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# BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back  
Rambam Day School Families!



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*Temple Beth Am embraces Jewish life through lifelong learning, spiritual growth and community engagement.*



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# SHABBAT

AUGUST 2023 SERVICES

## 18 AV FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
**Kabbalat Shabbat with Love for the Holiday of Tu B'av**  
Spread the love this Shabbat with a special Tu B'Av-themed service, which is celebrated as a holiday of love in modern-day Israel.



## 25 AV FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship



## 25 AV SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM  
Torah Study



10:30 AM  
Shabbat Morning Minyan  
Parashat Re'eh  
Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17  
Haftarah Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

## 18 AV SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM  
Torah Study



10:30 AM  
Shabbat Morning Minyan  
Parashat Ekev  
Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25  
Haftarah Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

## 2 ELUL FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

5:45 PM  
How 'Bout Shabbat:  
Slow Down for the Hoedown



6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Elul Shabbat: T'kiah Hear the Call  
The Hebrew month of Elul is a time of introspection as we prepare for the High Holy Days. Reconnect with us for special Shabbat services throughout Elul.

## 2 ELUL SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

9:00 AM  
Sensory Friendly Shabbat



10:30 AM  
Shabbat Morning Minyan  
Parashat Shoftim  
Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9  
Haftarah Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

## 9 ELUL FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

5:30 PM  
Back to School-to-School  
FamJam  
Cantor Tifani Coyot and her Pop-Up Choir invite all elementary school students and their families to this special abbreviated Shabbat service, followed by food trucks, sports and family fun!



6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Elul Shabbat:  
T'shuvah Renewal and Return

## 9 ELUL SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

10:30 AM  
Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Anna Margolis  
Parashat Ki Teitze  
Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19  
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1 - 10

For additional information visit [tbam.org/calendar](https://tbam.org/calendar)



## JEREMY BARRAS

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# The Israel You Have Never Seen

One of the greatest privileges of being a rabbi in Miami is the opportunity to work closely with so many different organizations that support Israel. Because of the power and magnificence of Miami's Zionist community, nearly every major Israeli organization has a presence in South Florida. In addition to all the incredible work our Greater Miami Jewish Federation does in Israel, I have had the great pleasure of working closely with AIPAC, AJC, Friends of the IDF, JNF, Magen David Adom, AMHSI, the Israeli Consulate in Miami, the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Birthright, just to name a few.



Through my work with these important organizations, I have been able to get to meet some of Israel's most fascinating leaders and innovators. Every time I am in Israel and have

the chance to go behind the scenes, I always say to myself, wouldn't it be great if TBAM members could be here with me?

For several years now, I have had a dream of creating a trip to Israel that would let you do just that. This coming **February 25-March 7, 2024**, I have crafted a trip that will take you behind the scenes in Israel in ways that you have never done before. No matter how many times you have been to Israel, this trip will offer countless new experiences for you way off the normal tourist track.

Some of the highlights include:

- A Unique Day in the footsteps of Yitzchak Rabin
- Foreign Affairs Briefing at the Foreign Ministry
- Inspirational Torah Learning at Newly Excavated Area Deep Underneath the Western Wall
- Meet the Creator of Instant Messaging and Discover the Secrets of the Start Up Nation
- Tour the Old City's Christian Quarter and Explore Inter-Religious Relations
- Spend time with the Creator of the Television Hit, "Shtisel"
- Experience a Culinary & Culture Tour of the Ultra-Orthodox World
- Tour Behind the Scenes in the Knesset and meet with Knesset member, Rabbi Gilad Kariv
- Visit Israel's Northernmost Border, and Look into Southern Lebanon from Kibbutz Misgav Am
- Visit Sderot, and Spend a Day on Israel's Border with the Gaza Strip
- Visit West Bank Settlers, and Go Deep Behind the Walls of the Religious Zionist Community

This is your chance to see Israel from perspectives other trips do not offer. It's the trip I have always wanted to share with Beth Am, and I hope you will consider joining me on this very rare opportunity to see Israel in ways you never have before!

*L'shalom,*

**Rabbi Jeremy Barras**

## Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras

**Tuesday, August 15 at 12:00 PM**

**Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex**

*Iran's Dangerous Vision for a New Middle East*

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!



**TIFANI COYOT**

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## Jewish Rituals of Meaning

For 39 years, I looked forward to my birthday. I loved celebrating another trip around the sun with my family and friends. This year, I turned 40, and I was dreading my birthday for the first time in my life. I took a pause and decided to do something different for my birthday this year. I looked to Judaism. What I find most meaningful about Judaism are the rituals. Jewish rituals can create deep meaning. They allow us to pause, reflect, and reevaluate our values and decisions. The traditional Jewish lifecycle events begin with the bris/baby naming and end with the funeral. Many beautiful rituals happen between the baby naming and the wedding. However, there aren't many between the wedding and the funeral. We are living longer and healthier lives; I believe we need more Jewish rituals.

Jewish rituals are the moments that create lifelong meaning. What we may consider "traditional" Jewish rituals have actually been constructed over thousands of years of innovation and experimentation. Ritual can be routine, or it can be powerful and evolving; it can be a Friday night Shabbat dinner with your family, a glorious wedding ceremony, or a visit to the mikvah (sacred waters) in pursuit of renewal. Rituals are grounded in tradition and can be reinterpreted for each generation. My greatest joy is re-imagining and creating new Jewish rituals.

I decided to create a Jewish ritual to mark my 40th birthday. I began by journaling and reflecting on the past 40 years. I looked at what I've learned, how I have changed over time, and how I want to progress in the future. Writing down my thoughts was a powerful release, and I started to feel pride over all I'd accomplished. I also got clarity on how I want to grow and what I want to accomplish in the next chapter of my life. I chose a power word that encompasses my goals for this next chapter, and that word was JOY.

Next, I planned a few small gatherings with friends and family that would highlight the theme of joy. I planned joyful conversation prompts, toasts of joy, and fun games to encourage smiles and laughter.

Finally, I decided to begin my birthday with a visit to the *mikveh*. I began my life in water, so I decided to surround myself in water to transition into the next phases of my life. The word *mayim* (Hebrew for water) begins and ends with the letter *mem*, which has a numerical value of 40. In the warm waves of the ocean, I embraced joy and the feeling of peace. Just like our patriarch Abraham was 40 years old when he began the most important journey of his life, I felt ready to use the wisdom of my first 40 years to move forward on the next chapter of my life.

Rituals are intentional symbolic actions that heighten impact, importance, or meaning. They help us to  
Slow down \* Embodiment values \* Connect to others  
\* Connect across time

Rituals are memorable moments that boost happiness and even add ten years to your life expectancy. I urge you to reach out to the clergy to mark the special moments in your life with Jewish rituals. We are here to help you and your family connect to Judaism in ways that are rooted in tradition and the ways that are immersed in creativity.

Here are a few of the creative rituals that you can consider:

- Leaving one's physical office space and entering a new phase of professional life
- Visiting the mikvah after a miscarriage
- The end of a marriage
- Retirement ceremonies
- Preparing to enter parenthood
- Blessing a new home - *mezuzah* hanging
- Milestone birthdays and graduation
- Weaning a baby and first solid food
- Menstruation/puberty/menopause
- Summer camp
- *Upshirin*/first haircut
- First trip to Israel
- Anniversaries

**Cantor Tifani Coyot**



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## THE “HONEYMOON” OF MY PRESIDENCY

One of the many nice things about being President of Temple Beth Am is that you are installed in office in late May, just as the weather in Miami is taking a turn for the worse and the “dog days” of summer are almost upon us. Rambam Day School and Religious School students are finishing the school year and many congregants are looking forward to spending much of the next few months travelling and/or living in places where the temperature and humidity don’t both begin with a “9” most days. What a perfect time to take the helm – when no one is here; or at least that’s what I thought!

I have come to learn that TBAM has no “off season,” and while the Rambam Day School and Religious School may not be in session, B’nai Mitzvah are not on the calendar, and you’re likely to find TBAM congregants almost anywhere you vacation, our community is vibrant, active and engaged year-round. These are a few of the noteworthy highlights from the “honeymoon” of my presidency:

**Annual Meeting:** How humbling it was for me to attend TBAM’s Annual Meeting and be introduced as your temple’s next president. To see so many former presidents in attendance on whose shoulders I stand in leading our beloved congregation was awesome and inspiring. Equally as motivating was to see the many committed, energized and enthusiastic lay leaders that comprise the various boards and committees that govern our treasured institution. And last, but certainly not least, we all rejoiced in witnessing the celebration of and tribute to our outgoing president **David Young**, who did so much for our community during his term.

**Rambam Day School Graduation:** Jackie and I were honored and delighted to attend the Rambam Day School fifth grade graduation, the first one we attended since our daughter Abby graduated fifth grade (and who, coincidentally, graduated from college the following week!). Our day school continues to educate confident and strong future leaders of our community and the “naches meter” in the room was off the charts! What was particularly gratifying for us was witnessing how many of the amazing and impactful traditions from the days when our girls attended the Day School remain intact today. Every time my girls go to Israel, they think back on their first “trip to Israel,” which took place in the school’s auditorium. What a great event.

**Rabbi Greengrass’ Trip to Israel:** As someone who only has three Facebook friends (two children and a spouse), I don’t spend much time on my “feed,” but I have to admit that I did

look forward to **Rabbi Greengrass’** daily Facebook post during her trip to Israel with TBAM families and teens. It was powerful to watch our youth embracing Israel’s history and heritage, exploring its natural wonders, reflecting on the Holocaust, and strengthening their Jewish identity. *Yasher koach Rabbi Greengrass!*

**Shabbat in the Chapel:** I believe one of the highlights of the TBAM summer is when the Kabbalat Shabbat services move to the Chapel. And I don’t think I’m the only one who feels this way, as evidenced by the fact that additional chairs were required one Friday evening earlier this month! The vibe and sense of community at these more intimate services is great and I encourage everyone to attend if they can (as a reminder, you do not have to be recognizing a Yahrzeit to attend Friday night services.)

I hope everyone is having a great summer, both near and far. There’s lots going on at TBAM – I encourage you to flip through the pages that follow this one, find something on campus that sounds interesting to you, and give it a try. And, if nothing on the calendar resonates with you, please let me know what would (my email address is above.) We have a dedicated and exceptional programming team that are always seeking ideas for events that would get congregants on campus. Please help us help you (okay, I stole that from *Jerry Maguire...*)

*L’shalom,*

**Richard Siegal**



# Save the Date

## HIGH HOLY DAYS

### 5784



#### ROSH HASHANAH

**Friday, September 15, 2023**

*New This Year: Community Dinner  
Erev Rosh HaShanah Service and Miami Jews  
After the Brisket Service and Reception*

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

*Kids K'hilah, Early and Late Services, Family  
Service, Conservative Service, and Tashlich*

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

*Rosh HaShanah Second Day Service and  
Conservative Service with lunch to follow*



#### YOM KIPPUR

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

*Memorial Service, Abbreviated Kol Nidre  
Service, Kol Nidre Service, Conservative  
Service, and Miami Jews Kol Nidre Service*

**Monday, September 25, 2023**

*Kids K'hilah, Early and Late Services,  
Family Service, Conservative Service, Yom  
Kippur Study, Healing Circle Service, and  
Mincha, Yizkor and Neilah Services\**

*\*These services end with a breaking of the fast*

**If you have not done so already, please renew your membership today!**

*For information on submissions for this year's Book of Remembrance,  
see page 8 or visit [tbam.org/bookofremembrance](http://tbam.org/bookofremembrance)*



#### WILL YOU BE OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS?

Do you plan to be away for Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur and would like to worship at another temple? Temple Beth Am enjoys "reciprocity" with hundreds of temples nationwide.

Please contact Mindy Robbin at 786.364.9446 or [mrobbin@tbam.org](mailto:mrobbin@tbam.org) as soon as possible and she will be happy to help secure seats.

There are some temples that "close out" their reciprocity tickets early!

Additionally, if you have someone visiting for the holiday who is a member in good standing at another temple please tell Mindy so we may accommodate them.



# REWIND REFLECT RENEW

## ELUL 5783

Jewish tradition encourages us to engage in the hard work of introspection and growth for a full month before the holidays begin.

Throughout this Hebrew month of Elul, our Temple Beth Am clergy invites you to join us for special Shabbat services designed to guide this work.

We will explore a new theme each week to help us prepare for these awe-inspiring holy days.

### **Climax of Elul, September 9**

S'lichot Experience - A Night in All White Dinner by Michael Meltzer and moving prayer and learning with your clergy  
*See next page for details.*

**AUGUST 18**

**T'KIAH**

*Hear the Call*

**AUGUST 25**

**T'SHUVAH**

*Renew & Return Home*

**SEPTEMBER 1**

**KAPER**

*Make Amends on  
Recovery Shabbat*

**SEPTEMBER 8**

**SHLEIMUT**

*Reconcile*

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT, [TBAM.ORG/ELUL](http://TBAM.ORG/ELUL)



# S'LICHOT A NIGHT IN ALL WHITE

## **7:00 PM - DINNER, DRINKS (WHITE MARTINI), DESSERTS**

See old friends and meet new members  
of the community.

Catered by Michael Meltzer  
Lobby, The Hub

## **8:00 PM - S'LICHOT SERVICE AND INSPIRING TEACHINGS**

Immersive musical and prayerful experience.  
Followed by inspiring teachings from our  
clergy preparing us to become the best  
versions of ourselves for the new year.

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center,  
The Hub

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**\*PLEASE DRESS IN ALL WHITE.**

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

The clergy of Temple Beth Am invite you to  
*A Night in All White*, a S'lichot experience.

The High Holy Days are about a fresh start  
and we want to begin the new year  
surrounded by community.

Please **RSVP** [TBAM.ORG/SLICHOT](https://tbam.org/slichot)

**Questions?** Call Rita Diaz, 786.364.9434



# BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

2023-24 / 5784

Keeping alive the precious memory of our beloved departed is a Jewish tradition. One of our time-honored methods of doing this mitzvah is to memorialize their names in Temple Beth Am's 5784 Book of Remembrance. This memorial book will be used by worshippers during the Yom Kippur Yizkor service on September 25 and at other Yizkor services throughout the year.

This memorial book includes some prayers and reflections to enable you to use at home, for a Yahrzeit, or for when you visit the graves of your loved ones.

To help defray the cost of printing, we ask that you make a donation according to the following schedule:

1-2 names \$36  
3-4 names \$54  
5-6 names \$72  
7-9 names \$118  
10 or more \$180

**Remembered by:**  
*(Please indicate how you want your names listed)*  
*Eg: Dr. & Mrs. Smith or Bob and Nancy Smith or The Smith Family.*

PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION BY AUGUST 10, 2023  
[tbam.org/bookofremembrance](http://tbam.org/bookofremembrance)



# 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.

Each month we explore topics to strengthen our recovery with insights and spiritual guidance from our Jewish heritage.

Open to the community, confidentiality is observed. For more information or if you would like to participate via Zoom contact Rabbi Jaime Aklepi at [jaklepi@tbam.org](mailto:jaklepi@tbam.org).

## **OUR SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON**

- Tuesday, August 22, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 PM

Meeting Room 3 at Temple Beth Am  
5950 N Kendall Drive,  
Pinecrest, FL, 33156



## **YOUR CLERGY IS HERE FOR YOU**

If you or a family member is hospitalized or ill at home, please contact us. 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)





# HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT

**SLOW DOWN FOR THE HOEDOWN**

- AT TEMPLE BETH AM -

**Friday night**  **August 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:45 PM**

Musical interactive Rodeo shabbat,  
arts and crafts corner and a  
sensational hayride!

Scrumptious dinner by Michael Meltzer,  
wine bar for parents and grandparents...  
yeehaw! See you there!

**ADULTS \$26 - CHILDREN \$15**



**ALL  
CHILDREN  
WILL  
PARTICIPATE  
IN THE  
HAYRIDE**

## **COWGIRLS & COWBOYS**

SADDLE UP AND COME ON DOWN  
FOR THE BEST  
HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT EVER!

**RSVP HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
**TEAM.ORG/WESTERN**





# BACK TO SCHOOL

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 students.

**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!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND  
TO REGISTER:  
**TBAM.ORG/FAMJAMSHABBAT**

**FRIDAY**  
**AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:45 PM**

THE FRANKEL FAMILY  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB  
Post celebration fun at the outdoor  
basketball court





# DAY SCHOOL

**NORA ANDERSON, M.S., M.Ed.**

HEAD OF SCHOOL

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Welcome back to school, Rambam community! I hope you all had a restful summer and are in good health and high spirits as we embark on another exciting academic year at Rambam Day School. We have been eagerly preparing for our students' return, and I am thrilled to share some of the new programming we have in store for our students this year.

In our Early Childhood program, we continue to focus on project-based learning. Our youngest learners will be able to explore topics of interest through hands-on activities, collaborative projects, and creative expression. This approach nurtures their natural curiosity and fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills. Project-based learning lays a strong foundation for our students' lifelong love of learning.

We will also be integrating Kimochis, an innovative social-emotional learning tool, into our early childhood curriculum. Kimochis uses playful characters and engaging activities to teach students about emotions, empathy, and effective communication. This program will empower our students to confidently navigate their emotions, strengthen their relationships, and develop the necessary skills for a harmonious and caring community.

One of our key focuses this year is enhancing our students' writing skills through the continued implementation of the Writing Revolution program. We recognize the importance of embedding writing into content and utilizing writing as a tool for learning. This research-backed approach empowers students to become confident and proficient writers across all subjects. Through structured instruction, writing workshops, and personalized feedback, we aim to foster a love for writing and develop essential communication skills that will benefit our students throughout their academic journey and beyond.

At Rambam Day School, we seek to nurture our students' social and emotional well-being. This year, we are proud to introduce a comprehensive social-emotional learning framework encompassing several elements. We will implement the RULER approach, developed at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, which focuses on developing emotional intelligence and fostering a positive and inclusive school climate. Additionally, we will continue focusing on the "Middot of the Month," a character education program promoting ethical values and personal growth. Through engaging activities and discussions, we aim to cultivate a strong moral compass in our students.

Last but not least, we are excited to continue our commitment to Tikkun Olam, the Jewish value of repairing the world. Through various service projects and community initiatives, our students will have the opportunity to impact society and develop a sense of social responsibility positively. We believe that nurturing their sense of empathy and compassion is fundamental to their development as future leaders.

In addition to our new programming, I am pleased to announce that we have begun creating a new strategic plan to guide our school's direction for the next several years. This comprehensive plan will involve input from our faculty, staff, parents, and community members to ensure that we align our goals with the evolving needs of our students and the broader educational landscape. We are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

As part of our commitment to excellence, we are also actively preparing for our FCIS (Florida Council of Independent Schools) reaccreditation. The reaccreditation process allows us to reflect on our strengths and areas for growth, ensuring that we continue to meet the highest standards of educational quality.

We are excited about the opportunities and growth that lie ahead as we work together to shape the future of Rambam Day School. Your continued support, engagement, and partnership are invaluable to our success. Please stay involved, share your ideas, and participate in the various collaboration opportunities we will provide throughout the year.

I am genuinely excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it holds for our students. As always, our dedicated faculty and staff are here to support each and every student, ensuring their growth, success, and happiness. Together, we will create a warm and nurturing environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. I look forward to a wonderful year of learning, discovery, and meaningful connections.

**Nora Anderson**





# AFTER SCHOOL

**IS BACK FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

BLUE J'S AFTER SCHOOL is back with new classes and full-day mini camps on professional development and conference days.

Open to Rambam Day School students and siblings, YERS students and Temple Beth Am members.

**FALL CLASSES BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

## - NEW CLASSES -



Book Club



eSports



Online Student Newspaper



Street Hockey



Volleyball

**AND MANY MORE!**



Over 90%  
of Blue J's  
After School  
classes are  
taught by our  
very own  
faculty!



**FALL REGISTRATION  
OPEN NOW!**

**Have questions?**

Contact Craig Mankoff at [cmankoff@tbam.org](mailto:cmankoff@tbam.org)  
or visit [tbam.org/afterschool](http://tbam.org/afterschool)

**SCAN  
THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER**





Rambam Day School



PARENT AND TEACHER INVOLVEMENT ORGANIZATION

All Rambam Day School families are invited to a fun-filled Back-to-School celebration, complete with everything you need to get excited for the new school year!

BLUE J'S



SUNDAY  
**AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
10:30 AM - 1:30PM

Various locations throughout campus

*Join us for*

FOOD • CARNIVAL GAMES  
BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT • BOUNCE HOUSES  
*and more!*

Plus, Blue J's After School will be showcasing several after-school activities that will be offered in the 2023-24 school year.

For more information and to RSVP  
[tbam.org/bluejsandbagels](http://tbam.org/bluejsandbagels)







## KEY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DATES AND INFORMATION

### *Meet Your Teacher Days*

**MONDAY**  
**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
EARLY CHILDHOOD

**TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### *Welcome Back Coffees*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**THURSDAY**  
**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

TOP NOSH CAFE, THE HUB  
PATIO will have coffee and treats for parents  
immediately after drop-off the first two days of school.  
Come meet new families and catch up with old friends!

### *PATIO Meeting*

**THURSDAY**  
**AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
9:00 AM

CHAPEL, LEWIS FAMILY RELIGIOUS LIFE COMPLEX

*First PATIO meeting of the 2023-24 School Year*  
Need information on or how to purchase school uniforms,  
Shabbat shirts, Friday Challah delivery or Spirit Merch?  
Go to [tbam.org/patio](https://tbam.org/patio)

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!  
Email [PATIO@tbam.org](mailto:PATIO@tbam.org) for information on upcoming opportunities.

# MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



**Anna Margolis**  
**August 26, 2023**

**Anna** is a seventh grade student at Palmer Trinity School. She is an avid soccer and lacrosse player. Anna is a caring daughter and sister and loves being with friends. Her family is very proud and excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

## NEW MEMBERS

Yaacov & Yelena Yesha  
Fabiana Pricladnitzki & Alan Dal Pra  
William Sanchez  
Sidney & Nadine Pertnoy  
Harvey & Judy Judkowitz  
Gabriel Zilban & Sarah Kemper  
Andrew & Nicole Trench  
Maxx & Lexi Frost  
Keith Jacobson

Nicole Barrantes Peralta Ramos  
& Alberto Peralta Ramos  
Ben Zieky  
Wayne & Annemarie Block  
Alexander & Eliana Dersovitz  
Mark Kingdom & Alon Rehany  
Ivan & Sara Mladenovic  
Earl & Susan Kaplan







# HEBREW FROM SCRATCH

A CLASS FOR BEGINNERS OF ALL AGES

THURSDAYS

OCTOBER 12, 19, 26, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Meeting Room 3,  
Administration Building

Instructor, Dr. Lenore C. Kipper, RJE

If you missed the opportunity of learning Hebrew as a young person, now you can participate in this experience. In six weeks you will learn the Hebrew Aleph-Bet, and you will be able to decode important Hebrew words.

You will be able to read and learn the Vocabulary of Jewish Life, key words related to Holidays, Symbols and Blessings. Perhaps your children or grandchildren are also starting to learn Hebrew. You can share the experience with them.

Take this first step to connect with Hebrew, the eternal language of the Jewish People from generation to generation.

Registration: \$60.00

Register at [tbam.org/hebrewfromscratch](http://tbam.org/hebrewfromscratch)









TEMPLE BETH AM  
**YERS**  
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
A World of Opportunities

# The Religious School Experience 2023-24

PreK - 7th Grade

<b>tbam.org/yers</b>	PRE-K THRU 2ND GRADE	3RD - 5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	☑ W			
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL + HEBREW</b> SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM + WEDNESDAYS 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM		☑ W		
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL + HEBREW</b> SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM + SMALL GROUP TUTORING*		☑ W		
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL + HEBREW</b> SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM + PRIVATE TUTORING*		☑ W		
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM			☑ W	
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> FRIDAYS 4:15 PM - 7:30 PM			☑ W	
<b>MONDAY NIGHT CHAI</b>				☑ W
<b>BAFTY (YOUTH GROUPS)</b>	⛔	⛔ M	⛔	⛔ W

## The Teen Experience 2023-24

Now is the time to make yourself stand out during the college application process. One of the best ways to do that is to take part in meaningful programs that do good for your community and are a reflection of your moral character.

<b>tbam.org/yers</b>	8TH GRADE	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
<b>BAFTY</b> ⛔ W	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
<b>CO-EXIST FELLOWSHIP</b> ⛔ M		☑	☑	☑	☑
<b>CONFIRMATION</b> ⛔ W			☑		
<b>HOLOCAUST &amp; HERITAGE TRIP TO POLAND</b> ⛔				☑	☑
<b>ISRAEL TRACK &amp; TRIP</b> ⛔ W	☑				
<b>MADRICHIM</b> ⛔ W	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
<b>MONDAY NIGHT CHAI</b> ⛔ W	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
<b>PRE-CONFIRMATION</b> ⛔ M		☑			
<b>ROSH CHODESH/ SHEVET ACHIM</b> ⛔ M	☑	☑			
<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE TEEN FELLOWSHIP</b> ⛔ M				☑	☑
<b>TORAH SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP</b> ⛔ W		☑	☑	☑	

⛔ Receive Community Service Hours

⛔ Includes Group Trip

⛔ Social Component

M Meets Monthly

W Meets Weekly



# TBAM TOURS *Teens*



**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP TO ISRAEL DURING SPRING BREAK**  
Mandatory attendance to Monday Night CHAI and the "Israel Matters" class



**9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP TO MEMPHIS (PRE-CONFIRMATION) DURING VETERANS DAY WEEKEND**  
An introspective program about identity



**10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE L'TAKEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS IN JANUARY 2024**



**11<sup>TH</sup> TRIP TO GUATEMALA WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEENS IN JANUARY 2024**



**MULTIGENERATIONAL TRIP TO POLAND FOR UPPER CLASSMEN DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK**



**PROSPECTIVE 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INTERNATIONAL TRIP WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEENS**

For more information,  
contact Tamara Donnenfeld at [tdonnenfeld@tbam.org](mailto:tdonnenfeld@tbam.org)





## SUMIKO ZAYON

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR  
SZAYON@TBAM.ORG

### **YERS: Embrace Your Jewish Journey and Explore Limitless Possibilities!**

Welcome all teens of Temple Beth Am to YERS, the continuity of Jewish engagement! We hope you had an incredible summer filled with fun, exploration, and unforgettable memories. As the new academic year begins, we want to extend a warm invitation to consider enrolling in some of our exciting programs, if you haven't done so already.

YERS is an extraordinary platform offering diverse opportunities designed to empower and inspire Jewish teens like you. YERS has everything from engaging social activities to impactful social justice initiatives, from immersive learning experiences to eye-opening travel adventures!

We encourage you to explore the many offerings available at [tbam.org/YERS](http://tbam.org/YERS). Discover the array of programs that align with your interests and aspirations. Whether you want to connect with peers, make a difference in your community, expand your knowledge, or embark on unforgettable journeys, YERS has something for everyone.

We are thrilled about the upcoming series of gatherings where we will come together once again, to celebrate our shared experiences and create new memories.

Join us on this remarkable journey of Jewish engagement, personal growth, and meaningful connections. YERS is here to support and empower you every step of the way. Let's make this year an extraordinary one together!

Welcome to YERS, where your Jewish journey continues!

As this year's president of BAFTY (Beth Am Federation of Temple Youth), I am excited to lead an incredible board as we create meaningful programs that bring Jewish teens together each week. I recently returned from Camp Jenny, where, along with Sasha Crabill, our new Social Action VP, I spent Memorial Day weekend volunteering at an overnight camp program for underprivileged kids from the greater Atlanta area. Camp Jenny is led entirely by volunteers who prepare all year long to create a fun-filled weekend for children who would otherwise never be able to experience overnight camp. This is one of the many programs that BAFTY supports every year and is an example of how being part of the temple youth group can open doors to enriching opportunities not only for ourselves but for the lives of others.

On behalf of the entire BAFTY membership, I would like to thank our generous temple members and friends for helping us exceed our annual fundraising goal and enabling Camp Jenny's continued success.

Our youth group is a space to form friendships and engage in activities at Temple Beth Am and in our community. We look forward to welcoming back our existing members and extend a warm invitation to all high school students to come and get involved. Look out for announcements regarding our first meeting in September during Monday Night Chai.

We can't wait to kick off a fantastic new year!

**Shayna Karmin**  
BAFTY President



**REGISTER AT**  
**TBAM.ORG/BAFTY**

## **THANK YOU TO OUR CAMP JENNY DONORS AND SUPPORTERS!**



LILIANA AND JEFFREY AGRON  
RABBI JAIME AND ALEXANDER AKLEPI  
EILEEN BILCHIK  
BEA AND PETER CITRON  
JACQUELINE AND BRADLEY CRABILL  
SHARI AND STUART DEBOWSKY  
RITA DIAZ  
KEN AND ADRIAN DUBOW  
COLLEEN AND RICHARD FAIN  
VICTORIA FLYN AND CARY ROSENWALD

ANNIE GOLDMAN AND SEAN YAMUNI  
SUSAN AND LARRY GOLINSKY  
LISA HELLER GREEN  
SUSAN AND EDWARD HENKIN  
JODI AND FRANK HESSEL  
SHELLEY AND JOSEPH JACOBY  
ELANA AND JARED KAPLAN  
REBECCA AND ARNAUD KARSENTI  
NICOLE LEDER

JANET AND EDWARD NANKIN  
SANDRA ROSENWALD  
CINDY AND STEVEN RUDIN  
DEBRA AND BRIAN SCARRY  
JACKIE AND RICHARD SIEGEL  
SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH AM  
DOMENICA STANZIOLA AND JESSE MILLER  
BARBARA AND BILL SUSSMAN  
KAREN AND ROBERT ZINN



# **WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BETH AM BASKETBALL**

## **PLEASE SUPPORT THE LEAGUE WITH A CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP**

We offer various options at all different levels including uniform sponsorships, gym/court banners, website, social media presence, and more!

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to promote your business to hundreds of Beth Am families and community members during this historic season.



**HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS?**

Contact Ilana Gilat at [igilat@tbam.org](mailto:igilat@tbam.org)  
or visit [tbam.org/basketball](http://tbam.org/basketball)





## Registration Opens August 1st

For Beth Am Basketball  
Youth & Adult Leagues

Are you ready to witness your child's basketball dreams come true? Look no further than Beth Am Basketball League, where passion, teamwork, and skill development converge. This year, we proudly celebrate our **50th Anniversary**, and we invite your child to be a part of this incredible milestone!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Evaluations on **August 26<sup>TH</sup> and 27<sup>TH</sup>** to ensure that every child is placed on the appropriate team.

These evaluations allow us to create balanced teams where players can grow and compete at their own skill level. Whether your child is a beginner or a seasoned player, we guarantee a place for them to shine.

## DON'T DELAY!

Register at [tbam.org/basketball](http://tbam.org/basketball)

### FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

Visit [tbam.org/basketball](http://tbam.org/basketball)  
or contact Craig Mankoff at  
[cmankoff@tbam.org](mailto:cmankoff@tbam.org)



### NEW THIS YEAR:

#### ► Coed Clinics for 1st and 2nd Graders

Skill-development instruction and scrimmages designed specifically for our youngest athletes.

#### ► Temple Beth Am Adult Men's Basketball League

Calling all basketball enthusiasts! Temple Beth Am is launching our brand-new Adult Men's Basketball League. If you're 35 years and older and passionate about the game, join us for an exciting season of friendly competition, camaraderie, and some serious hoops action.



# Dear Sisters & Friends



Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

I hope that you are enjoying a summer filled with relaxation and time for family and friends.

One month from now, we will be celebrating our High Holy Days, a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal. Each of us prepares individually and as a greater Jewish community as we come together in our homes and synagogue. Personally, I love this time of year with so much to look forward to!

Sisterhood season begins in September with our Board Meeting on September 5th (all Sisterhood members invited), Book Club on September 7th and getting ready for our Opening Event on October 11th. Please read more below for details and RSVPs.

Most importantly, it is time to renew or sign up to be a Sisterhood member. Join us at [tbam.org/sisterhood](http://tbam.org/sisterhood). We enjoy our time together engaging in many educational, spiritual, creative, and timely programs. So many friendships have formed because of participating in the activities that appeal to you. Our programming is designed from the results of individual conversations and surveys of the passions and interests of our members.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Happy Summer!

Warmly,

*Susan Lampen*

Sisterhood President



## Join Our Sisterhood



Sisterhood is about forging connections, finding common interests, and working with other women to create a sense of community that matters.

Your membership is the key to our thriving organization. Each of you makes a difference. We gauge our success by looking at the sense of camaraderie, learning, and goodwill that is created by our programs and opportunities to be involved.

As a part of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism), we strengthen the voice of Jewish women worldwide and are empowered to create caring communities, nurture our congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and promote Jewish values.



JOIN US AT  
[tbam.org/sisterhood](http://tbam.org/sisterhood)



## BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

Chapel

All Sisterhood members invited

## MAH JONGG LESSONS

For Beginners

Your choice of day or evening classes!

**THURSDAYS:** 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Extended Social Hall,  
Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

**WEDNESDAYS:** 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Extended Social Hall,  
Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Cost: \$36 for 4 sessions

RSVP: [tbam.org/mahjongg](http://tbam.org/mahjongg)

Participants will need to purchase a 2023  
Mah Jongg card to use during lessons at  
[nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://nationalmahjonggleague.org)

Cards come in regular and large print.

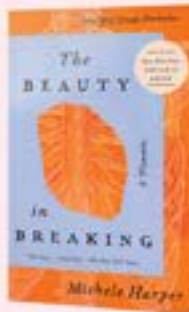
Time to get started so that you can play at the  
TBAM Mah Jongg and Mingle in February!



## BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM**

The Beauty in Breaking: A Memoir by Michele Harper



The Beauty in Breaking is the poignant true story of Harper's journey toward self-healing. Each patient teaches her something important about recuperation and recovery. How to let go of fear even when the future is murky. How to tell the truth when it's simpler to overlook it. How to understand that compassion isn't the same as justice. Harper comes to understand the importance of allowing ourselves to make peace with the past as we draw support from the present. In this

hopeful, moving, and beautiful book, she passes along the precious, necessary lessons that she has learned as a daughter, a woman, and a physician.

We are very excited to have Pamela Lear lead our opening discussion.

RSVP to Lori Fabry [lpfabry@gmail.com](mailto:lpfabry@gmail.com) or Angela Durand [gingerdurand@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerdurand@yahoo.com)

The sequence of the remaining books is yet to be determined. Their titles are:

- I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU  
by Rebecca Makkah
- THE LATECOMER  
by Hanif Kureli
- TOMORROW, TOMORROW, and TOMORROW  
by Gabrielle Zevin
- TRUST by Herman Diaz

## SISTERHOOD OPENING EVENT

CHAIRS: CAROL FLICKER, DILIA GROSSMAN, AND LYNN LEVINE

FROM TBAM TO THE GRAMMYS  
AN EVENING WITH  
JOANIE LEEDS

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY  
**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
6:15 PM

THIS EVENT IS  
COMPLIMENTARY  
FOR ALL CURRENT  
2023-2024  
SISTERHOOD  
MEMBERS.



Sisterhood Events





## THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALMOST HERE AND TIKKUN OLAM IS PUMPED!

We're rebranded... check out our new designs on these very pages.

We're moving forward with a team of passionate volunteer leaders to guide our multiple social-justice and community-engagement initiatives.

Our new website will launch within the next few weeks, and once that happens you need only go to [tbam.org/tikkunolam](http://tbam.org/tikkunolam) to find out how to make a difference. Here's a brief summary of what's on deck and who's leading:

- 1. ADAM LEVY & MARLENE KOHN:**  
Fight to eliminate gun violence in Florida
- 2. ANNE BECKER:**  
Meet twice a month to craft and create items for clergy to give in service of the community
- 3. FAVI BUDYSZEWICK:**  
Volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club of Miami-Dade
- 4. GREGORY FRANKEL & SUSAN FUSFIELD:**  
Learn and volunteer at TBAM's community/school/on-campus garden
- 5. JANICE BAISMAN & BRENDA KILMER:**  
Year-round book donation collections
- 6. JEN RESNICK:**  
Volunteer to serve medically fragile children
- 7. JENNIFER DIEMAR:**  
Provide care to children and families impacted by abuse and trauma
- 8. JUDI GAMPTEL:**  
Prepare a home-cooked meal for families with children receiving medical treatment
- 9. JUDY RATZAN & JEFF AGRON:**  
Fight for Floridians' reproductive rights
- 10. KADIE BLACK:**  
Support the success of Miami-Dade foster children

- 11. RABBI JUDY KEMPLER & SHELLEY PAYNE:**  
Spread love and compassion at TBAM with the Caring Committee
- 12. SARA RATZAN & JESSICA STEINER:**  
Deliver donated groceries to community pantries
- 13. SUSAN MALCA:**  
Speak out to stop human and cyber trafficking
- 14. SUSAN MALCA & CAROLE FLICKER:**  
Prepare dinner for at-risk and former foster-care youth
- 15. TAMAR SAVIR:** Accessibility education and implementing best practices at TBAM

All of the above - and then some more! - is guided by the Tikkun Olam leadership team:

**RABBI RACHEL GREENGRASS** Clergy Liaison  
**SHARON SOCOL** Tikkun Olam VP, TBAM Board of Directors  
**REBECCA HOLLJES** Tikkun Olam & Mitzvah Day Chair  
**CAROLINE MILLER PATIO** Liaison to Tikkun Olam  
**ASHLEY TINTSMAN** Tikkun Olam Socials

Thanks and let's talk soon,

REBECCA HOLLJES





# COMING UP



## SUPPORT MIAMI'S FOSTER KIDS WITH VOICES FOR CHILDREN

### BACKPACK STUFFING @ TBAM TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
Help us fill backpacks with supplies for foster kids headed back to school at this family-friendly, on-campus annual event.

### SHOPPING & BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Old Navy, Shoppes at Dadeland (N. Kendall Dr.)  
Shop for and distribute backpacks to foster kids at Old Navy.

REGISTER & FIND OUT MORE AT  
[TBAM.ORG/BACKPACKS](https://tbam.org/backpacks)

## JCS' MILK & HONEY 2023 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS) is proud to partner with Temple Beth Am for JCS' Milk & Honey 2023 event. As the official South Dade location of JCS Milk & Honey, Temple Beth Am will welcome community members to package and deliver Rosh Hashanah food and toiletry bags to Holocaust survivors and homebound seniors.

Registration link to follow. We'll see you then!

## Advocating for a Florida Constitutional Amendment Protecting Reproductive Rights

### Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Florida (RAC-FL) Update

So many of us feel overwhelmed and powerless due to the extreme disconnect between our values and voices and the actions of our elected leaders. We reached a tipping point this past legislative session. The legislature passed laws that suppress or gut our fundamental rights -- marginalizing LGBTQ+ families, censoring students and faculty, suppressing our right to vote, and effectively ending access to abortion. Florida's new abortion law is among the most extreme abortion bans in the nation. It violates our right to religious freedom as Judaism allows and even mandates, in some circumstances, abortion. Fortunately, we have a way forward. We now have the opportunity to align our values and our rights by amending the Florida constitution to explicitly affirm our freedom to make our own reproductive healthcare decisions, without interference from politicians. A citizen led ballot initiative that amends the Florida constitution will place reproductive rights on the ballot in 2024. We know that this is a winning strategy when the legislature is out of sync with the citizens.

A statewide coalition of like-minded organizations and leaders are working together to pass a Florida constitutional amendment protecting reproductive healthcare rights. It will take all of us to engage Floridians to successfully place this in the hands of voters in November 2024. The first step is to collect one million signatures between now and the end of the year. We are all vital to this piece of the campaign. Temple Beth Am, working with the Religious Action Center-Florida, has built a team dedicated to this work.

### You can be a part of history!

Learn more about how you can be a part of this exciting moment!

Contact Judith Ratzen [rjratz@aol.com](mailto:rjratz@aol.com) or  
Brittany Addams [britaddams@gmail.com](mailto:britaddams@gmail.com)  
to get involved.

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



For additional information, visit [tbam.org/tikkunolam](https://tbam.org/tikkunolam)



# unBIASed

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A TEMPLE BETH AM ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE

## FOUR PILLARS OF NEW U.S. STRATEGY TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM

On May 25, 2023 the White House released the first-ever U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. The plan includes over 100 actions and another 100+ calls to action. All are designed to raise awareness of antisemitism and its threat to Jewish communities and American democracy.

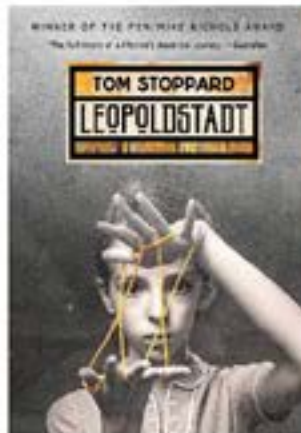
### THE PLAN INCORPORATES FOUR PRIMARY PILLARS:

1. Increase awareness and understanding of antisemitism, including its threat to America, and broaden appreciation of Jewish American heritage.
2. Improve safety and security for Jewish communities.
3. Reverse the normalization of antisemitism and counter antisemitic discrimination.
4. Build cross-community solidarity and collective action to counter hate.

## GOOD NEWS AND IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM BROADWAY

In June 2023, **Leopoldstadt**, the epic semi-autobiographical Tom Stoppard play about three generations of a Viennese Jewish family before and after the Holocaust, won four of the six Tony's for which it was nominated, including best play. Brandon Uranowitz won featured actor in a play and thanked Stoppard for writing a show about antisemitism and assimilation. Members of Uranowitz's family were murdered by Nazis in Poland.

The musical **Parade** was honored as the best revival and Michael Arden reminded the audience at the awards show to recall our history or else experience the same consequences.



Arden wore a Star of David lapel pin and spoke of how Leo Frank's life was cut short due to prejudice against certain groups, which is the basis for all forms of discrimination.

Important words for us to heed in troubled times.

The takeaway from this year's epic Tony award night is a call to action for every Jew. Broadway showed us we can each take on a role in standing up to and fighting antisemitism.

NEVER AGAIN is now! What role will you play in stopping the hate?

Edith Osman  
Chair, unBIASed  
Antisemitism Task Force



# SMALL GROUP DIALOGUE PROGRAM

The Community Outreach Committee is arranging Small Group Dialogue programs. By building on pillar #4 (see opposite page) of the new U.S. Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, our goal is to raise awareness, combat antisemitism, and work to eliminate all forms of hate in our community. This is clearly a top priority, one designed to strengthen existing relationships and develop new ones as we forge alliances.

With this goal in mind and the understanding that we all have much to learn from one another, this committee is planning a variety of interfaith and/or intergroup dialogues



that include religious and secular community organizations, individuals, and groups. These events will include meals as well as group visits to community cultural venues and events. If volunteers will have an opportunity to be an integral part of interfaith and intergroup meetups that may be with religious and secular community organizations, individuals, and groups. At the meetups, we'll share a nosh and have intriguing conversations that incorporate opportunities to learn from each other.

In preparation for the Small Group Dialogue program, co-chairs **Joanne Harvest Koren** and **Joe Jacoby** introduced an interactive workshop on June 7, 2023. The 35 attendees began the process of learning how to best manage dialogues, from an insightful, motivating series of presenters:



**Rabbi Rachel Greengrass**, Temple Beth Am  
**Rev. Tom Capo**, (Universalist Unitarian Church, Miami)  
**Matt Anderson**, Exec. Director, Mosaic (formerly MCCJ)  
**T. Nikki Watkins, Esq.**, Associate Dir., Mosaic (formerly MCCJ)



*While we have a nice complement of volunteers, more are welcome. Think about what we could accomplish together and consider: What would you like to ask? What do you want to know more about?*

## PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPMENT:

INTERFAITH & INTERGROUP GATHERINGS

SPEAKERS BUREAU

EDUCATION (guest speakers, unique interactive programming re antisemitism and the psychology of prejudice, how to counter bias in public spaces, etc.)

PROGRAM SUPPORT  
for Youth & Young Adults

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 5, 2023

WALK FOR UNITY

Join TEMPLE BETH AM Membership for this impactful walk.

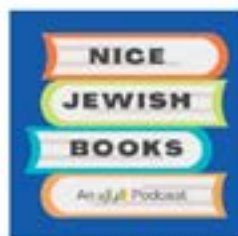
Together with our allies, we will bring awareness and a call to action relative to antisemitism and all hate-related action in Miami

**If you would like to assist in the unBIASed ATF initiative, please contact:**  
Edith Osman at [eosman@carltonfields.com](mailto:eosman@carltonfields.com) | Joe Jacoby at [jjacoby616@gmail.com](mailto:jjacoby616@gmail.com) or  
Joanne Harvest Koren at [joannekoren35@gmail.com](mailto:joannekoren35@gmail.com)





While we eagerly await the opening of the Adult Reading Room in the Hub this September, we have some wonderful programs to share that will keep you busy until then.



The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL - our professional organization) hosts some riveting podcasts of particular interest to us readers.

Try logging into [jewishlibraries.org/nicejewishbooks](http://jewishlibraries.org/nicejewishbooks). Nice Jewish Books is AJL's newest podcast focusing on adult Jewish fiction. Not only is AJL the leading authority on Judaica Librarianship, but it's also a

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# A MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

What a wonderful relationship our two congregations share, and I'd like to take the opportunity to share some examples in this month's column, all of them taking place in the span of just two weeks in the middle of June.

First, I had the opportunity on three occasions during these two weeks to spend time with Beth Am members here in Israel. The first opportunity was lunch in the Machaneh Yehudah market with Har-El overseas members

**Sharon and Howard Socol** (pictured with Cantor Evan), where among other things, we spoke about what's happening at Har-El and the "new normal" of weekly pro-democracy protests here in Israel, as of this writing in its 24th week.



A week later, as part of Beth Am's June 2023 Israel mission, we welcomed Henry Albanese and his family for an intimate bar mitzvah service on Shabbat afternoon (pictured), led by **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass** and held in Har-El's sanctuary. Having the ceremony in our sanctuary also enabled the family to use Har-El's YouTube channel to livestream the ceremony to Henry's family in the States.

Then, just four days later, this two-week "Beth Am/Har-El Fest" closed out with the bat mitzvah ceremony of **Noa Garcia** (pictured) of Temple Beth Am, led by Rabbi Ada and me. The ceremony was held at the Da-vidson Center Archeological Park, at the foot of the southern side of the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem.



A hearty mazal tov to Henry and Noa and their families; it was our privilege and pleasure to celebrate this special day with you all!

To top it off, **Rabbi Jeremy Barras** informed me of a special and very generous gift from Temple Beth Am to our congregation this month. This coming November 2023, Rabbi Ada Zavidov, Kehilat Har-El's rabbi, will receive an honorary "doctor of divinity" at the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College (the Reform movement's seminary) to mark 25 years of service to the Jewish community as a rabbi. The ceremony will be held during the rabbinic ordination ceremony for our movement's newest Israeli rabbis. In honor of this special occasion, we are embarking on a campaign to renovate our sanctuary, particularly to make it wheelchair accessible (including adding accessible restrooms adjacent to the sanctuary). So, on

behalf of Rabbi Ada and the board of Kehilat Har-El, we would like to express our sincerest and heartfelt thanks for the very generous donation of \$10,000 from Temple Beth Am to this important and meaningful initiative. Our congregation, particularly Rabbi Ada, is truly touched by this special gift to help make Har-El truly accessible to all who enter its gates.

Along those lines, as we continue the campaign, if there are individual members of Beth Am who would like to contribute to this project in memory or in honor of a loved one, please feel free to reach out to me directly at [cantorevan@gmail.com](mailto:cantorevan@gmail.com).

Thank you all for being such dedicated friends of our community, and we look forward to welcoming you all throughout the year whenever you come to Jerusalem.

With our congregation's sincerest appreciation,

**Cantor Evan Cohen**





# OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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



## Journey to Israel 75: Understand the Past, Look to the Future

It has been an exciting year as many organizations planned trips to Israel to celebrate the 75th anniversary. The trips will continue over the summer and fall. No matter how many times you have been to Israel, it is still a modern miracle to witness what has been achieved. Our Jewish Heritage page focused on the pioneers, leaders, and builders last year. I will continue this year with the dreams, dilemmas, and events that made the vision and dream a reality. To understand some of the present issues, I believe it is necessary to keep perspective on the ongoing issues that challenge the people and government of Israel.

### The First Aliyah, 1882-1904

The word *aliyah* means going up. In the Temple periods, the people made *aliyah*, ascending to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices and prayers. In modern times, *aliyah* means you are called up to the Torah. The term became connected to the return to Zion. One ascends from the diaspora to return to the land of Israel. Immigrants who make *aliyah* are called "*Olim*."

Around 1881, many Eastern European Jews living under the Russians were victims of pogroms. They were shocked and frightened and realized they had to find new homes. Perhaps your family was among them. The immigration to the US during this period was significant. But there were those, mostly young people, who were inspired by the writings of Zionist leaders, who made *aliyah* to "Palestine." The Ottoman Empire ruled the territory. With the help of Moses Montefiore and Baron Edmund de Rothschild, about 25,000 of them joined the already existing Jewish communities in Jerusalem, Hebron, Tiberias, and Safed. These pioneers, *chalutzim*, also settled in the first farm communities in Petach Tikvah, Rishon Le'zion, Rosh Pina, and Zichron Ya'akov. Rothschild supported them financially and sent experts to help them with agricultural problems. He purchased 125,000 acres of land from the Ottoman rulers.

Eliezer Ben Yehuda was a part of this group. He was responsible for developing the modern Hebrew Language. This was a significant step in creating a common identity language for all future immigrants from many different lands.

### The Second Aliyah, 1904-1914

About 30,000 Eastern European Jews made *aliyah* during this period. These *Olim* had new ideas about how the new settlements should operate. Once again, they were young and idealistic and influenced by the ideas of Theodor Herzl, Ahad

Ha'am, and A.D. Gordon. They believed that by living together as one large family, the group could farm more efficiently and produce more crops. They also opposed hiring Arab laborers to do the challenging fieldwork. The *Olim* of this period founded the *kibbutzim*, collective settlements, where everyone shared in rotation the essential work. The ideas of socialism influenced them. They also had to form an armed guard force called the Shomrim to protect the community against Arab raiders. The *kibbutzim* served an important role in adapting to the land for the *Olim*. At first, they focused mainly on agriculture, but today the remaining *kibbutzim* have diversified projects, factories, and tourism. Each *kibbutz* votes to make changes that the members request.

Degania, the first *kibbutz*, was founded in 1909 on the southern shore of Lake Kinneret. When you visit Israel, almost all tours take you to Degania. That same year, on the dunes of the Mediterranean, north of Jaffa, Tel Aviv was established. By this time, the Jewish National Fund, created by the World Zionist Organization, was given the authority to purchase land from absentee Arab landlords.

As more Jews came from Eastern Europe to escape antisemitism, pogroms, discrimination, and oppression, the Ottoman rulers began to slow immigration. First, the Arab villages were increasing their activity against the settlements, and second, this was the beginning of World War I. The Turks were allied with the Germans. Nevertheless, the Yishuv, the Jewish Agency, had the authority to maintain cooperative relations with the Turks and the Arab leaders. More challenges and changes were coming after the war.

*L'shalom,*

**Lenore Kipper**

## From the TBAM Archives: Highlights from the 1983 Commentators

In January, Rabbi Harold Kushner was invited to be the guest speaker. He is the author of the book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." He wrote it after his family had a tragedy. It became a best seller, not only for Jewish families, but for the general public at large. Rabbi Kushner recently died, but his many books have found a permanent place of prominence on Jewish bookshelves and libraries.

The new Reform Siddur was introduced and dedicated during services at the end of January. It is called "Gates of Prayer." Many scholars were part of editing the final edition. It also has supplemental readings in the back of the book for thoughtful discussion.

A Hebrew Teachers workshop for Religious School and Day School was conducted by author Magda Winter, from Behrman House, to guide teachers in using the new materials.

The "Contemporaries" group, for Seniors, led a creative service. This is the third year they planned this. Rabbi Morton Hoffman

guided the service. Evelyn Goodman and Selma Rappaport initiated the idea of the Beth Am Contemporaries group. One of the largest groups of students from the Day School graduated from 6th grade. 62 students! The Confirmation class of that year had more than 80 students!

An Afternoon of Music Program under the guidance of Selma Baumgard became a new tradition. Doreen Marx continued and expanded the tradition, bringing guest musical artists to the Temple.

The Beth Am Twinning Program for B'nai Mitzvah students encouraged our students to twin with children of the Refusniks families in the Soviet Union. Our students began letter exchanges with these children. The program was sponsored by the South Florida Conference on Soviet Jewry. (This was a difficult time for Jews in the FSU.)

Computer Instruction Begins at the Day School under the leadership of Barbara Langer.

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 Sherri L. Moss  
 Sarah "Suki" Nelson\*  
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 Herman Paikowsky  
 Jeff Parent  
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 Miriam Pulwer  
 Elsie Rappaport\*  
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 Terri Levan Katz  
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 Ronald Kreger  
 Ethel Krulewitch\*  
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 Harry Laskin\*  
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**Melissa Rubin** daughter of Ronit (Ross) Rubin and sister of Michelle Rubin

**Michael Shelist** brother of Vivian (Steve) Brownstein; husband of Sandra; father of Robert (Deborah), David (Wendi) and Arland (Cori); grandfather of Madison (Michael), Bryson, Blake, Cooper, Riley, Alexa, Skylar and Blake and brother of Sheila (Norman) Lane and many nieces and nephews

**Gary Spencer** husband of Barbara; father of Liz (Dr. Mark) Rosenthal, David Spencer, Steven (Dana) Spencer, Abby (Scott Starenchak) Spencer; grandfather of Julia, Parker and Reese Rosenthal, Alexandra, Darren, Naomi and Connor Spencer; Jonah and Joshua Starenchak

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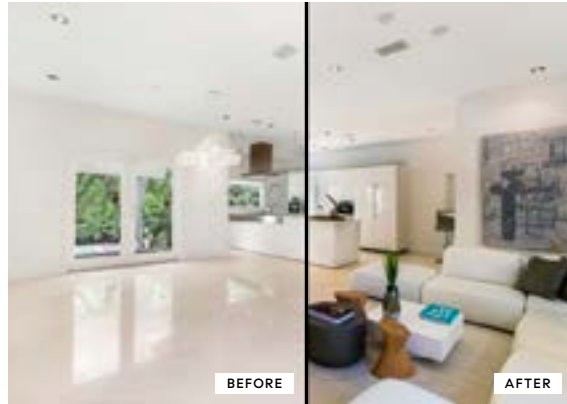
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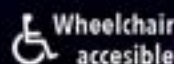
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