *Our Sister Congregation*

I write these words on February 1 with very mixed emotions: sorrow during the period of shiva for the loss of seven innocent victims of a Palestinian terror attack outside of a synagogue in my home city of Jerusalem; pride and joy in my community as we celebrated the 65th anniversary of the founding of my synagogue (and Beth Am's sister congregation) Kehilat Har-El; and filled with trepidation for the future of my country as Israel's ruling coalition tries to legislate a complete upheaval of our justice system which will remove the only checks and balances in our fragile democracy.

Yet there is a common thread between the three: resilience. We Jews have an uncanny way of bouncing back against all adversity. When terror strikes, yes, we mourn, but as Jewish practice instructs us while acknowledging our grief, we honor their memories by rejoining the living. As the first congregation of the Israeli Reform movement, our now 65-year-old congregation, only ten years younger than the State of Israel, is a shining example of resilience. The majority of our movement's 50+ congregations are less than 20 years old. When they see that a congregation can outlast its founders and continue strong despite all the challenges of "swimming upstream," this resilience is a source of strength for them and for our members as well. And when more than 100,000 Israelis gather on a Saturday night in just Tel Aviv alone, with thousands more across the country (including



*Rabbi Ada Zavidov and Cantor Evan Cohen, protesting together with 4000 fellow Jerusalemites, across from the president's residence.*

here in Jerusalem, across from the president's residence) in protest of the planned judicial revolution by the ruling coalition, it is a testament to the resilience of Israelis, both right-wing and left-wing, who refuse to be silent or passive when facing the potential threat of the "tyranny of the majority" (of the Knesset, not the majority of Israelis!) if these proposed "reforms" of the justice system go through.

Speaking of which, Rabbi Ada and I (together with fellow members of Har-El) will be out there every Saturday evening, protesting on your behalf to preserve our shared vision, as envisioned in our Declaration of Independence, of Israel as both a Jewish and democratic state. We're pretty darn resilient too!

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

**Cantor Evan Cohen**



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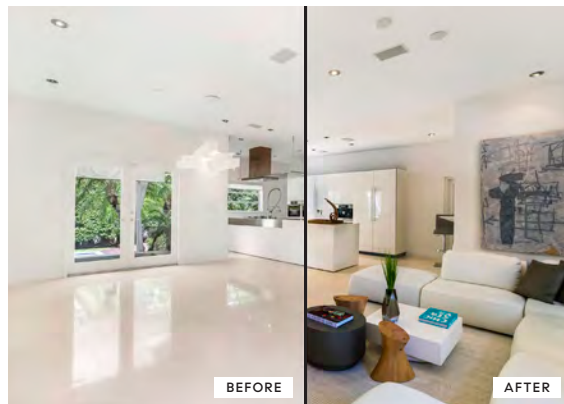
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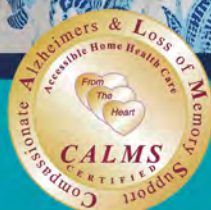
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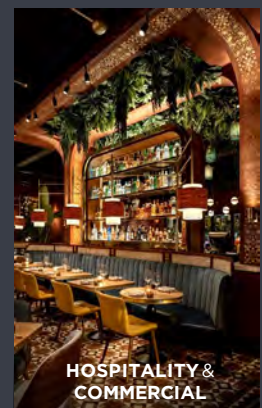


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