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SHABBAI

OCTOBER 2023 SERVICES

22 TISHREI FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:00 PM Pre-Neg

6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, Simchat Torah & Consecration



22 TISHREI SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM Torah Study

9:00 AM

Sensory Friendly Shabbat



10:30 AM Simchat Torah Service



Holidays Deuteronomy 33:1 – 34:12, Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 Haftarah Joshua 1:1 – 18

29 TISHREI FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00 PM Pre-Neg

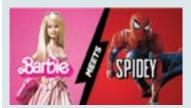
6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

5:45 PM

How Bout Shabbat: Barbie Meets Spidey

Join Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantor Tifani Coyot for an interactive musical Shabbat designed for young families.



29 TISHREI SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM Torah Study

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10:30 AMSaturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Altman

5:30 PM

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Steinberg

Torah Portion Bereishit Genesis 6:9 – 11:32 Haftarah Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5

6 CHESHVAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 PM Pre-Neg

6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

5:45 PM

FamJam: Noah's Ark Edition
Cantor Tifani Coyot and her
Pop-Up Choir invite all
elementary school students and
their families to this special
Noah's Ark-themed abbreviated
Shabbat service to honor our
pets!



6 CHESHVAN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM

Torah Study

10:30 AM

Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM

Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Bennett Bat Mitzvah of Ania Juda

Torah Portion Noach Genesis 6:9 – 11:32 Haftarah Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5

13 CHESHVAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00 PM Pre-Neg

6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Worship



13 CHESHVAN OCTOBER 28

9:00 AM Torah Study



10:30 AMSaturday Morning Minyan



10:30 AMBat Mitzvah of Maisie Stern

5:30 PM

Bar Mitzvah of Aden Moscowicz

Torah Portion Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1 – 17:27 Haftarah Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16 Commentator October 2023 • Page 4



JEREMY BARRAS **SENIOR RABBI** JBARRAS@TBAM.ORG

The Challenge Is On

On Rosh HaShanah, I revealed the dream that I have had for as we glide through our days, there are not too many several years now. I challenged the whole congregation to commit to coming to temple one Shabbat a month for the next eight months. As our season generally ends at the end of May when school is out and the summer heat arrives, we have until then when we are all together. When we started to dream about Beyond the Curve, our new school building, and the Hub, I was very excited about how we could utilize our new campus to unite our congregation spiritually and socially. For several years, I thought long and hard about what that could look like and how we could achieve new heights as a community. We are a diverse group of 1700 families. Our interests and desires are varied, and our needs are different. Accommodating the Shabbat experience for such a multifaceted group requires creativity, thought, and collaboration.

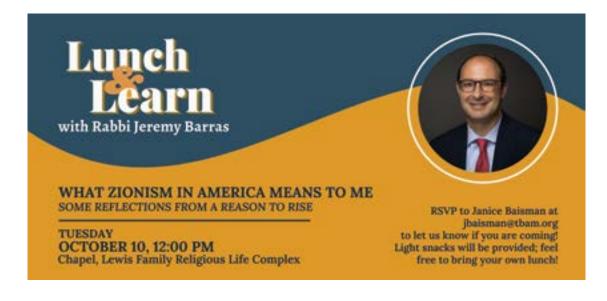
I do not expect my dream Shabbat to happen overnight. What I am asking for this year is for each of us to take a couple of steps toward the goal. Eight Shabbats a year with the community should sound reasonable and doable to most of our members. But before I tell you what I hope it will look like down the road, please allow me once more to explain why I feel that once-a-month attendance is a fabulous start. In Reform Judaism, our reinterpretation of mitzvah observance created a worrisome byproduct: the Reform Jew rarely, if ever, feels commanded to fulfill a mitzvah. We fulfill them when they are uplifting, when they are meaningful, or when they help us deal with a particularly poignant life cycle moment. But generally,

moments when we perform a mitzvah simply because Jews are commanded to do so. When that aspect of faith is missing, it is very easy to fall out of spiritual rhythm, lose track of the Jewish calendar, and allow one day to meld into the next without proper introspection. I believe that adding Shabbat, even once a month, can make a big difference. Having such an experience on your monthly calendar will help focus your mind on faith, spiritual responsibility, and commitment to the community.

I dream that, eventually, every Friday night at Temple Beth Am will be a happening. Not only will you find the experience uplifting, but you will have a great time! You will be with friends who want to see you. You will be with your clergy, who yearns to see you here, and you will find the various worship and social options fitting to your family's needs. As I said on Rosh Hashanah, meeting this challenge will have an impact on our community that will far exceed our wildest imagination. We are embarking on a challenge that is not easy. It requires all of us to participate. But if we take a step in the right direction this year and build upon it year after year, I promise you a revolution of spirit that will enrich all our lives and transform our community!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Jeremy Barras





CLERGY CORNER RABBI JAIME AKLEPI JAKLEPI@TBAM.ORG

If, during the month of September, you sought out the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for connection with the community, self-introspection, and personal growth and change, October is the time to put it all into action. The holidays of Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Shemini Atzeret are all celebrations of gratitude. As we celebrate Sukkot and visit the flimsy structure of the sukkah, albeit beautifully decorated, we recognize its inability to offer permanent shelter. It is vulnerable to wind and rain and reminds us that our lives can be upturned in a moment. Therefore, we are mindful of our blessings and intentional with the way we spend our time.

At the end of Sukkot, we pause for Shemini Atzeret, interpreted as a day to hold on to the celebration and reflection of Sukkot. In the Reform Movement and in Israel, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah begin on the seventh day of Sukkot. A Yizkor memorial service is held, and we light a Yahrzeit candle in memory of our loved ones. When Simchat Torah arrives seven days later we rejoice as we finish the last section of the Torah and immediately begin it again. Torah learning spirals upward. We may read the same sections every year, and every year we search the tradition for deeper meaning, gaining more Torah

knowledge. On Simchat Torah, we especially recognize the wisdom, law, and traditions that are available to us and celebrate when a child officially begins their Jewish learning. It is for this reason that we celebrate our new learners, and we consecrate them on Simchat Torah. Simchat Torah is for everyone in our congregation. We unroll two Torah scrolls, and everyone is invited to get up close to the text. It is a powerful experience to be shared by children and adults. In Pirkei Avot 5:22, we see the process of Torah study and its ongoing nature. Ben Bag Bag said, "Turn it over, and [again] turn it over, for all is therein. And look into it; And become gray and old therein; And do not move away from it, for you have no better portion than it."

As the month of October continues, we read the earliest stories in the Book of Genesis. We will see Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden enact their free will for the very first time. We will explore what it means to be righteous in Parashat Noach, and we'll see Abraham's faith as he leaves his home and all he knows to follow a new path with God. Sometimes a story will baffle us; other times, we will be surprised by the courage, faith, and even faults of its heroes. Be inspired by Torah learning to love Torah living.

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.

Please reach out to Rabbi Barras' assistant, Mindy Robbin, at 786.364.9446 or mrobbin@tbam.org



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Traditions Old and New

I hope everyone is enjoying pumpkin spice season, notwithstanding the fact that Starbucks now starts the season in August and our autumnal weather is still weeks away! I am sure many of you, like me, are still basking in the glow of our amazing and uplifting High Holy Day services. A heartfelt thanks to our clergy, volunteers and staff who worked tirelessly to make them so special.

The High Holy Days have always held a special place in our hearts and in our Jewish tradition. They are a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, and this year was no exception. They offered us a precious opportunity to reconnect with our faith, our community, and our values. It is a time when we turn inwards to examine our lives, seeking forgiveness for our shortcomings, and looking forward to the year ahead with optimism and determination.

For me, in addition to observing our sacred traditions by attending every High Holy Day service this year, which was admittedly a first for me, I was fortunate to participate in two "newer traditions" (oxymoronic as this term may be) at Temple Beth Am.

First, the Days of Awe are a reminder of our commitment to tikkun olam, the repair of the world, and our responsibility to make meaningful changes in the lives of others. One example of this unwavering dedication to our shared values was TBAM's hosting of this year's Milk & Honey Campaign presented by Jewish Community Services of Florida. Our Social Hall was filled with over 400 people of all ages preparing Rosh Hashanah baskets and personal hygiene kits for holocaust survivors and homebound elderly in our community.

Jackie and I then delivered baskets and flowers to three seniors who live in the Council Towers at 10th and Collins.

While each woman liked the "goodies" we brought, what they sincerely appreciated was a couple friendly faces at their door, asking how they were, and wishing them a sweet and healthy new year. The most remarkable woman was the third we visited who invited us in to sit and chat. She told us of her life as a child in Lithuania, how her family fled to Cuba, and eventually settled in the U.S. I commented on what an interesting life she had and ask how old she was. She quickly instructed her aide who was there "show them my pillow!" The aide brought over a pillow that was presented to the woman at her last birthday. Around the border was stitched "Years of Good Living" and in the middle, in bold face, was sewn "107"! A true "OMG" moment for us – we will certainly do this again next year...

I was also fortunate to host TBAM's Second Annual Presidents Dinner the week before Rosh Hashanah. Modeled on the Champions Dinner at The Masters in Augusta, the TBAM Presidents Dinner brings together all available past presidents of our congregation for an evening of food, drink and, most importantly, advice for the new president. It was a special evening for me to be surrounded by the champions of our community on whose shoulders I stand in embarking on my journey to make a meaningful impact on Temple Beth Am. The highlight of the evening for me was presenting Judge David Young, my predecessor, friend and the host of the Inaugural TBAM Presidents Dinner, with his Past Presidents Pin, a special distinction I know David will wear with pride.

Below are pictures from each of these great events.

I look forward to seeing you on campus this fall.

Warmest regards, **Rich**









TBAM hosting the Milk & Honey Campaign

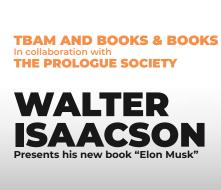
TBAM Second Annual Presidents Dinner



FALL PREVIEW



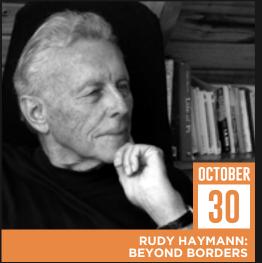
















Thursday
OCTOBER 12
7:30 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center FREE with RSVP at TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

Daniel Gordis is a Koret Distinguished Fellow at Shalem College. He is the author of thirteen books and the widely read blog/podcast, *Israel from the Inside*.

Gordis' history of Israel, *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, received the 2016 National Jewish Book Award as "Book of the Year." Ambassador Dennis Ross, reflecting on the book, wrote, "When I am asked 'Is there one book to read about Israel?' I now have an answer."

In 2014, the Jerusalem Post listed him as one of the world's 50 most influential Jews, while Jeffrey Goldberg of *The Atlantic* has written, "If you asked me, 'of all the people you know, who cares the most about the physical, moral and spiritual health of Israel?' I would put the commentator and scholar Daniel Gordis at the top of the list."

Gordis' most recent book, *Impossible Takes Longer: 75 Years After its Creation, Has Israel Fulfilled Its Founders' Dreams?*, was published in 2023.



COMEDY WITHOUT THE COMMUTE

THE COMEDY ZONE AT TBAM

NOAH GARDENSWARTZ WITH ESTER STEINBERG

Thursday
OCTOBER 19
8:00 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$18 & \$28 (+ \$4 service charge) **TBAM.ORG/THEHUB**

Drinks and light nosh available for purchase in the lobby starting at 7:00 PM.

Free onsite parking. No drink minimum.



THE COMEDY ZONE BRINGS THE BEST EMERGING COMEDIANS TO PINECREST!



Headliner Noah Gardenswartz is a New York based comedian and writer. He is a regular at the Comedy Cellar in New York City and is a writer on Amazon's Emmy and Golden-Globe winning show, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. He has his own Comedy Central special and has appeared on *The Late Late Show with James Corden* and twice on Conan.

Opening for Noah will be Ester Steinberg, one of LA's hottest emerging comedians. She started performing stand-up on the lunch tables of her high school in Tampa and set out for New York to attend NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She has starred in Oxygen's hit show *Funny Girls*, is the host of the Stand Up Mom podcast, and was a cast member of Hulu's *Up Early Tonight*. She has been featured on Amazon's *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*

Comedy Live.

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TBAM AND BOOKS & BOOKS In collaboration with THE PROLOGUE SOCIETY

WALTER ISAACSON

Presents his new book "Elon Musk"

Sunday
OCTOBER 22
5:00 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center Tickets: \$49 (includes book valued at \$37.45) **TBAM.ORG/THEHUB**





From the author of *Steve Jobs* and other bestselling biographies, this is the astonishingly intimate story of the most fascinating and controversial innovator of our era--a rule-breaking visionary who helped to lead the world into the era of electric vehicles, private space exploration, and artificial intelligence. Oh, and took over Twitter.

For two years Isaacson shadowed Musk, attended his meetings, walked his factories with him, and spent hours interviewing him, his family, friends, coworkers, and adversaries. The result is the revealing inside story, filled with amazing tales of triumphs and turmoil, that addresses the question: Are the demons that drive Musk also what it takes to drive innovation and progress?

Walter Isaacson is the bestselling author of biographies of Jennifer Doudna, Leonardo da Vinci, Steve Jobs, Benjamin Franklin, and Albert Einstein. He is a professor of history at Tulane and was CEO of the Aspen Institute, chair of CNN, and editor of Time. He was awarded the National Humanities Medal in 2023. Visit him at Isaacson. Tulane.edu.



ISRAEL IN THE EYE OF THE MEDIA

GIL HOFFMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH **JACKI ALEXANDER** OF HONEST REPORTING

Wednesday **OCTOBER 25** 7:30 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center FREE with RSVP at TBAM.ORG/THEHUB



Gil Hoffman will analyze the diplomatic, security, and political challenges facing Israel at 75 and how they can be overcome. He will also fairly and objectively answer the questions: What dangers does Israel face from inaccurate and biased reporting about the Jewish state? How will internal Israeli divides affect the state's future? What about its successes? How can we be hopeful for the future?



RUDI HAYMANN **BEYOND BORDERS**

ESCAPING THE HOLOCAUST AND FIGHTING THE NAZIS 1938 - 1948

Monday OCTOBER 30 7:00 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center FREE with RSVP at TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

Centenarian Rudi Haymann shares his astonishing life, from birth in Germany, to exile at the age of 16 in British Palestine, to joining the British Intelligence Service in WWII, finding his surviving family, and settling in Chile. Based on his diary and letters from 1938-1948, his thrilling memoir, Beyond Borders: Escaping the Holocaust and Fighting the Nazis 1938 – 1948, tells a story both personal and universal, both everyman and heroic, showing one man's commitment and courage in the fight against Nazism.

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AN EVENING WITH ETGAR KERET

PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH MIAMI BOOK FAIR



Tuesday NOVEMBER 14 7:30 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center Tickets: \$20 (+ \$4 service charge)

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Internationally acclaimed writer Etgar Keret wrote stories in an attempt to capture his late mother. The stories portray both day-to-day family life in Israel, and traumatic wartime experiences inspired by the life of his mother Orna, who was born in Poland in 1934. "For my mom," says Keret, "the idea of telling us stories from children's books was like ordering a pizza instead of making us dinner. It would mean that she doesn't love us enough." His mother made it to Israel after World War II when she was 14. The stories were written for an exhibition called "Inside Out" at the Jewish Museum in Berlin.

Join us for this engaging conversation with Etgar Keret, followed by a reception.



SIMCHAT TORAH STORAH STORAH

SERVICE • HAKAFAH DANCE PARTY • DESSERT ONEG

On Simchat Torah, we honor the completion of the year's Torah readings as we start anew. Fun for all ages as we dance around the Sanctuary and "hold up" the Torah as it is completely unrolled, so that we can all see it from beginning to end! Don't miss our dessert reception immediately following the service, featuring chocolate fountains.

CELEBRATE THE SWEETNESS OF TORAH AT TEMPLE BETH AM! FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6
6:30 PM, Sanctuary

FRIDAY:
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SIGHT
OCTOBER 27

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with TBAM's Latin Connection! Join us for an extended preneg featuring tango with live music before Shabbat services.

Enjoy the show or grab a partner and tango with us as we welcome Shabbat together!

NOAH'S ARK EDITION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

9:30 AM

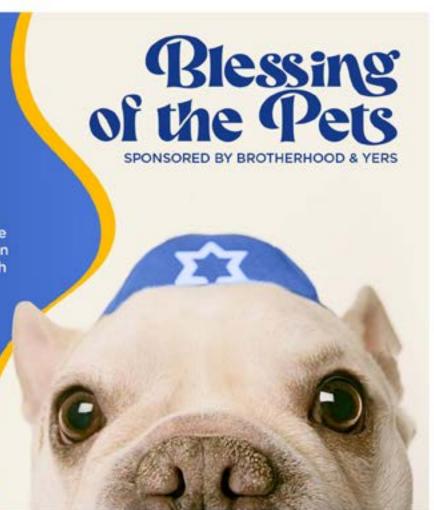
Join us at the The Havenick Family Outdoor Basketball Court

As we read the story of Noah this week, we invite all families of Temple Beth Am to join our Religious School for a special Havdalah morning program dedicated to honoring our pets, led by Rabbi Jaime Aklepi.

Bring your pet for a special blessing!

Brotherhood will provide plenty of treats for the special animals in your life!

RSVP at tbam.org/blessingofthepets



FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 5:45 PM

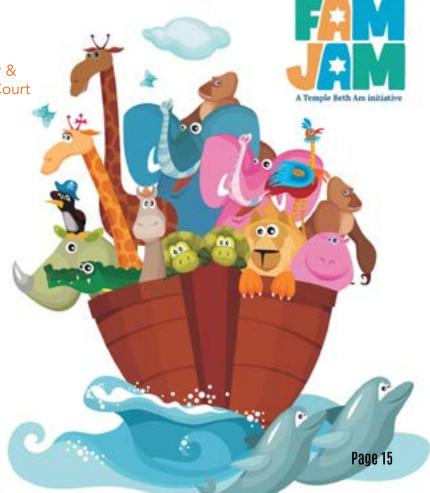
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center & The Havenick Family Outdoor Basketball Court

Cantor Tifani Coyot and her Pop-Up Choir invite all elementary school students and their families to this special Noah's Ark-themed abbreviated Shabbat service. Stick around afterwards for a drum circle to bring some exciting, interactive rhythms to our Shabbat celebration!

Admission includes full access to food trucks and prepared food as well as activities geared toward children in grades K-5...but little sisters and brothers are welcome!

For additional information and to register: **tbam.org/famjamshabbat**

Please note that while we will be celebrating animals during our service, this program is for humans only!



Commentator



SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM WELCOME LOBBY, THE HUB

OCTOBER 7, 2023
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
DECEMBER 9, 2023
JANUARY 27, 2024
FEBRUARY 24, 2024
APRIL 27, 2024
MAY 18, 2024

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 COMFORTABLE SEATING

QUESTIONS?

Contact Michele Kaplan at michelemkaplan@yahoo.com

HOW'BOUT SHABBAT

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 13TH
5:45 PM

Barbie



Join us for an extra special **HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT**featuring Barbie when she meets Spidey.
Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and
Cantor Tifani Coyot will lead us in
an interactive and musical Shabbat experience.
Enjoy a creative arts and crafts section, catered
dinner, and wine bar for parents and
grandparents.

RSVP a must www.tbam.org/barbie

Adults \$27 Children over 1 - \$15 Commentator



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4 5:00 PM

PIZZA IN THE HUT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Bring the whole family for a pizza dinner in the Sukkah with Rabbi Rachel Greengrass & Cantor Tifani Coyot! We'll shake the lulav and etrog, sing Sukkot songs, create arts and crafts, and enjoy our beautiful Sukkah together.

> Join us to learn more about this special holiday, which celebrates the spirit of rejoicing and welcoming new friends. All ages are welcome!

Free of charge, but please RSVP at tbam.org/pizzainthehut so that we have plenty of pizza for all!



AT TEMPLE BETH AM

WITH CANTOR COYOT!

Share the joy of Shabbat with your little ones at our first Tot Shabbat of the year!

Join Cantor Coyot for Shabbat songs, crafts and fun, and connect with other families as we welcome Shabbat together.

This program is geared toward children ages 4 and under, but big brothers and sisters are welcome!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

9:30 AM

Early Childhood Courtyard, Rambam Day School Building

RSVP at tbam.org/totshabbat

SAVE THE DATES

for our next Tot Shabbats! December 16 April 6 Temple Beth Am invites you to join us in honoring our veterans, for a special

*** VETERANS * * * SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

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

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

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

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15 6:30 PM Sanctuary

Temple Beth Am is honored to host this year's annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service in partnership with synagogues and churches across Miami.

Bring the whole family as we gather together under one roof in unity and friendship to celebrate our different faiths and beliefs, and to share in song and worship as we honor all that we are grateful for this year.



FEATURING CLERGY AND CONGREGANTS FROM:

Beth David Congregation

Coral Gables Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Riviera Presbyterian Church
Temple Beth Am
Temple Judea
Temple Israel of Greater Miami



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 6:30 PM

Experience the music of Motown interwoven with Shabbat liturgy for an upbeat and uplifting Shabbat celebration, featuring the return of the Old Skool Gang!



RSVP ATTBAM.ORG/MOTOWNSHABBAT

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DAY SCHOOL

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Succeeding in the Changing World: What it Means for Rambam Day School

In today's fast-changing world, the idea of having one steady job for life is becoming less common. Instead, people are exploring various opportunities and ways to be successful. A recent article called "The New Rules of Success in a Post-Career World" by Bruce Feiler explains this shift and offers helpful advice. How can we relate these ideas to elementary and early childhood education?

In the past, you could learn something in school and use it for your entire career. But now, more and more people are doing different types of work, often not tied to a single job. Learning never stops. As Feiler writes, "For almost everyone, their personal script evolves and morphs over time." This means being open to trying new things and being flexible. As educators, it is essential to teach students a wide range of skills so they can adapt well to future changes. Success now involves continuous learning and improving skills. For us, this means not just focusing on grades but also teaching students to think critically and solve problems. It's about always being curious and willing to learn.

Individuals need to be able to handle challenges and emotions well to be successful. Rambam helps students by teaching values like kindness and self-awareness. This way, students can bounce back from tough times and be emotionally intelligent in their careers and lives. Teaching values such as compassion helps students be more resilient in all aspects of life. Feiler writes, "The people who are most fulfilled at work don't start with how; they start with who they want to be, what they want to be doing, and why they want to be doing it." Educating young students means guiding them toward discovering who they are and what mark they want to make on the world (and encouraging them to be mensches along the way).

This ever-changing world also makes teaching children to think like entrepreneurs essential. Being an entrepreneur means thinking creatively, taking risks, and solving problems. We can encourage this by supporting students' ideas and teaching them ways to find solutions to problems. Encouraging creativity and teaching practical skills helps to prepare students for any career path.

In today's connected world, knowing the world and understanding different cultures and global issues is crucial. We can promote this by creating a welcoming environment for everyone and encouraging discussions about the world's challenges. We promote inclusivity and encourage students to learn about global issues, making them better citizens of the world.

The world is changing; success now means being adaptable and continuously learning. Or, as Feiler puts it, "Success is not a destination; it's a narrative." For Rambam Day School, this shift means teaching a wide range of skills, emphasizing emotional intelligence, nurturing creativity and problem-solving, and promoting global awareness. By doing this, we can prepare students to succeed in the changing world and live up to their values as responsible and thoughtful individuals. We aim to provide the type of education that will set our kids up for success in the future.

Things have changed a lot in the last few years. And we plan to give our students all the advantages they need.

Nora Anderson



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TAMARA DONNENFELD

DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING TDONNENFELD@TBAM.ORG

I am delighted to share that I am starting my tenth year here at Temple Beth Am, and it's been a remarkable decade filled with countless positive developments. The growth and transformation we've witnessed are truly worth celebrating.

Over this period, we have achieved significant milestones, including welcoming a new senior rabbi, a new Rambam Day School Head of School and, most recently, our new Executive Director. Our community has expanded from 1100-1200 families to approximately 1700 families. Moreover, we successfully raised millions of dollars to construct a state-of-the-art contemporary school and a Jewish cultural center in Miami, making us second to none in our excellence. The list of achievements and changes during this time is extensive, and while I can't detail them all, I'm excited to highlight some of the most significant aspects of our growth.

When I first took on my role, I inherited a youth engagement department that served around 200+ families, with our teen program catering to 67 students. At that time, we offered Monday Night Chai (MNC), our Judaica High School program that included Confirmation and BAFTY programs designed exclusively for high school students.

Since then, our programs have expanded in terms of opportunities and participation. The number of teens we serve has grown to approximately 150. Recognizing that one size does not fit all, we have added various weekly, monthly, and sporadic programs to accommodate our busy teens with diverse interests. Post-b'nai mitzvah students now have the freedom to choose their unique Jewish journey and adventure. Beginning in 8th grade, we integrated study and service trips and enriched our programs with experiential weekends, in-depth conversations, and sophisticated content. This year, we are excited to announce the addition of a multi-generational trip to Poland, which generated incredible interest and filled up within the first month of advertisement. Members from the 2G, 3G, and 4G generations will join us on this journey, sharing their personal stories and educating others about their families' struggles and triumphs.

In tandem with the growth of our offerings, our team has expanded as well. This year, we welcomed Chaim Lieberperson as the Assistant Director of YERS. Chaim, along with Sumiko, Lisa, Daniel, and myself, form the dynamic force behind all the exciting developments at YERS. Together, we brainstorm, produce, and execute the ideas that have made our department a resounding success. I must also express our gratitude to our

and the YERS board, who are instrumental in ensuring our plans come to fruition.

As we move forward, please take a moment to acknowledge and thank any of our dedicated DOERS when you encounter them. A simple word, a smile, or a kind gesture can mean the world to those who tirelessly contribute to the vitality of our community. Your support and recognition are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for being a part of this remarkable journey, and here's to many more years of growth and shared accomplishments at Temple Beth Am.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW ADDITION TO THE YERS TEAM: CHAIM LIEBERPERSON

I am Chaim Lieberperson, and I am thrilled and eager to take on the significant role of Assistant Director at our Youth Engagement Religious School. Having majored in American studies and graduated from Hobart College, I treasure the experience of having spent a semester in Egypt, which played a pivotal role in steering me toward a career in Jewish education. My limited understanding of the Middle East and my family's connections to the region prompted me to delve into my Jewish identity through writing and performance upon returning home.

Subsequently, I pursued graduate studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, focusing on Jewish Education and Communal Leadership, which laid a solid foundation and provided me with meaningful credentials. After spending some years at Lehrman Community Day School, I joined Temple Beth Am from 2007 through 2011, serving in both our day school and religious school settings. A significant and influential experience awaited me at the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU, where I worked as a museum educator for seven years. My love for art, culture, learning, and teaching enriched my museum experience, offering profound insights into humanistic values, experiential learning, and the unique characteristics of our state.

My door is always open. You can come to my office (right next to Tamara and Sumiko) to say *shalom* or reach me at clieberperson@tbam.org.



SUMIKO ZAYON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR SZAYON@TBAM.ORG

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BAFTY BOARD RETREAT

With the transition of summer comes a new chapter within our BAFTY community. In August, our young leaders embarked on a journey during the BAFTY Board retreat, a two-day event filled with connection, learning, and meaningful experiences.

Over the weekend, our teen leaders delved into the heart of our community's strength. This retreat provided an opportunity for them to engage in leadership exercises and team-building activities. They not only learned about managing expectations versus realities but also the importance of setting achievable goals to become successful leaders. With their busy schedules, they need skills that help them find balance.

Furthermore, they delved into the realm of effective communication, appreciating how embracing vulnerabilities can strengthen connections and the power of supporting each other. These lessons served as valuable tools in their endeavor to shape meaningful leadership paths. Even before the planning phase took root, they established a foundation of trust. This sense of trust blossomed through shared experiences, lively games, Shabbat dinner, and even a hayride!

A remarkable highlight of the retreat was the "Strength Web" game and the thought-provoking "Four Corners Leadership" activity. These activities unveiled common ground and the potential to channel these likenesses for the BAFTY community's betterment and taught them about the beauty of opinion diversity.

Empowered by this discovery, teens immersed themselves in comprehensive planning, aiming to infuse creativity and ways to incorporate the "J" into practical strategies. Armed with newfound skills, the leaders are ready for a year of social opportunities, holiday programs, outings, fundraising, and more.

Saturday morning was a truly enlightening moment during the retreat. Our BAFTY board joined Rabbi Greengrass for the "Sensory Shabbat" session. Teens of diverse abilities converged, sharing Shabbat blessings, songs, challah, and more. This experience celebrated personal spirituality and fortified the power of community. "Hinei ma tov u'ma na'im shevet achim gam yachad. — Behold how good and pleasant it is when all people live together as one."

As we peer into the future, our hearts fill with excitement. The connections formed during the retreat and the shared spirit ignited by "Sensory Shabbat" will guide us. Keep an eye out for our upcoming BAFTY Sensory Shabbat, and join us for various social and learning opportunities.





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SUNDAY SALON TWO BRANCHES, TWO DESTINIES BY CLAUDIA PRENGLER STAROSTA

OCTOBER 15, 10:30 AM

CHAPEL, LEWIS FAMILY RELIGIOUS LIFE COMPLEX

What do we really know about our families? How many beautiful and difficult stories have been lost? Claudia Prengler Starosta learned about the existence of a branch of her family that she had never known about. They were Polish Holocaust survivors who had immigrated to the United States after World War II. This book is the testimony of what she learned, but it is not only the memory of the two branches of the same family but also the epic tale of all those who have lived through the deep tragedies caused by hate and war. Come join us to hear Claudia's remarkable story.





WEDDING DOLL A FILM BY NITZAN GILADY

OCTOBER 24, 1:00 PM

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB

Hagit, a young woman with mild mental deficiency, works in a toilet paper factory. She lives with her mother, Sarah, a divorcée who gave up her life for her daughter. Hagit strives for independence, and Sarah is torn between her desire to protect her and her own will to live. When a relationship develops between her and the son of the factory owner, Hagit hides it from her mother. The announcement of the closing of the factory shakes Hagit and Sarah's life and jeopardizes Hagit's love story.



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MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Gavin Altman October 14, 2023

Gavin is a 7th-grade student at Gulliver Preparatory School and a proud graduate of Rambam Day School Temple Beth Am. Gavin plays both football and lacrosse and enjoys broadcasting. He is funny, kind, loyal, and sincere. Gavin's parents, **Cari** and **Michael**, sister **Maya**, grandparents, and extended family are so proud of his accomplishments leading up to this



Zachary Steinberg October 14, 2023

Zachary is an 8th-grade student at Southwood Middle School. He plays the cello in the orchestra magnet program. He likes to play chess and do tae kwon do in his spare time. His parents, **Jordan** and **Nicole**, and brother **Asher** are very proud of Zachary and are excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah.



Maisie Stern October 28, 2023

Maisie is a 7th grader at Riviera Preparatory School. She is a gifted musical theater performer who also loves video games, chocolate, and her four cats. For her mitzvah project, Maisie put together baskets for children undergoing chemotherapy that were donated to the Fight Like a Kid cancer foundation. Maisie is intelligent, compassionate, and funny and has made her parents, **Ricky** and **Lauren**, and her sister, **Sabrina**, all very proud. Her family cannot wait to celebrate her upcoming bat mitzvah!



Ania Juda October 21, 2023

Ania is our first-born child. She has three siblings and is in 7th grade at Gulliver Prep. Ania is smart, witty, creative, considerate, thoughtful, wise, and caring. We admire her inner peace. She has moved several times, and she knows how to look at things with perspective. Her grandma always said that from two years old, Ania was a judicious and sweet girl. She is dedicated, loving, and caring with her family and always shows respect.



Alexa Bennett October 21, 2023

Alexa is a graduate of Rambam Day School and is currently an 8th-grade honor student at Riviera Prep. She is kind and intuitive and has a passion for creative writing, listening to alternative/new wave 80s music, and ice skating. She loves playing with her dog Kiwi, and spending time with her sister and friends. Her parents, **Dale** and **Alexandra**, and sister, **Julia**, are beyond proud of her and excited to honor and celebrate with her on this special day.



Aden Moscowitz October 28, 2023

Aden is a 7th-grade student at Vineland K-8. He is a kind, smart, and loving son, brother, and friend. Aden loves to play all types of sports, especially baseball, which he has played since he was four years old. He loves rescuing animals and helping them find a good home. His parents, **Carrie** and **Ben**, and his brother, **Ethan**, are very proud of him, and they look forward to celebrating his special day.



Save the Date B'NAI MITZVAH MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:15 AM -11:15 AM Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

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Parents are welcome for light bites with the clergy, YERS and b'nai mitzvah staff, to learn more about the b'nai mitzvah process, experience, and how to choose your date.

We invite all YERS & Rambam 4th grade families, as well as any 5th or 6th grade families who have not attended the meeting yet or still need a date.

If you have any questions, please contact **Phylicia Cook,** *B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator* at pcook@tbam.org

RSVP at tbam.org/bmmeeting

New Members

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Binker, Bonnee & Abraham

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Rubik, Piotr & Agata and Helena & Alicia

Saverin, Michele and Gabriella Sanders, Isabella Sanders

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- · Swim party in the North
- · Farewell dinner at Ayalon Institute (ammunition factory)
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OUR JEWISH HERITAGE



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

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

The end of World War 11 brought new challenges for the survivors of the Holocaust and the Jewish People. The British Mandate was still in control of the land. The Arab Revolution, which began in 1936-1939, and the existence of the White Paper limiting Jews to enter Palestine created a difficult situation between the British, the Arabs and the Jews in the land. There are many stories that have been recorded by the DPs.

Displaced Persons Camps

When the war ended, the survivors of the Holocaust had no families, no resources, and no homes to return to. The DPs were hopeful that they could join the Zionist communities that existed in Palestine. But the British White Paper did not allow them to enter legally. The Haganah defied the British and began a system of illegal immigration smuggling Jews into the land. The British government appeared to be favoring the Arab political pressure and did whatever they could to catch these DPs and send them back to Germany or to Cyprus. The Haganah and the Irgun, a militant force of Jews, began to openly challenge the British. The protest against the British became a worldwide issue. Finally, in 1947, the British could no longer control the protests and violence between Arabs and Jews. They turned the Palestine Problem over to the newly created United Nations.

The UN Partition Plan, November 29, 1947

There are many documents about the debate and those who spoke at the UN for the creation of a Jewish nation state. A commission was established in February 1947 to investigate and make recommendations. They presented the idea of a two state compromise, one Palestinian, one Jewish. They submitted the plans for the division of the land, based on where most of the Jewish settlements already existed. Jerusalem would become an international city. The boundaries divided the Jewish section into three areas which could easily be cut off from each other. (see map in several sources) David ben Gurion and the Yishuv accepted the compromise, with some concern. The Arabs of Palestine and the Arab nations did not accept it. They established the three nos policy: no recognition, no negotiations, no peace. The UN voted 33 for 13 against and 10 abstentions. The British were to leave on May 14, 1948. A Jewish nation was born! This was recognized by the United States first, and other nations followed.

Israel Declaration of Independence

As soon as the UN Partition Plan was voted, the existing Yishuv, Jewish Agency, under the leadership of David Ben Gurion, realized that the Arab nations rejected it, and that meant there would be a war. Between November 1947 and May 1948, still under the British Mandate, they had to prepare to fight and plan for the new state. The Haganah would become the Israel Defense Force. The Histadrut, Labor Union organization, had to prepare for the new immigrants that would arrive. The Yishuv

had to unite the many political and religious groups to agree to the first proclamation of the Declaration of Israel Independence. You can access the full document, but here are some of the main statements:

After an historic introduction about the Jewish People and its connection to the land, David Ben Gurion read the proclamation in Tel Aviv.

"We, members of the People's Council, representatives of the Jewish Community of Eretz Israel and the Zionist Movement, are assembled on the day of the termination of the British Mandate over the land, and by virtue of our natural and historic right on the basis of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz Israel to be known as the state of Israel."

The declaration includes Jewish immigration, the ingathering of the Exiles. It guarantees freedom of religion, and protection of all Holy Places. It will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisioned by the prophets, and it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants....and more. (read full document)

The War of Independence May 15, 1948, Armistice, cease fire, Feb-June 1949

The armies of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia invaded Israel. The details and outcome of the war is described in Myths and Facts, by Mitchel Bard of AICE. They have many documents and updates from the past and the present. I recommend you check this out. They especially show the map boundaries of the Partition Plan, and the map boundaries at the time of the Armistice agreements. World Jewish Communities supported and supplied Israel with volunteers, weapons and leadership. Ben Gurion asked Mickey Marcus to take charge of securing the road to Jerusalem. Remember, there were no formal peace treaties signed at this time.

L'shalom,

Lenore Kipper

From the TBAM Archives: Highlights from the 1985 Commentators

The 30th Anniversary celebration began with a service February 15, with Congressman Dante Fascell as the guest speaker. The dinner dance was the next evening, February 16. Founding families were honored at both events.

Wolf Blitzer was the guest speaker at a special evening. He reported on his time in Israel writing for the Jerusalem Post during the important years of the Peace Treaty with Egypt. Dr. Michael Zeldin from HUC School of Education, conducted classes for Day School teachers about how to integrate the curriculum, combining Judaic ideas with secular content,

Lenore Kipper, Judaic Studies Director, published a book for UAHC called Aleph Bet of Jewish Values. Students had an opportunity to learn some of the eternal values of our heritage. She also received the award of Reform Jewish Educator from UAHC.

The confirmation class of 1985 had 94 students. The Day School class of 6th graders graduated with 62 students.

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Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am

Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

Opening Event is here, and the evening will be filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres, sistertinis, desserts, outstanding entertainment, and most of all, connecting and enjoying one another. Please join Sisterhood and attend this complimentary evening.

Sisterhood's mission involves creating ways in which TBAM members experience "connectedness", a state of being joined or linked. We are able to accomplish this sense of belonging and affinity for one another because of our trust and partnering with our Sisterhood and TBAM members and the greater Miami community. Sisterhood provides us with so many opportunities to learn from our clergy and multi generations of women, including many who are our children and their partners and extended family and friends. Different perspectives on relevant issues and simply enjoying fun programming together makes for building these connections and ensuring the longevity of Sisterhood and temple life. Throughout the year, we will partner with many of the TBAM auxiliary groups and committees to expand on getting to know one another and enrich our perspectives on issues as well as support for one another. Please connect with us!

With gratitude and respect,

Susan Jampen
Sisterhood President







SISTERHOOD

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

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Sisterhood Events

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 7:00 PM

Chapel,

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BOOK CLUB



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 7:00 PM Trust by Hernand Diaz

From the 2023 Pulitzer Prize winning chronicler of our nation's history and its legends comes his much-anticipated novel about wealth and talent, trust and intimacy, truth and perception. Provocative and propulsive, Trust engages the reader in a quest for the truth while confronting the reality-warping gravitational pull of money and how power often manipulates facts.

Discussion to be facilitated by Ricki Dorn.

RSVP to Lori Fabry **lpfabry@gmail.com** or Angela Durand **gingerdurand@yahoo.com**

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9

THE HUB 6:30 PM – NOSH 7:00 PM – PROGRAM

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Viviana E. Horigian, M.D. Professor and the Director of Public Education at the Department of Health Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine



Peter Willig, LMFT, FT Private Practice, Family Life Design, Inc. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

SISTERHOOD OPENING EVENT

FROM TBAM TO THE GRAMMYS: AN EVENING WITH JOANIE LEEDS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11 6:15 PM



Join us for an intimate evening of music and storytelling with Grammy award-winning artist and TBAM alumna, Joanie Leeds. Cocktail party, dessert reception, and concert complimentary with Sisterhood membership. Support our Sisterhood with VIP concert seats, available for \$100 per person.

For more information, including accommodations for special needs, please contact Janice Baisman at jbaisman@tbam.org or 786.364.9445.

SPECIAL MUSICAL APPEARANCES BY TBAM'S OWN JACKIE BERNEY AND JAMIE KOLNICK



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

Deadline to RSVP is October 4 tbam.org/joanieleeds



DEMYSTIFYING DIVORCE

Temple Beth Am is hosting a 6-week virtual, live divorce coaching support group through Zoom. It will be led by Jennifer Warren Medwin, MS, Certified Divorce Coach, Certified Marital Mediator, Supreme Court of Florida Family Mediator, Co-parenting Instructor, and Author.

The one hour support group will begin on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

BENEFITS OF A DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

- 1. Get educated about the divorce process.
- **2.** Learn how to interview and decide on your team of professionals.
- **3.** Get organized for the journey.
- **4.** Understand common mistakes to avoid.
- **5.** Discover what you must know about your children's journey.

- 6. Learn coping strategies.
- **7.** Get educated on various communication and conflict resolution skills.
- **8.** Meet others who are also going through the divorce process.
- **9.** Gain connection and strength.
- **10.** Be advised, coached, and supported.



BROTHERHOOD

Welcome back, everyone,

School has started; summer vacation has ended. Much like ancient times when the summer crops were harvested and the flocks had come home, so we all return to our home at Temple Beth Am. Preparing for the coming year,

the Brotherhood would like to invite all men to join us and let us know if we can assist you in any way to help make your time at Temple Beth Am a more meaningful and enjoyable one. We invite the entire community to our Opening Event featuring New York Times best-selling author Dave Barry at The Hub on October 5. On October 15, the Brotherhood is co-sponsoring a clergy event, "Blessing of the Pets." On October 23, we will begin our weekly Monday Morning Minyan led by lay leaders beginning at 8:00 AM for all adults from our entire Jewish community. We have many more exciting events and programs to look forward to this coming year.

Yours in Brotherhood, **Jeff Rosenberg, President**Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am





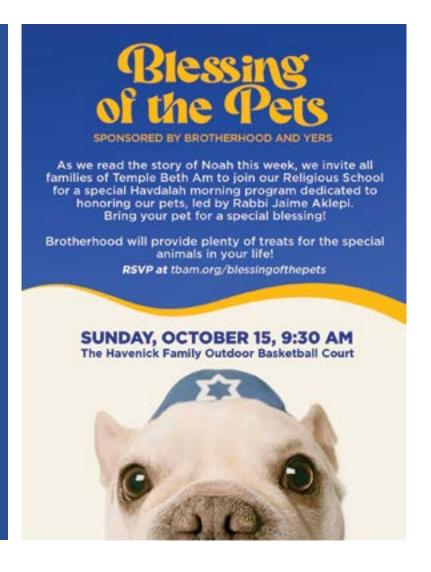
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 5 THE HUB AT TEMPLE BETH AM

6:00 PM Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres
7:00 PM Program, book signing, and dessert immediately to follow

Includes one free copy of *Swamp Story* per family.

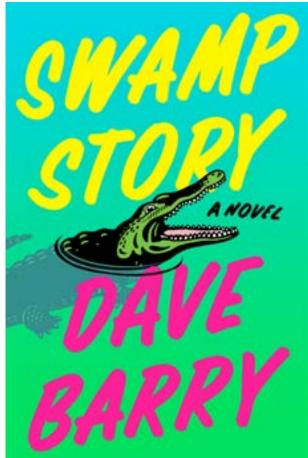
BOOKS & BOOKS

Additional copies will be available for purchase and autographing.

Complimentary for Brotherhood members who have paid their 2023-2024 dues.

RSVP: TBAM.ORG/DAVEBARRY





Kick off the year with Temple Beth Am Brotherhood as we welcome back Dave Barry and enjoy his wit and award-winning humor. Introducing his new novel, *Swamp Story!*

OPEN TO ALL \$54 PER PERSON

TEMPLE BETH AM'S SOCIAL ACTIVISM AND VOLUNTEERING COMMITTEE.

GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR FELLOW CONGREGANTS TODAY!

To find out how you can get involved and about upcoming opportunities, check us out:

- @tbam_tikkunolam
- @Tikkun Olam Tbam
- tbam.org/tikkun-olam



Tikkun-O-Yum! Tikkun Olam kicked off the school year on August 15, with a potluck in the Hub. Future meetings for TBAM's social action and volunteer community are on Zoom on the second Tuesday of every month (9:30-10:30 a.m.). Hope to see you there!



In coordination with Voices For Children, on Aug. 1 and 2, TBAMers stuffed over 400 backpacks at TBAM and assisted in purchasing supplies at Old Navy for local children in foster care headed back to school.

COMING UP

MITZVAH MAKERS **TBAM'S KNITTERS, SEWERS AND CRAFTER COMMUNITY** OCTOBER 3 & 17, 2023

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Every first and third Tuesday of the month in Meeting Room 3 (2nd floor). MM makes items like scarves, chemo caps, and blankets for the clergy to give congregants when welcoming new babies, supporting those suffering from illness or loss, and comforting our community. To join, learn more, or be added to the MM listsery, contact Anne Becker (ajbwalks@aol.com).

SIMCHAT TORAH BOOK DRIVE **OCTOBER 7-8, 2023**

In partnership with TBAM's Brotherhood, we kindly request donations of gently used books for adults for the Everglades Men's Correctional Facility Library. Donations may be left in the bins outside the TBAM administrative offices.

MONTHLY TIKKUN OLAM ZOOM **OCTOBER 10. 2023**

9:30 AM -10:30 AM

All are welcome!

Every second Tuesday of the month on Zoom. Meeting ID: 849 3055 2084; Passcode: 063149

FIELD TRIP TO THE JAFCO CHILDREN'S VILLAGE **OCTOBER 14. 2023**

Meet in the morning at TBAM and hop on the bus for an adults-only, half-day field trip to the JAFCO Village to see this incredible resource and facility for abused, neglected, and at-risk children and learn how you can make a difference. Find out more and register by contacting Jennifer Diemar (jenniferdiemar@gmail.com).

BREAKING BREAD, BREAKING BIAS **OCTOBER 22, 2023**

5:00 PM -7:00 PM

Join us for an interfaith potluck to promote dialogue, acceptance and friendship. Learn more and register at tbam.org/events/breaking-bread-breaking-bias/

READ TO A CHILD ONGOING

You're invited to participate in a lunchtime reading program at local elementary schools that changes children's lives with less than a 4-hour monthly commitment. If interested, please contact Michele Armstrong (michele.armstrong@readtoachild.org).

Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

JOIN US!!! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 8:30-11:30 AM

The TBAM Garden continues to grow! Help us maintain our vegetable beds, fruit trees, & native butterfly garden.

Everyone is welcome! Meet happy people! Get your hands dirty and learn about growing vegetable and more!

Bring positive energy, closed-toe shoes, sunblock, & reusable water bottle.

Questions, garden ideas and to kindly RSVP...Please contact us at Garden@TBAM.org







RAC-FL UPDATE

"The one occupied with the needs of the community is like one who is occupied with matters of Torah."

-Talmud Yerushalmi, Brakhot 5:1

At Temple Beth Am, we continue to work with RAC-FL and the statewide coalition, Floridians Protecting Freedom, to collect the one million petitions required to put reproductive freedom on the November 2024 ballot and make it a Florida constitutional amendment. The deadline for collection is December 31. Help us meet our goal by signing and collecting petitions with us at Shabbat services and other temple events and YERS (Religious School).

As of late August, the coalition has collected over 600,000 petitions since mid-May, with over 100,000 collected by volunteers like you. To learn more about this grassroots initiative and read the proposed language, visit **floridiansprotectingfreedom.com.**

If you would like to help, contact Judy Ratzan at rjratz@aol.com.

Jeff Agron and Judy Ratzan RAC-FL



A TEMPLE BETH AM ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE

BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP: TEMPLE BETH AM'S UNBIASED INITIATIVE TAKES ON ANTISEMITISM

In the face of rising antisemitic rhetoric and acts, the Temple Beth Am unBIASed Initiative has dedicated itself to combating this disturbing trend head-on. As we reflect on our successful programming this past spring and our significant planning this summer, we now strive to expand and amplify our efforts to foster inclusivity and tolerance.

Behind the scenes are individuals who champion our cause with dedication and passion. We are honored to introduce our team chairs, the driving forces behind our efforts:

EDITH OSMAN: As chair of the TBAM unBIASed Initiative, Edith has captained the development of this initiative from the start with the assistance of dedicated volunteers. She is actively involved in creating and executing all aspects of the initiative.

JOE JACOBY AND JOANNE HARVEST KOREN: Joe and Joanne, together with Edith, serve as the initiative's Executive Committee which screens and plans its activities. Joe and Joanne are also co-chairs of our Community Outreach/Small Group Dialogue Committee and lead our efforts to bridge gaps and foster understanding within small community dialogues and larger community events.

LISA GITLIN AND CAROLINE MILLER: As co-chairs of the Breaking the Bias Committee, Lisa and Caroline plan to create platforms for open dialogue that challenge biases through the use of panels and townhall meetings by bringing together students and community leaders representing different faiths, ethnicities and genders into local high schools to discuss the numerous forms of bias they confront.

MARCIA REISMAN: As chair of our Speaker's Bureau, Marcia is creating a program that will bring trained speakers from our temple community to outside organizations to illuminate the history and culture of Jewish communities, thereby replacing ignorance with knowledge.

JUDY COWAN: As the Liaison to the various TBAM organizations, Judy ensures seamless communication and collaboration, strengthening our collective impact.

We are in search of a chair to maintain our Commentator page and webpage and for grant writing. Please contact me if you are interested.

FALL PROGRAMS:

On October 22, unBIASed will hold our opening intra-community potluck dinner called **Breaking Bread, Breaking Bias**. Join us as we gather in the spirit of finding common ground, meaningful conversation, and friendship. Please sign up at **tbam.org/breakingbread** to attend the event with family and friends, and bring a dish to share! For additional information or to become more involved, please contact Joe Jacoby, or Joanne Koren. (See next page for details)

On November 5, join a contingent of Beth Am members and Mayor Daniella Levine Cava at the **We Are United March** as we gather to hear from community leaders, build bridges, connect with those who are different, and show the world we are a United Miami. The March will walk from the Freedom Tower to the Underline, two beacons of hope. (See next page for details)

As we move forward, we invite all who share our goal of a world free from antisemitism and all forms of hate to join our efforts. Whether through your time, expertise, or donations, your involvement fuels our efforts and paves the way for change. Together we can be a force for positive change and ensure a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow.

For more information on how you can assist or donate to the TBAM unBIASed Initiative, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warmly,

Edith Usman Chair, Antisemitism Initiative, aka unBIASed

WE DEPLORE THE SHAMEFUL ACT OF ANTISEMITISM THAT OCCURRED RIGHT HERE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WHEN THE CHABAD CAMPUS WAS VANDALIZED JUST BEFORE ROSH HASHANAH. THIS HATEFUL ACT IS A VIVID EXAMPLE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MISSION.

UPCOMING EVENTS



BRIDGING FAITHS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Coral Gables Congregational Church; lunch 12:00 -1:20 PM, followed by a panel discussion, Actions for Peace through the Lens of Different Faiths.

Our own Rabbi Aklepi will be a panelist.

WE ARE UNITED MARCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 3:00 PM

Beginning at the Freedom Tower Details about how we will participate as a group will follow.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RABBI BARRAS

ON THE PUBLICATION OF HIS BOOK, A REASON TO RISE, WHICH SHINES A LIGHT ON THE STRUGGLES AND **RESILIENCE OF THE JEWISH** PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF **ANTISEMITISM - AND FUELS OUR PASSION FOR** THIS INITIATIVE!!!

HAVE YOU NOTICED A BLUE SQUARE ON ANY OF YOUR **SCREENS?**

#StandUptoJewishHate is a national campaign designed to raise awareness about antisemitism and hatred against Jews and to encourage all people to post and share the Blue Square to stand up against intolerance.

The size of this square is

2.4%

of your screen.

The same size as the Jewish population in the U.S

Yet Jews are on the receiving end of 55% of all religious hate crimes.

When you post an image or video, we encourage you to add a Blue Square. You can also share your support in the caption by writing a message of support and using # and #StandupToJewishHate.

The Blue Square can be found as an emoji on your phone. It can be inserted into social media posts, emails and text messages.

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

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** THESE RENEWALS REFLECT THROUGH AUGUST 25**

"Joseph & Nataly Sultan

John & Joanne Sumberg





PB PLANT BASED AND JEWISH GETTING HEALTHY TOGETHER

Interested in learning more about clean eating, but not sure where to start?

Temple Beth Am invites you to check out our newest initiative, which seeks to provide resources and support for making better choices to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Join your fellow congregants as we embark on this health journey together!

Follow us on FaceBook at @TBAMPB&J for updates, and to learn how to get involved!

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.

OUR SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON

-Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 PM -Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 PM

Meeting Room 3 TEMPLE BETH AM 5950 N Kendall Drive, Pinecrest, FL, 33156

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Robert Gilbert with gratitude in loving memory of our beloved mother, Judith Gilbert Gould Frances Glick in loving memory of Sylvia Schutz William Grodnick in loving memory of Haim Aklepi Josh, Jon and the Hoffman/Wolfsdorf families with gratitude for leading the service for our mom, Barbara.

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Marlin, Lisa and Todd, in loving memory of Steve Arky who is, and always will be, deeply in our hearts, with love and respect

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Robert Rubin with gratitude for your loving Minyan service for my mother, Sandi Kramer Jill and Howard Schwartz in loving memory of Elaine Schwartz

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Stephen Rossman in loving memory of Amelia Franzblau David and Sarah Schimmel in loving memory of Michelle Sherry. May her memory always be a blessing. Her kindness and generous were felt by all those who came in her path. Her friendship to our mother, Lois, was treasured by all.

Andres Sawicki in loving memory of Daniel Zalcberg Sheldon Schneider in memory of Abraham Schneider Robert W. Spiegelman in memory of Martin Kimmel. May his memory be for a blessing.

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Rosemarie Roth in loving memory of Bernice K. Straus Jeffrey and Lisa Schatzman thank you for making Jacquelyn and Matthew's wedding a special union for all. R.L Scherer in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Henry Greengrass

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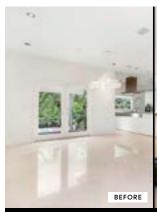


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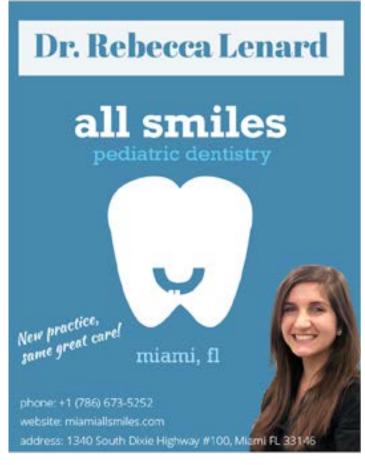


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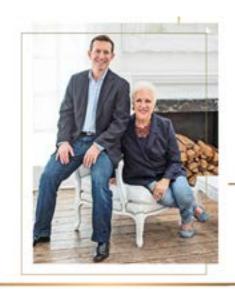
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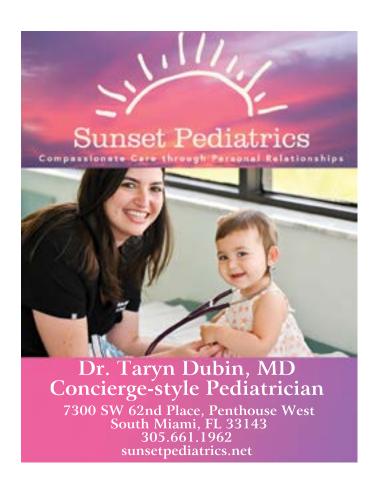
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