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SHABBAT

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FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES SEE PAGE 8 OR VISIT [TBAM.ORG/HHD](http://tbam.org/HHD)

16 ELUL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Elul Shabbat:
Kaper - Make Amends on
Recovery Shabbat



16 ELUL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM
Torah Study



10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Samson Stone

Parashat Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah Isaiah 60:1-22

23 ELUL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Elul Shabbat:
Shleimut - Reconcile

23 ELUL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM
Torah Study

9:00 AM
Sensory Friendly Shabbat



10:30 AM
Saturday morning Minyan

Parashat Nitzavim - Vayeilech
Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20, 31:1-30
Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9

7:00 PM
S'lichot: A Night in all White



1 TISHREI FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 PM
Erev Rosh HaShanah
Service

8:00 PM
Miami Jews Young Professionals
After the Brisket Service and
Reception

1 TISHREI SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 AM
Rosh HaShanah Kids K'hilah



8:30 AM
Rosh HaShanah Early Service*

9:30 AM
Conservative Service*

11:30 AM
Rosh HaShanah Late Service*

2:45 PM
Rosh HaShanah Family Service

8 TISHREI FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

8 TISHREI - SHABBAT SHUVA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan

Parashat Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah Hosea 14:2-10;
Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

15 TISHREI - EREV SUKKOT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
New Member Sukkot Shabbat



15 TISHREI - EREV SUKKOT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Followed by Sukkot Potluck
Kiddush Lunch

Holidays Leviticus 23:33-44
Haftarah: Zechariah 14:7-9, 16-21
The Book of Ecclesiastes is read

*These services are High Holy Day services and require an admittance card (for more information visit tbam.org/HHD)

For additional information visit tbam.org/calendar



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The Hub: A User's Manual

Chances are you have heard me explain our vision for The Hub, and how we hope the congregation and community will utilize our incredible new campus. After dreaming and discussing what The Hub would be like for the past five years, it is truly remarkable to say that as of this fall, it will fully functional and open to all. A good question you might have is how exactly can I use The Hub? To answer this question, please consult the user manual below:

The Adult Reading Room – One of the most beautiful and elegant spaces in The Hub. Here, not only can you check out a book from our vast library, but you can also spend time reading the daily edition of the *Miami Herald* or the *New York Times* or read one of many Jewish magazines on display. You can also bring your laptop, plug into one of the many electrical outlets, and immerse yourself in your own work. Our youth will also find this room a comfortable place to do schoolwork in a safe and beautiful space. In addition, the Adult Reading Room will be the home of our Sunday Salons and many other educational opportunities during the week. It is our goal as well to offer daily weekday Mincha minyans in the Adult Reading Room every afternoon.

The Top Nosh Café – This fall will be the grand opening of the Top Nosh Café. This will be the place to meet a friend for coffee, grab a quick meal while on campus, or to meet friends after day school or religious school drop-off. In the evenings, you will often find the Café transformed into a coffee house or wine bar. We look forward to seeing you there enjoying drinks, appetizers, or desserts before heading upstairs for a play, performance, concert, or movie.

The Frankel Performing Arts Center – Our goal with The Hub was for our members to say, “I can’t believe all this is going on at our temple!” We think with the cultural offerings on the way, you will be saying exactly that. Think of The Hub as your own Adrienne Arsht Center right here in your own backyard (without the commute downtown and free parking!). Our Hub directorial team of Ellen Rusconi and Andrea “Four Cups of Wine” Levine Kay have been working diligently to present an incredible lineup of entertainment and culture for this upcoming year!

The Poyastro Athletic Center – Temple Beth Am has always been famous for its youth basketball programs, but soon we will be offering adult leagues as well. In addition, our court is lined for pickleball play, and we look forward to seeing all our pickleball players on the court!

The opportunities are truly endless for what The Hub will offer our community. You helped us build it. Now please come and use it. You are going to love it, and we are going to love seeing you here!

L’shalom,

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Lunch ‘n Learn with Rabbi Barras

Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00 PM
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

MAY YOU LIVE TO 120: WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LIFESPAN IN JUDAISM?

RSVP to Janice Baisman at jbaisman@tbam.org to let us know if you are coming!

Light snacks will be provided; feel free to bring your own lunch!



CLERGY CORNER

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass

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I remember the first time I heard about *Rip Van Winkle*. I was watching a cartoon version of the short story written by Washington Irving (first published in 1819). In it, a villager in colonial America named Rip Van Winkle falls deeply asleep only to wake 20 years later—with a comically long beard—to a very changed world: he slept through the American Revolution.

Always a lover of Jewish stories, I immediately yelled to my parents that my cartoon had ripped off the story of Honi the Circle Drawer. In the Talmud, Honi (a miracle worker and sage) chides a man for planting a tree that won't fruit for 70 years since he won't live to see the fruit himself. He then promptly falls asleep for 70 years and awakens to find the man's grandson enjoying the fruit of the tree.

That's where most story tellers stop. However, the Talmudic tale goes on to say that no one recognized him, his friends had died, and the sages rejected him. In his suffering, Honi prayed for death to release him from loneliness, prompting an unnamed sage to utter, "Either friendship or death" (Taanit 23a).

Both stories imagine a man sleeping for decades and awakening to a new world they do not recognize. I recently learned that Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke about the story of Rip Van Winkle in his 1965 commencement address at Oberlin. He said, "The thing that we usually remember about this story is that Rip Van Winkle slept 20 years. But there is another point in that story that is almost always completely overlooked...he slept through a

revolution. While he was peacefully snoring up on the mountain, a great revolution was taking place in the world..."There are all too many people, who, in some great period of social change, fail to achieve the new mental outlooks that the new situation demands. There is nothing more tragic than to sleep through a revolution..."

For the month of Elul, we hear the sound of the shofar daily. As a community, we will all hear its call at Rosh HaShanah calling us to awaken from our slumber. It is our alarm clock. It warns us that time is passing by, and a new year is coming. It wakes us up to take an accounting. It also warns us not to sleep through the revolution.

As we do the holy work of assessing ourselves and evaluating how we have spent this precious past year, we are also challenged to be awake to what's happening around us. Awake to the way our world is changing. Awake to what has grown, what has taken root, what has changed so much it is unrecognizable. We challenge ourselves to be awake to the world around us, to be responsive to what it asks of us—because we don't want to look back and find we've slept through the revolution.

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass

MAZEL TOV TO...

Jay and Joanne Koren on the birth of Mila Jaymes Koren, daughter of **Jennifer Koren** and **Sara Koren**, niece of **Stephen (Jill) Koren** and **Lily and Adam Koren**

Steve and Susan Schwartzman on the birth of their first grandson Jonah Harvey Deason

**RICHARD SIEGEL**

PRESIDENT

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L'Shana Tova

As we approach the sacred and joyous season of the High Holy Days, I find myself filled with gratitude for the incredible strength and unity of our Temple Beth Am community. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President, and I am humbled by both the dedication and commitment that each of you brings to our community.

The High Holy Days are a time of reflection, introspection, and renewal—a time to deepen our connection with our faith, our community, and our own souls. This year, as we once again gather to observe Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, I am reminded of the resilience and adaptability that has characterized our congregation over the past several years. While many institutions struggled to overcome the innumerable obstacles occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic conditions, and Jewish institutions have faced unique struggles, including rising antisemitism and adverse demographics, Temple Beth Am has flourished, and that is because of you, our amazing congregation.

Despite the challenges that the world has faced, TBAM has continued to be a beacon of hope and support, standing as a testament to the enduring strength of our Jewish heritage. Together, we have weathered storms, overcome obstacles, and forged new pathways, demonstrating that our commitment to one another and to our values is unshakeable.

The High Holy Days are not only a time of spiritual reflection but also a time to come together as a community. I am so pleased that we offer a variety of inspiring and meaningful services throughout the High Holy Day season. Our talented clergy, alongside our dedicated volunteers, have been working tirelessly to ensure that these services are both traditional and innovative, providing opportunities for all members to participate in a way that is comfortable for them.

In addition to our in-person services, we will continue to offer virtual options for those who are unable to join us physically. It is vital to us that every member of our Beth Am family can feel connected and involved in our High Holy Day observance, regardless of their circumstances.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I would also like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you who contributed to Beyond the Curve, our recently-completed monumental campus renewal project. I so look forward over the High Holy Days to observing the expressions on the faces of our congregants who have not been on campus in a while! What has been accomplished is awe-inspiring. Moreover, while this historic project is particularly noteworthy, we cannot lose sight of the significant and meaningful contributions we make to our community, both near and far, on a daily basis in the form of both financial and “sweat” equity. Through your generosity, we have been able to support numerous meaningful causes and make a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Our commitment to *Tikkun Olam* remains at the core of our mission, and your continued support is invaluable in achieving this goal.

Before I conclude, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to every member of our congregation to participate actively in our upcoming High Holy Day services and events. Let us come together as one, united by our faith, love for our traditions, and dedication to a better world.

As we come together to observe these High Holy Days, we are reminded of the deep-rooted traditions that bind us as a community and as a people. These days serve as a bridge between our past and our future, a time to honor our heritage while embracing the potential for positive change. As we dip apples in honey and hear the blast of the shofar, let us be reminded of the sweetness and richness that life offers. May these holidays inspire us to strengthen our bonds of family, friendship, and faith, and to strive for a year filled with love, understanding, and meaningful connections. Let us embrace the spirit of forgiveness, compassion, and hope and may this season be a time of spiritual growth and introspection for us all, allowing us to move forward with renewed purpose and determination.

L'shana Tova Tikatevu—May you be inscribed for a good year!

With warmest wishes and blessings,

Rich



SHARÓN LEVI

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Temple Beth Am Community,

I hope this new year finds you all in good health and high spirits. I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Temple Beth Am. For those who don't know me, my name is Sharone Levi, and I have been a part of this wonderful community for the past 19 years as the Director of Security and Operations. After serving as the Interim Executive Director for the past several months, I am overjoyed to step into this new role permanently.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I can feel the anticipation and energy building up. As we know, these sacred days are a time for deep reflection, repentance, and renewal. Our clergy and dedicated volunteers have been working tirelessly to prepare meaningful services that will uplift our spirits and strengthen our sense of community. I encourage each of you to join us for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, and please extend the invitation to anyone who may want to experience the beauty of these days with us.

At Temple Beth Am, we are committed to providing opportunities for personal growth and exploration. With the opening of The Hub last spring, we now have a place of connection, learning, and celebration, reflecting the heart and soul of Temple Beth Am.

We are thrilled to expand our adult education programs to cater to a wide range of interests. We plan to make excellent use of our new swimming pool, including mommy-and-me classes, aerobic classes for senior citizens, prenatal aquatics, and water activities for children with autism and special needs. Our goal is to have something for everyone. We are also enhancing our Beth Am Basketball League, welcoming participants from younger grades, and incorporating more children into the program. And parents, get ready for an adult basketball league as well! It's all about growing and bonding together as a community.

Celebrations are at the heart of our temple life, and this year, we will focus on our Shabbat programs. Please join us for weekly joyous gatherings filled with music, delicious food, and the amazing presence of our clergy. It's a time to come together, share each other's joys, and make cherished memories.

Our youth and family engagement programs will continue to provide a supportive and nurturing environment for our youngest members. We believe in fostering a sense of belonging and identity from a young age, and we are dedicated to supporting our youth and families on their spiritual journey.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans for a Parent/Teen Poland Holocaust Trip in November and more trips to Israel that will be guided by our rabbis, showing support for our homeland and connecting us to our roots.

As we move forward into the upcoming year, I want to emphasize that security remains our top priority. We will continue to ensure that the temple is a safe and secure place for all of us to gather and worship.

I extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a good and sweet year ahead, and I thank you for the kind welcome as I step into my new role. Temple Beth Am has been my home for many years, and it holds a special place in my heart. It is an honor to serve as your new Executive Director, and I believe that together, we can create an even more vibrant and thriving space where everyone feels connected, valued, and inspired. I am excited about this journey, and I am here to listen to your thoughts, ideas, and aspirations for our temple community. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

L'shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

Sharón Levi

NEW MEMBERS

Aaron Black
& Donna Ballin
David Cohen
& Cristina Gonzalez
Allison & Jeremy Green
Ilien & Keith Hechtman
*Richard &
Marlene R. Levy
*Benjamin Kaskel &
Samira Kaskel
Geoffrey & Linda James

Dan & Rin Krauthamer
Nathan & Chelsea Mandler
Ira Marcus & Leah Marcus
Ari & Julie Sasson
Michelle & Jason Spiewak
Andrew & Lindsey Warman
Jesse & Odelya Yodice
Tarigh Yusufi & Vivien Klas
Matthew & Emily Ziegler

**Returning members*



HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULES

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



ROSH HASHANAH

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER**

15

6:30 PM

Erev Rosh HaShanah
Community Dinner,
Multi-Purpose Room, The Hub

8:00 PM

Erev Rosh HaShanah Service

8:00 PM

Miami Jews Young Professionals
After the Brisket Service and
Reception
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious
Life Complex

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER**

16

8:15 AM

Kids K'hilah
Check-in at Krys Family
Atrium, Rambam Day School

8:30 AM

Early Service*

9:30 AM

Conservative Service*
The Frankel Family
Performing Arts Center,
The Hub

11:30 AM

Late Service*

2:45 PM

Family Service

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER**

17

9:30 AM

Conservative Service*
The Frankel Family
Performing Arts Center,
The Hub

10:30 AM

Rosh HaShanah
Second Day Service
Festive lunch to follow

4:30 PM

Tashlich
Coral Reef Park,
7895 SW 152ND Street



YOM KIPPUR

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER**

24

6:00 PM

Abbreviated Kol Nidre
Service

7:00 PM

Conservative Service
The Frankel Family
Performing Arts
Center, The Hub

8:00 PM

Kol Nidre Service

8:00 PM

Miami Jews
Young Professionals
Kol Nidre Service
Chapel, Lewis Family
Religious Life Complex

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER**

25

8:15 AM

Kids K'hilah
Check-in at Krys Family
Atrium, Rambam Day
School

8:30 AM

Early Service*

9:30 AM

Conservative Service*
The Frankel Family
Performing Arts Center,
The Hub

11:30 AM

Late Service*

2:45 PM

Family Service

3:00 PM

Yom Kippur Study
Meeting Room 3,
Lewis Family Religious
Life Complex

3:00 PM

Healing Circle Service
Chapel, Lewis Family
Religious Life Complex

4:30 PM

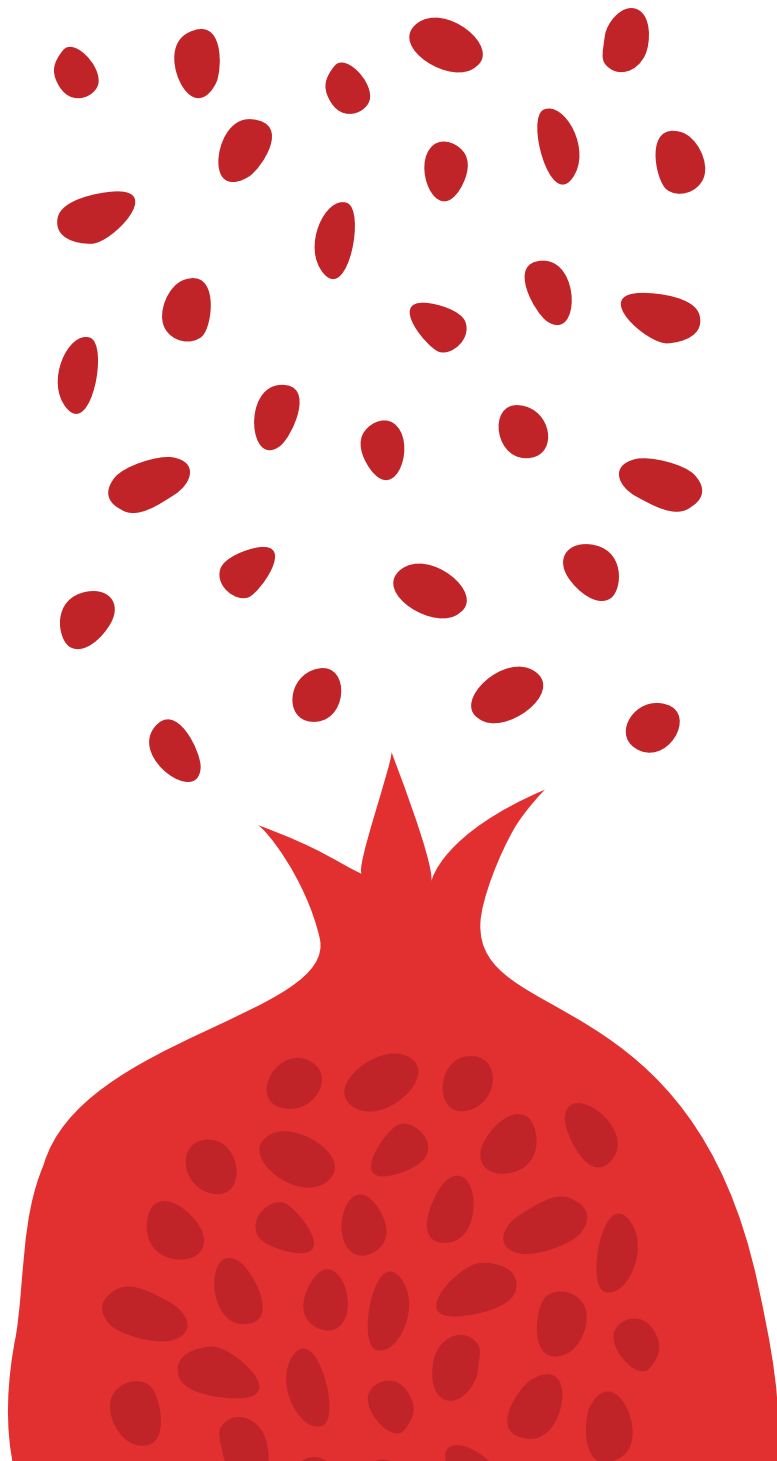
Mincha, Yizkor, and
Neilah Services

*Services end with a light
meal to break the fast.*

*These services require an admittance card.
For more information visit tbam.org/HHD

HIGH HOLY DAY EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, VISIT TBAM.ORG/HHD



YOU PRAY, THEY PLAY

BABYSITTING FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, September 16,
8:15 AM - 2:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 25,
8:15 AM - 2:30 PM



Free of charge. Reservations are required.
Reserve online at tbam.org/hhd.
Question? Contact Donna Coughlin at 305.667.6667 or dcoughlin@tbam.org.

KIDS K'HILAH

SERVICE AND PROGRAM FOR K - 5TH GRADE

While you are praying in the Sanctuary, your children are invited to enjoy an awesome High Holy Day experience of their own led by Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and the Youth Department.

This is their opportunity to learn about Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur through relevant, creative art projects, eating yummy snacks, making new friends, and giving back to the community with meaningful High Holy Day programming run by our talented teen leaders.

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, September 16,
8:15 AM

Check-in at Krys Family Atrium, Rambam Day School

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 25,
8:15 AM

Check-in at Krys Family Atrium, Rambam Day School

Free of charge. Reservations are required.
Reserve online at tbam.org/hhd.
Questions? Contact Erika Gomez, 786.364.9423 or ergomez@tbam.org

FAMILY SERVICE

FAMILIES WITH KIDS NEWBORN TO AGE 10



Join Rabbi Rachel Greengrass & Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot for a special abbreviated afternoon service designed for families with young children, featuring our Pop Up Kids Choir.

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, September 16,
2:45 PM

Sanctuary

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 25,
2:45 PM

Sanctuary

Free of charge and open to the community.



GUIDE TO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh HaShanah evening services are beautiful and majestic. This service marks the start of a 10-day period of reflection and repentance known as the Days of Awe.

Please join us for our first annual Rosh HaShanah dinner. Bring your family and friends and share in a beautiful meal catered by Michael Meltzer before we welcome the new year with our clergy and community at Erev Rosh HaShanah services.

MIAMI JEWS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SERVICE

Join Rabbi Rachel Greengrass for a relaxed, musical and meditative service.

EARLY SERVICE

Begin the new year with TBAM's renowned High Holy Day Teen Choir for a service filled with music to help us engage in self-reflection and renewal.

KIDS K'HILAH

While you pray at the early service in the sanctuary, your children are invited to enjoy an awesome High Holy Day experience of their own led by Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and the Youth Department. This experience is designed for children in K-5th grade.

CONSERVATIVE SERVICE

Join Rabbi Jaime Aklepi and special guest Cantorial Soloist Sam Rosner accompanied by pianist Eric Firestone for our Conservative worship services on the first and second days of Rosh HaShanah in the Frankel Family Performing Arts Center at The Hub. Cantorial Soloist Rosner is a tenor and composer based in New York City and is currently enrolled in the Graduate Diploma program in Vocal Arts at the Juilliard School. He is a regular choir member and tenor soloist at the Hampton Synagogue, Westhampton Beach, NY, under the direction of Cantor Netanel Herstik.

LATE SERVICE

Join our clergy and musicians for a service filled with beautiful choral arrangements, inspiring messages and thought-provoking sermons.

FAMILY SERVICE

Join Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot's Pop Up Kids Choir and our Beth Am clergy for an uplifting service for the whole family, designed for early childhood through elementary-aged children. Free of charge and open to the community. No reservations or admittance cards required.

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY SERVICE

The second day of Rosh HaShanah gives us the opportunity to pray together in a more intimate community environment, with a festive lunch to follow.

TASHLICH

Our clergy will help us to prepare to cast off our sins into living waters at Coral Reef Park through uplifting music, inspirational words and the sound of the shofar. Appropriate for all ages.

GRAVESIDE VISITS

It is a Jewish custom to visit the graves of your loved ones at this time of the year.

Sunday, September 10, 10:00 AM

Our clergy will lead a memorial service at local area cemeteries.

Please email Mindy Robbin at mrobbin@tbam.org if you would like to participate.

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE

The 24 hours of introspection on Yom Kippur begin with the majestic sound of the cello and the cantor singing the Kol Nidre prayer, a powerful declaration that awakens our souls as we prepare for the most solemn day of the Jewish year.

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YOM KIPPUR CLOSING SERVICES

MINCHA

Join us for a brief service, reading of the Torah and recitation of the Book of Jonah.

YIZKOR

We join as a community to support one another in honoring the memories of our loved ones and reflecting on feelings of grief and loss.

NEILAH

As the sun sets and the gates close, we use uplifting music and energizing readings to experience the most joyous moments of the High Holy Days.

We invite all ages to join us for our final blast of the shofar, immediately followed by a light meal to break the fast.

Come dine with us for the HIGH HOLY DAYS

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER
15



EREV ROSH HASHANAH COMMUNITY DINNER

6:30 PM
Multi-Purpose Room, The Hub

Our clergy invites you for our first annual Erev Rosh HaShanah dinner catered by Chef Michael Meltzer. The evening continues with our beautiful Erev Rosh HaShanah services in the Sanctuary to kick off the High Holy Days.

This dinner is **FREE WITH YOUR
RSVP AT [TBAM.ORG/HHD](https://tbam.org/hhd)**

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
17

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY LUNCHEON

12:30 PM
Chapel and Lobby

We welcome you for a festive luncheon immediately following our Second Day Rosh HaShanah services. Free of charge, no RSVP required.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER
25

YOM KIPPUR BREAK THE FAST

Immediately After Services

After 25 hours of fasting, we celebrate the end of a meaningful day of worship with a light meal to break the fast. Free of charge. No RSVP required.



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 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.

SEPTEMBER 1

KAPER

*Make Amends on
Recovery Shabbat*

SEPTEMBER 8

SHLEIMUT

Reconcile

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT, 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

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

***PLEASE DRESS IN ALL WHITE.**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 9TH**

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/slíchot)

Questions? Call Rita Diaz, 786.364.9434



SUKKAH DECORATING WITH THE LATIN CONNECTION CHAVURAH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

SUKKAH LATINA PRE-NEG

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

5:30 PM

Once again, we're taking the pre-neg outside and enjoying some delicious Latin-inspired music and cuisine for this extended pre-neg hosted by our Latin Connection Chavurah! Come for the Sukkah and stay for services followed by our annual New Member Shabbat and Congregational Sukkot Dinner.

EREV SUKKOT SERVICE & NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

6:30 PM

It's time to shake the Lulav and Etrog! Join us for an erev Sukkot service followed by our annual New Member Shabbat and Congregational Sukkot Dinner (see page 16 for details)

SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE & MINYAN SUKKOT POTLUCK LUNCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

10:30 AM

Come shake the Lulav and Etrog! Join us for a Sukkot service in the Chapel followed by our annual Minyan Sukkot Potluck Lunch. Bring a dairy dish and join our minyan community for a Shabbat lunch in the Sukkah! RSVP to Mindy Robbin at mrobbin@tbam.org and let us know what you'd like to bring!

CELEBRATE SUKKOT IN THE TBAM GARDEN SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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

BAFTY SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

6:00 PM

Our BAFTY Board and BAFTY78 advisor have planned holiday-related activities for our teens 7th-12th grade. Come visit the Sukkah, shake the Lulav, play fun games, and enjoy sushi with your friends.

PIZZA IN THE HUT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

5:00 PM

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

CELEBRATE SUKKOT 5784

SIMCHAT TORAH 5784

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. Sweet!

**CELEBRATE
THE SWEETNESS OF TORAH
AT TEMPLE BETH AM!**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6
6:30 PM, Sanctuary**



**Save the dates
for these upcoming Sensory Friendly Shabbats!**
Saturday, September 9
Saturday, December 9
9:00 AM -10:00 AM
Welcome Lobby, The Hub

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

Questions? Contact Michele Kaplan
at michelemlkaplan@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBER Shabbat

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING OF CELEBRATING
OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome
each of our new families.

We will celebrate together at a special service
where a blessing will be offered in their honor.

- 5:30 PM -

Pre-neg in the sukkah hosted by Latin
Connection Committee - Sanctuary Lobby

- 6:30 PM -

New Member Shabbat - Sanctuary

- 7:45 PM -

Catered dinner by Michael's Catering with
musical entertainment

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

RSVP

tbam.org/sukkotdinner
Adults \$36 - Children over 2 \$15

*Dinner is complimentary for new member families
RSVP is required for everyone.

For additional information, please contact
Rita Diaz at 786.364.9434 or rdiaz@tbam.org

HOW 'BOUT SHABBAT

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 13TH

5:45 PM

Barbie



MEETS



SPIDEY

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



The Hub
TEMPLE BETH AM

HAPPENING AT THE HUB

FALL PREVIEW



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THE COMEDY ZONE:
NOAH GARDENSWARTZ

BOOKS & BOOKS
PRESENTS:

**WALTER
ISAACSON**



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WALTER ISAACSON - ELON MUSK



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GIL HOFFMAN AND JACKI ALEXANDER:
ISRAEL IN THE EYE OF THE MEDIA



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METROPOLITAN ENTERTAINMENT:
SANTIAGO CRUZ



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MIAMI BOOK FAIR:
ETGAR KERET



DECEMBER
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JCC BOOK FAIR:
ELIZABETH GRAVER - KANTIKA



DECEMBER
14

SOCOL SPEAKER SERIES:
FDD

FOR A FULL CALENDAR LIST AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

Please note: dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB



COMEDY WITHOUT THE COMMUTE

THE COMEDY ZONE AT TBAM

**NOAH GARDENSWARTZ
WITH ESTER STEINBERG**

Thursday

OCTOBER 19

8:00 PM

Frankel Family Performing Arts Center,
The Hub

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*, *Adam Ruins Everything*, and *Gotham Comedy Live*.

BOOKS & BOOKS PRESENTS:

WALTER ISAACSON

Sunday

OCTOBER 22

5:00 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center,
The Hub

Tickets: \$49 (includes book a \$37.45 value)
(+ \$4 service charge)

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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.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB



ISRAEL IN THE EYE OF THE MEDIA

GIL HOFFMAN
IN CONVERSATION WITH
JACKI ALEXANDER
OF HONEST REPORTING

Wednesday
OCTOBER 25

7:30 PM

Frankel Family Performing Arts Center,
The Hub

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?



AN EVENING WITH ETGAR KERET

PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH
MIAMI BOOK FAIR

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 14

7:30 PM

Frankel Family Performing Arts Center, The Hub

Tickets: \$18 & \$28 (+ \$4 service charge)

TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

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.



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THE HUB




DESPUÉS DE LA TORMENTA

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 26
8:00 PM

TICKETS
STARTING AT
\$69
FREE PARKING



 Wheelchair
accessible

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB
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DAY SCHOOL

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

HEAD OF SCHOOL

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Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, marks the beginning of the High Holy Days. It is a time of introspection, repentance, and renewal, and there are valuable lessons it can offer young learners. At Rambam Day School, we seek to foster a deeper understanding of Jewish traditions and inspire personal growth by celebrating Rosh Hashanah and the High Holy Days. There are many ways in which we do this.

Rosh HaShanah symbolizes the start of a new year, a time for fresh beginnings and opportunities. Young students benefit from learning to embrace change, set goals, and develop a positive outlook toward the future. We seek to empower students to approach each day with enthusiasm and optimism, reminding them that they have the ability to shape their own destinies.

The High Holy Days encourage students to reflect on their actions and strive for self-improvement. We teach our students to embrace this opportunity to evaluate their behavior, set goals, and make amends for wrongdoings. Through thoughtful contemplation, they learn to take responsibility for their actions, demonstrating maturity and growth.

Rosh HaShanah prompts students to express gratitude for the blessings in their lives. We encourage a spirit of appreciation, hoping our students will cultivate a positive mindset. We want them to acknowledge the abundance of family, friends, love, and education that enrich their daily lives. Rambam Day School emphasizes gratitude as an essential virtue, encouraging students to value and appreciate what they have.

The High Holy Days unite the Jewish community, fostering unity and solidarity. At Rambam Day School, students participate in communal activities, such as special activities, prayers, and

festivities, where they can connect with fellow students and teachers. These experiences instill a sense of belonging and reinforce the importance of a supportive community.

And let's not forget Tikkun Olam. The High Holy Days serve as a call to repair the world. We teach about and celebrate Rosh HaShanah to inspire our students to engage in charitable acts and social justice initiatives. We encourage students to participate in community service projects, emphasizing the importance of positively impacting society.

The High Holy Days are significant for young students at Rambam Day School. By celebrating these holidays, students learn valuable lessons of self-reflection, gratitude, community, and personal growth. The rich traditions and practices inspire young learners to strive for a meaningful life and make a positive impact on the world around them. By nurturing these values, Rambam Day School ensures that its students are not only academically enriched but also imbued with a deep sense of Jewish identity and a commitment to making a difference.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy New Year. Let us use these moments as an inspiration to continuously look for opportunities to renew our world and ourselves, and do our best to make this a *shana tova u'metukah*—a good and sweet year for everyone.

Nora Anderson



Rambam Day School
TEMPLE BETH AM

L'shanah Tovah!

Priority applications for Rambam Day School are now open
for Temple members and siblings of current students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION,
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Open to Rambam Day School students and siblings, YERS students, and Temple Beth Am members.

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - ANNOUNCING BAM VILLAGE 3, RECRUITING MEMBERS!



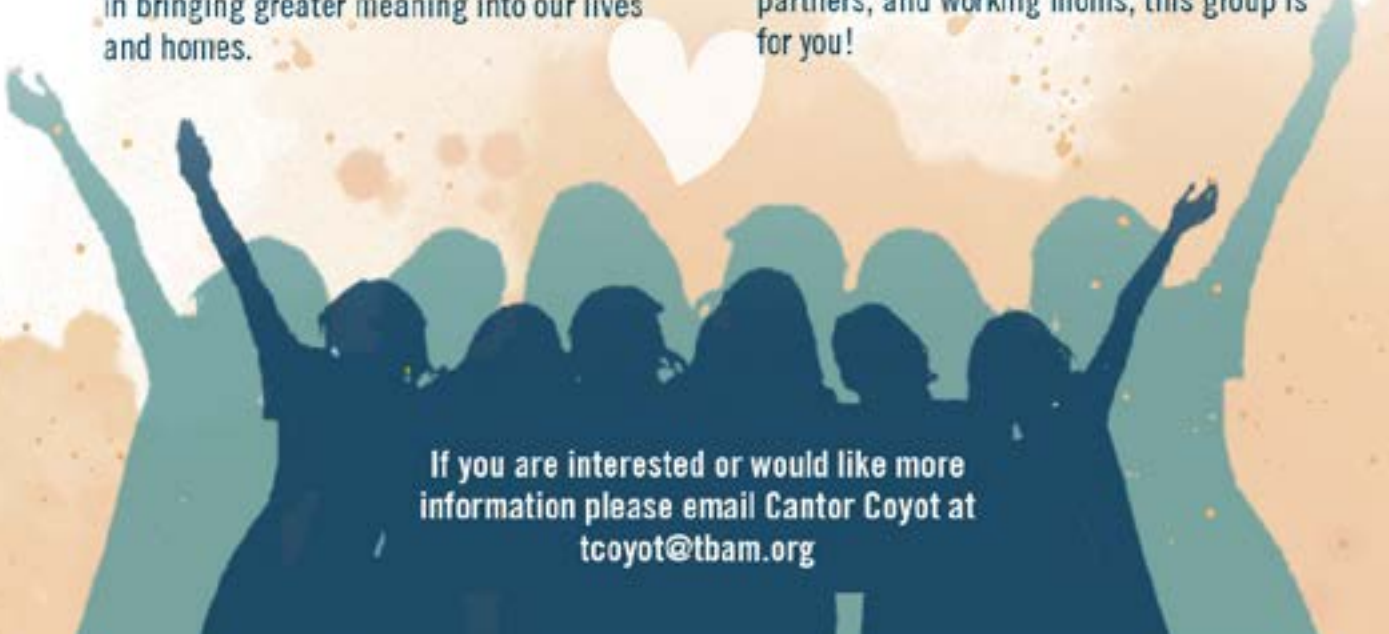
NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR, WE ARE ONCE AGAIN LAUNCHING A GROUP FOR BETH AM MOMS!

BAM Village 3 has been created for women to create community and come together to share honestly, build authentic connections and establish a village of support.

We are united by our shared values and aim to be informed by Jewish wisdom and rituals in bringing greater meaning into our lives and homes.

The group will meet once a month for two years (September-June) and requests a commitment to attend at least eight meetings per year. Showing up for one another is critical for us and helps create a sacred, confidential space without judgment.

If you are looking to find an inclusive and authentic Jewish community where you can discuss and explore vulnerable, valuable, and real issues we face as women, partners, and working moms, this group is for you!



If you are interested or would like more
information please email Cantor Coyot at
tcoyot@tbam.org

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



Samson Stone

September 2, 2023

Samson is a 7th grade student at Palmetto Middle School. He is a kind and compassionate soul with a thirst for life and sharing that with his friends and family. Samson loves learning new things, playing sports, especially baseball, and spending time with his family and friends. His parents, **Janine** and **Michael**, along with older brothers, **Jacob** and **Maxwell**, are very proud of him and can't wait to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah.

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CELEBRATING LIFE WITH A JEWISH LENS

Judaism is full of celebratory moments. We sanctify time in and out, and the holidays are a constant reminder of the passage of time. The month of Tishrei will be arriving in mid-September, and, with it, we will witness the coming of the New Year; the opportunity to forgive and be forgiven in Yom Kippur; the sense of temporality of material things during Sukkot; and the celebration of life with Simchat Torah. Of all the Jewish months, Tishrei is the busiest, with highs and lows, a mini illustration life. The High Holidays (the ten days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur) present an opportunity for us to seek our highest selves, move on from past missteps with forgiveness, and reach forward.

For many, Rosh HaShanah is a time to make resolutions, look back, and think of changes and new approaches for the year ahead. At YERS (Youth Engagement Religious School), we have used the summertime to look back, readjust, and make new changes for the coming year. We have planned an exciting year full of hands-on learning, incorporated new immersive teen programs, and designed numerous opportunities for family involvement. A solid Jewish education can only be achieved in partnership with our parents and family members; together, we can prepare the future leaders of our Jewish community.

Celebrating holidays with family creates lasting memories, a sense of common identity, and shared family heritage among family members. I hope you incorporate some of Sumiko's ideas into your home.

Tishrei is full of opportunities and celebrations. It is just the beginning of a wonderful year ahead. May you dedicate this New Year to developing new learning, approaches, and opportunities for growth.



CONSECRATION CEREMONY AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Consecration is a time-honored Jewish ceremony in Reform Judaism, marking the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education. Temple Beth Am celebrates it with our first-grade students entering their formal Jewish learning this year. Just like b'nai mitzvah and Confirmation, we aim to welcome our students into our learning community during the Consecration celebration.

On Erev Simchat Torah, Friday, October 6, the children will be called up to the bimah, lead us with some songs, and recite the Shema together. We hope our participating students' will invite extended family to join us for this important milestone in their Jewish journeys.

ARE YOU MADRICH MATERIAL?

Calling all high school students who love being with children, love Judaism, or can read Hebrew and want to share your knowledge of Hebrew/Judaism with our students!

YERS and Temple Beth Am has a position for you. Community service hours will be awarded. We would love to have you at our school as aides to our faculty and as role models for younger students.

There are plenty of opportunities on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings.

Please contact the school office at Ireichert@tbam.org or 786-364-9417 and arrange a meeting with Sumiko Zayon.



GIFT OF ISRAEL SAVINGS PROGRAM

Studies show that an educational teen experience in Israel can have a transformative effect. But for many families, a trip to Israel may seem financially beyond reach.

The Gift of Israel Savings Program, previously known as Passport to Israel, is a cooperative savings program in which participating synagogues, families and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation each contribute funds on an annual basis to help defray the costs of an Israel experience for teens and young adults.

Any Temple Beth Am student (day school or religious school) in grades 1-10 can enroll in this program.

How does the program work? Each year for up to ten years, the family contributes \$100, and a match of \$100 will be made by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and also \$100 by Temple Beth Shalom. At any time between the end of 8th grade and age 26, you can apply the accumulated funds plus interest toward the cost of an educational trip to Israel.

Eligible teen Israel programs include Alexander Muss High School in Israel, March of the Living, NFTY Summer Tour, BBYO, Hebraica School of Madrichim, USY, Yeshivot, Seminary, and Young Judea.

For further information, or to enroll please call Daniel Goldberg at 786-364-9419 or dgoldberg@tbam.org.



SUMIKO ZAYON
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR
SZAYON@TBAM.ORG

HIGH HOLY DAYS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The anticipation of *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* fills the air, bringing with it the perfect opportunity to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the year ahead.

If you have children in grades K-5, we have something special planned for them! We highly recommend checking out our High Holy Days calendar and registering your little ones for our *Kids K'hilah Rosh HaShanah* and *Kids K'hilah Yom Kippur*. These programs offer a fantastic opportunity for children to immerse themselves in the values and significance of the High Holy Days, all while having fun and engaging in an educational environment.

During these special days, we will focus on exploring the intersection between Shabbat and the High Holy Days, emphasizing the beauty of taking a moment to pause, reflect, and find inner peace. Your children will experience a joyful journey, connecting with their roots, and they will even get to experience a relaxation mask, learning the importance of self-care and how it contributes to their overall happiness.

In addition, we cannot overlook the joyous experiences we can cultivate right at home with the family. Embracing these moments provides a golden opportunity to engage your children in meaningful activities that will create lasting memories for years to come. By involving them in hands-on activities that are not only fun but also rooted in tradition, you can strengthen the family bond and celebrate these special occasions in a unique and heartfelt way. Read on for a compilation of suggestions to cherish alongside your family as you embrace the arrival of the New Year.

CREATE HOMEMADE DECORATIONS

Get creative with the kids and make festive decorations together. Let them choose colors and shapes and allow them to take the lead in decorating the house for the holidays.



BAKE TRADITIONAL TREATS

Make baking a family affair! Invite the little ones to help measure ingredients, mix the batter, and shape the treats. It's a perfect opportunity to bond and enjoy the delicious results together.

ROSH HASHANAH NEW YEAR CARDS

Engage children in crafting heartfelt New Year cards. Provide art supplies and encourage them to draw, color, or write sweet messages to their loved ones.



HIGH HOLY DAY STORY TIME

Gather the family for story time, and let the kids pick their favorite *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* stories. Afterward, discuss the morals and themes together.

FAMILY GRATITUDE JAR

Make the gratitude jar a family project. Have the children decorate the jar and encourage them to contribute their own notes of gratitude. Reading their little notes will bring joy to everyone during *Yom Kippur*.



VOLUNTEER AS A FAMILY

Emphasize the importance of giving back to the community by volunteering together during the High Holy Days. Participate in local charity events or help those in need as a family.

FESTIVE FAMILY MEAL

Get the children involved in the meal preparation. Assign them age-appropriate tasks like washing vegetables, setting the table, or arranging the dessert platter.



HIGH HOLY DAY MEMORY BOOK

Give each child a small notebook to create their own memory book. Provide them with stickers, drawings, and pictures to personalize their holiday memories.

FAMILY REFLECTION TIME

Create a comfortable space where everyone can share their thoughts and feelings. Allow the children to express themselves openly and be sure to validate their emotions.



TBAM TOURS *Teens*



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



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



10TH GRADE L'TAKEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS IN JANUARY 2024



11TH TRIP TO GUATEMALA WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEENS IN JANUARY 2024



MULTIGENERATIONAL TRIP TO POLAND FOR UPPER CLASSMEN DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK



PROSPECTIVE 12TH GRADE INTERNATIONAL TRIP WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEENS

For more information,
contact Tamara Donnenfeld at tdonnenfeld@tbam.org



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

Dear Sisters & Friends



Sisterhood Events

Dear Sisterhood Members and TBAM Members,

"See you in September" is rapidly becoming a welcome reality!

There is so much to look forward to this new year. The Sisterhood has been putting some final touches on our calendar for 2023-2024. Suffice it to say, there is something of interest for everyone. We took your suggestions under advisement, and we are off to an excellent start.

Please remember to join and/or renew your Sisterhood membership (tbam.org/sisterhood) as it is separate from TBAM dues. We look forward to your participation in the programs that are meaningful to you. TBAM and Sisterhood are memberships that foster learning, spirituality, and connections, all of which are integral to our well-being. Our holidays present accessible opportunities to physically be together and pray communally with family, friends and our greater congregation. Our ongoing Sisterhood programs speak to the acronym GRACE, "gratitude, reciprocity, altruism, choice and enjoyment," recently promoted in an opinion piece in the NYT (July 16, 2023). Please join us in this new year of renewal and community.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu.

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

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 PM

Chapel,
Lewis Family Religious Life Complex
All Sisterhood members welcome

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 PM

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Lewis Family Religious Life Complex
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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

Participants will need to purchase a 2023

Mah Jongg card to use during lessons

at 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!



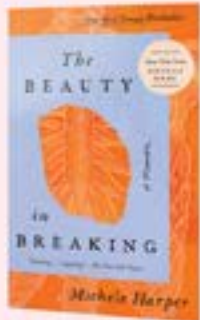
BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

7:00 PM

Meeting Room 3

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 or Angela Durand 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 Korelitz
- *TOMORROW, TOMORROW, and TOMORROW* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *TRUST* by Herman Diaz



unBIASed & SISTERHOOD CULTURAL COMPETENCY

unBIASed and Sisterhood invite you to continue exploring our Jewish identity in a diverse world.

Read and discuss with Rabbi Jaime Aklepi on Zoom:

JEWS DON'T COUNT

by British comedian, thinker, and writer, David Baddiel

"This short and powerful book shows, with remarkable humanity and humor, that no contemporary conversation about racism is complete without confronting antisemitism."

Beginning **Wednesday, September 6**
9:30-10:30 AM

We meet every other week until we complete our discussion.

RSVP to tbam.org/jewsdontcount

Zoom link will be provided upon registration



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
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2023-2024
SISTERHOOD
MEMBERS.**

**Deadline to RSVP is October 4
tbam.org/joanieleeds**



ADULT READING ROOM

It's a new year, and I welcome you all to our extraordinary library collection, which is now divided into three locations that enhance the mission of the Temple Beth Am Congregational Library: "to provide materials of education, entertainment, and enrichment for congregation and community." Our fiction books are in Meeting Room 3, where you can find detailed instructions for borrowing whatever you like. On that same floor, in the Clergy Satellite Library, are the religious study books, i.e., Torah, Talmud, observances, education, and languages. Our Hub location, the Adult Reading Room, contains an enormous variety of literature, community, history, geography—all Judaic. We look forward to greeting you there.

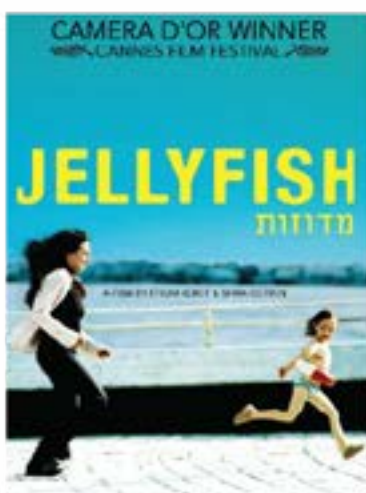
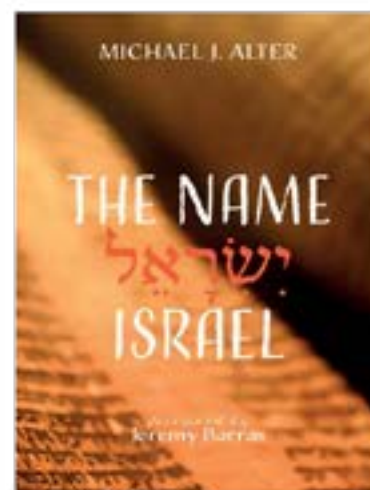
SUNDAY SALON

SEPTEMBER 10TH

CHAPEL, LEWIS FAMILY RELIGIOUS LIFE COMPLEX

The Name Israel, by Michael Alter

Israel is a divine name. *The Name Israel* is a scholarly, niche project that provides its readers with an informative, meaningful, and spiritually uplifting reading experience. The purpose of *The Name Israel* is to investigate the name employing four levels of study (PaRDeS): peshat, remez, derash, and sod. Each level is deeper and more profound than its predecessor. This text is divided into eight chapters. Chapters 1 and 2 explore the historical name Israel and pades (four methods of Bible interpretation.) The book also details the shapes and sizes of the letters, permutations of Israel, anagrams, and gematria (numerology.) Additionally, it includes a discussion of the Four World system, the ten sefirot, and an overview of Parshat Vayishlach (Gen 32:4-33 and Gen 35:10.) Throughout, *The Name Israel* analyzes the first word of the Torah (Bereshit) and the creation process. Readers will be fascinated as it delves into facts about the numbers 2, 701, 37, 73, and 541; "The end of the action was at first in thought;" unique features (and hints) of the letters forming the name Israel; and concluding remarks. In his Foreword to this book, Rabbi Jeremy Barras has written "How fortunate we are to welcome a fresh approach to the name Israel." Come learn with us!



ISRAELI MOVIE

SEPTEMBER 19, 1:00 PM

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB

Jellyfish

Jellyfish is set in Tel Aviv and follows several women (a new bride, a wedding caterer, a photographer, and a caregiver) in an intersecting plot, which shows us touching, sad, and humorous moments of their lives. Twenty-first century Tel Aviv represents something different for each of the women. The three don't know each other nor do they have much in common, but they all try to make the best out of their given situations. Co-directors Shira Geffen and Etgar Keret blur the distinctions between fantasy and reality as parallel stories are interwoven. It is not always clear what is going on in the film or why, but by the end the pieces fall into place. The people we think we must care for are somehow caring for us. If we can only open ourselves to care for others, we can derive far more from these others than we can ever give. Indeed, without such relationships, we are amorphous jellyfish. It is our care relationships with others that give form and meaning to our lives.



AN AVALANCHE OF (POSITIVE) PEBBLES

We have all heard the saying, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," but where do you even begin? How can we solve world hunger? Global peace? Climate change? It all seems so overwhelming. "I can't make a difference; it is just me." But what if you just brought an extra water and a granola bar in the car and gave it to a homeless person struggling in this 100-degree heat? At least that one person isn't thirsty or hungry for a moment. "OMG, I just cannot with my neighbor mowing their lawn at 7:00 AM on a Saturday!" Instead of kvetching, what about finding a way to help that neighbor spread some mulch or trim some bushes later? You will find out your neighbor has had some hard times and needed a bit of friendship.

Here in Miami, water pollution is increasing, and our beloved manatees are dying. Maybe we watch what we put in our lawns that wash into our waterways. Maybe we plant just one native tree to help storm water drain into the soil and into the waterways instead of sitting on top of our monoculture lawns. (Ask the TBAM Garden Committee for help!)

Maybe if we each stop and help someone up a set of stairs with a suitcase...help feed one homeless person...help bring peace to our own neighborhood...help the local ecosystem with one native tree/plant. Perhaps we can be that catalyst and example to the next person. Does anyone remember that VW commercial so long ago about one kindness turning into an avalanche of kindnesses?

Let us all be a pebble setting off avalanches all over Miami. Let our acts of kindness in our small circles remind people of their humanity. One bottle of water. One smile. One plant.

Mitzvah gorereit mitzvah!

Yonah Janowitz

Board Member, Guest Columnist
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Friends of the **TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY**

CELEBRATE SUKKOT IN THE TBAM GARDEN SANCTUARY SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

8:30-11:30 AM

Join the happy, hard working Friends of the TBAM Garden to celebrate Sukkot as we sow our beautiful garden and bring our wonderful TBAM garden sanctuary back to life after the long hot summer! (The Sukkot harvest will come later!)

We will plant the vegetable beds, tend our native butterfly garden, prune our fruit trees, and celebrate the four species with Clergy.

Bring your positive energy, closed-toe shoes, sunblock, and a reusable water bottle. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone is welcome!

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



COMING UP

JCS MILK & HONEY 2023

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Rosh HaShanah prep at Temple Beth Am

Packaging and delivering Rosh HaShanah food & personal hygiene baskets for homebound seniors & holocaust survivors.

Register at jcsfl.org/events/milk-honey

MONTHLY TIKKUN OLAM ZOOM MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

9:30 AM

Join us the second Tuesday of each month to help make a difference now.

Zoom Mtg ID: 849 3055 2084; Passcode: 063149

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE FOR JCS KOSHER FOOD BANK

SEPTEMBER 15-26, 2023

Donate shelf-stable and non-perishable Kosher and non-Kosher food to Jewish Community Services during our annual High Holy Days food drive.

Items collected at the Sanctuary.



SIMCHAT TORAH BOOK DRIVE

OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

We're partnering with Brotherhood again to provide new and gently used books to The Children's Trust, St. Alban's Child Center, and local men's and women's correctional facilities. Collection receptacles located outside the administrative offices.

RACIAL DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION 101 (ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Learn to build meaningful Jewish experiences for people of all backgrounds.

Sign up and more at urj.org/reditrainings

Collect Signatures Today and Ensure Floridians' Right to Reproductive Healthcare

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

Since the passage of a bill by the Florida legislature restricting abortions to the first six weeks of pregnancy-before a person knows they are pregnant-a coalition of like-minded groups have joined forces to amend Florida's constitution to guarantee that the right to reproductive freedom remains that of the patient and their healthcare provider. This is because restrictions on reproductive freedom affect everyone, regardless of who they are or what they believe about abortion.

To make access to reproductive healthcare an option for all Floridians, we must first obtain one million petition signatures by the end of this year. With one million signatures, the initiative can then be put on the November 2024 ballot for the voters to decide.

We need your help now to collect these signatures.

We need you to canvass our community—both at Beth Am and beyond it. If you want to make a difference, if you want to make access to reproductive healthcare an option for all pregnant persons, if you want to ensure our right to bodily autonomy, and if you want to be a voice for change and embody the values of Tikkun Olam today, please:

- 1- Sign the petition at floridiansprotectingfreedom.com/petition**
- 2 - Help us collect more signatures**

To learn more about this simple yet crucial effort, contact **Judith Ratzan** (rjratz@aol.com) or **Brittany Addams** (britaddams@gmail.com.) Petition pick-up and drop-offs are also always available in the TBAM administrative offices.

"Floridians Protecting Freedom" is the banner group leading this effort, which includes RAC-FL, the National Council of Jewish Women, the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Florida Rising, Women's Voices of Southwest Florida and a daily-growing list of congregations across the state. Join us today to ensure respect and freedom are once again hallmarks of what it means to be a citizen of this state.

All the best,
Judy Ratzan,
Member, Co-Leader of TBAM
Reproductive Rights Initiative





BROTHERHOOD

We are looking forward to a very exciting year! We would like to invite all temple members and their family and friends to the Brotherhood opening event on October 5 in The Hub featuring "An Evening with Dave Barry" to enjoy his wit and award-winning humor.

This past June, Jeff Agron and I attended the 75th Annual National Conference of Men of Reform Judaism in Providence, Rhode Island. We met and networked with temple Brotherhood clubs from around the United States. The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am was awarded the Milton E. Harris Award-presented in honor of outstanding service to the local community-for our work with the Everglades Men's Correctional Facility (visits, teaching, and book drive.)

This summer, members of the Brotherhood board (Jeff Agron, Neil Littauer, Alex Aklepi, Dan Cowan, Ed Schwartz, Arthur Miller, and myself) met to plan out the events and programs for this year. We look forward to offering favorites from the past as well as new and exciting programs. Keep reading the Commentator and the temple's website for more information.

Join us today! Remember, paid Brotherhood membership for 2023-2024 gets you into our opening event for free.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jeff Rosenberg

President

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF
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**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 5
THE HUB AT TEMPLE
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6:00 PM Cocktails & hors
d'oeuvres

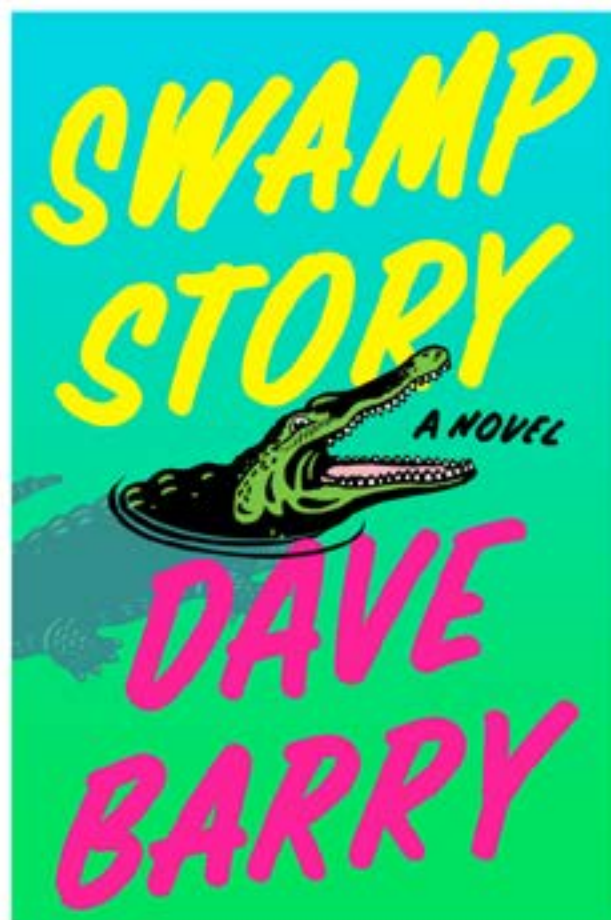
7:00 PM Program,
book signing, and dessert
immediately to follow

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](https://tbam.org/davebarry)



Kick off the year with Temple Beth
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A TEMPLE BETH AM ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE

UNITED AGAINST ANTISEMITISM A CALL TO ACTION

Dear Fellow Congregants:

L' Shana Tova, and best wishes for a sweet and healthy new year!

As the new year approaches, we consider our upcoming goals and aspirations. In that spirit, we urge you to prioritize taking action against the rise of antisemitism in our country.

As a community founded on principles of love, compassion, and understanding, we cannot remain silent in the face of hatred and prejudice. It is our duty to ensure that future generations inherit a world free from discrimination and bigotry. By standing up to antisemitism, we send a powerful message that we will not allow hatred to divide or defeat us.

This new year, let us resolve to strengthen our ties with other communities by promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding. We must proactively educate ourselves and others about the danger of prejudice, stereotypes, and discrimination.

To that end, the Antisemitism Initiative has worked hard to present educational programs and strengthen community relationships that will provide the building blocks for our ongoing and future work. In a series of programs, we introduced two international envoys of antisemitism who discussed their work fighting antisemitism in each of their respective countries. We kicked off the opening of the HUB with an internationally recognized 50-panel exhibit called *Lawyers Without Rights*, featuring a stellar group of panelists discussing how we should address threats to our democracy today. The Initiative's community outreach efforts included a highly successful community-based town hall entitled *Break the Bias*, featuring a panel



of high school students and adults who have experienced discrimination. In preparation for our future community outreach work, we presented an interactive workshop to learn how to manage interfaith dialogues best.

As a result of our June workshop, we forged alliances with Mosaic (formerly known as the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews) and the Universalist Unitarian Church and have scheduled an inter-community/interfaith potluck-style evening entitled *Breaking Bread, Breaking Bias* on October 22, 2023. On November 5, we will join Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and an alliance of community leaders and organizations in the 2nd annual Walk for Unity. Be sure to hold both dates and join us as we forge new friendships and alliances with our neighbors.

We encourage each and every one of you to engage in open discussions about antisemitism within our congregation. Raise awareness, share personal experiences, and support initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion within our Temple Beth Am community and our local community. Many have already volunteered to participate, and we will be calling on you shortly. If you have not already done so, add your name to the list of people who stand ready and willing to be part of this initiative! Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to this crucial cause.

With gratitude,

Edith Osman

Chair, Antisemitism Initiative, aka unBIASed

Joe Jacoby and Joanne Harvest Koren

Co-chairs, Community Outreach/Small Group Dialogue Committee



JOIN US

SEPTEMBER 6
9:30-10:30 AM

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CULTURAL COMPETENCY

RSVP to tbam.org/jewsdontcount
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SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 18

unBIASed & SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER: DETAILS TBA

OCTOBER 22

DINNER / BREAKING BREAD, BREAKING BIAS

NOVEMBER 5

WALK FOR UNITY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST IN THE UNBIASED ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Edith Osman at edosman@carltonfields.com | Joe Jacoby at jjacoby616@gmail.com, or
Joanne Harvest Koren at joannekoren35@gmail.com

★ COMMITTEE OF 100 ★

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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- ⌄ Foreign Ministry Briefing
- ⌄ Inspirational Torah Learning at the Kotel
- ⌄ Meet the Creator of Instant Messaging
- ⌄ Tour the Old City's Christian Quarter and explore inter-religious relations
- ⌄ Spend time with creator of the television hit "Shtisel"
- ⌄ Experience a Culinary & Culture Tour of the Ultra-Orthodox World
- ⌄ Tour the Knesset and meet with Knesset member, Rabbi Gilad Kariv
- ⌄ Look into Southern Lebanon from Kibbutz Misgav Am, including a dialogue with a Kibbutz member
- ⌄ Meet up with Rabbi Gabby Dagan, leader of Or Chadash the Reform Synagogue in Haifa for a unique look into the world of the Religious Settler Movement
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A MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

Dear Friends at Temple Beth Am,

Writing about current events is hard when a deadline is six weeks before publication. Nevertheless, it's hard to believe that at the time of this writing (on July 20), this coming Saturday will be week 29 of protests against the proposed judicial upheaval by the current Israeli government. It's an amazing testament to the resilience and determination of Israelis from all over the political spectrum—left, right, and center—to come out week after week, and now several days a week (just check out my Facebook page) to preserve Israel as a Jewish and democratic state. If it weren't for all these protests, demonstrations, and marches, I would have long finished Rabbi Barras' excellent new novel, *A Reason to Rise*, by the submission deadline for the *Commentator*.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a wonderful experience that I had with my daughter, Hila, through the Israel Religious Action Center. The Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), a branch of the URJ's Religious Action Center (located in Washington, DC), serves as the legal arm of our movement here in Israel and, most recently, has been at the forefront of our public advocacy against the judicial upheaval. However, one of their lesser-known activities is a special program for Israeli bar/bat mitzvah kids. Each year IRAC organizes a guided tour of the Supreme Court and the Knesset for bar/bat mitzvah kids who choose to have their ceremony through the Reform movement. The overwhelming majority of bar/bat mitzvah families are not members of Reform congregations (such as the Israeli reality), and so this is a fantastic opportunity to get them more involved and grant a greater understanding to both the bar/bat mitzvah kids and their parents not only about the foundations of Israeli democracy but in particular about the struggles of our movement from a political and legal perspective.

As you can imagine, this time around, the visit had extra special importance, with the visit held this year coincidentally (or not) on July 4. With over 40 participants, we had a guided tour first of the Supreme Court, from learning its architecture's symbolism to the court's vast workload. For example, the Israeli supreme court hears 10,000 cases yearly (as opposed to the American Supreme Court, which hears about 80). We then heard specifically from Orly Erez-Likhovsky, director of IRAC, who showed us her regular seat in the courtroom as one of the petitioners and explained the work of IRAC's work at the Supreme Court from defending religious freedom to its work for women's rights and combating racism.



We then proceeded to the Knesset, where we split into two groups on a guided tour, including both the opportunity for the obligatory selfies from the VIP section and to be present in the visitors' gallery and for one of the discussions. Following the tour, we gathered in one of the committee meeting rooms to meet with two members of Knesset, MK Shelly Tal Meron from Yesh Atid, and MK Naama Lazimi from Labor. Both of them took time out from a very busy schedule

(following an all-nighter at the Knesset due to the judicial overhaul discussions) to meet with everyone, talk about why they got involved in politics, and then answer the kids' questions about life as a Knesset member and of course, the current political situation.

Hats off (or perhaps kippot?) to my dear friend Orly and the team at IRAC for organizing such a meaningful program. Seeing how attentive the b'nai and b'not mitzvah were, the intelligent questions they asked, and personally, seeing my daughter Hila now attending weekly protests, I'm optimistic for our future.

In the photo: the group's meeting with MK Naama Lazimi (in the middle, wearing the black blazer), with yours truly standing behind her, and my daughter Hila in the front row on the right, dressed patriotically in blue and white.

Looking forward to seeing you here at your sister congregation, Kehilat Har-El, on your next trip to Israel, With wishes for a shanah tovah umetukah, a happy and sweet new year,

Cantor Evan Cohen



5783 OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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



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

World events and leaders have a significant impact on the destiny of the Jewish People. In the August Commentator I wrote about the first and second Aliyah, immigration to Eretz Yisrael, then called Palestine, under the Ottoman Empire. The historical outcome of World War 1 in the Treaty of Versailles gave England and France control over the territory. It became known as the British Mandate and the French Mandate. This next period would set the stage for the future path to the creation of Israel as a nation.

The Balfour Declaration, November, 1917

Chaim Weizmann was a chemist who assisted the British in the war effort with the development of acetone. He was also an active leader in the Zionist movement. The British wanted to reward and recognize his contribution. He asked only for help in establishing a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Lord Arthur Balfour, Foreign Secretary, wrote a letter to Baron Rothschild. This document became known as the Balfour Declaration. It said the following:

"His Majesty's government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish People and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this objective."

It also included a statement that nothing would be done to injure the rights of the non-Jewish residents in Palestine. It was endorsed by France, Italy, Japan and the United States. It was included in the documents of the League of Nations.

The Third Aliyah, 1919-1923

Under the British Mandate, forty thousand more young people from Poland and Russia made Aliyah and joined the existing settlements and established new ones. The Haganah began in 1920. It was Israel's first military defense organization. Haganah members protected the cities, moshavim and kibbutzim. Despite restrictions and difficult living conditions, there were more than 80,000 Jews in the land.

The British unilaterally divided Palestine in 1922 and gave the territory east of the Jordan River to the Arab tribe of Emir Feisal. It was called Transjordan, and it became Jordan. In the beginning there were meetings between Feisal and Weizmann to discuss coexistence and cooperation between them, however, Arab nationalists disagreed, and the tensions increased and the alliance collapsed.

The Fourth Aliyah, 1924-1928

The fourth Aliyah brought shopkeepers and artisans from Poland where antisemitism restrictions were becoming very difficult. They settled in the cities of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The waters of the Jordan River were harnessed, and this led to

a power station for electricity to be built. This enabled new factories and industries to provide work for the many new olim. In 1925 Hebrew University was built on Mount Scopus. The educational system was developing, as well as the medical hospitals to take care of the people. During these years 90,000 Jews came and the population reached about 170,000.

The Fifth Aliyah, 1929-1939

Events in Europe were becoming increasingly antisemitic with the rise of Nazism in Germany. More than 165,000 Jews entered legally, as refugees. By 1936 the Yishuv, the Jewish Agency in Palestine, reported a Jewish population of about 400,000. The Arab leaders became very hostile, inciting the people to acts of violence against the Jewish communities.

The Haifa Technion opened its doors during this period. The Youth Aliyah Program, founded by Henrietta Szold, rescued Jewish children from Europe and established Youth Villages for them. The Haganah tried to work with the British Mandate, but events and political pressures were becoming overwhelming. More militant Jewish groups, like the Irgun, decided to take on more action against the British and the Arab attacks.

In 1939, the British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, issued the White Paper, practically stopping immigration of Jews, and stating that Palestine would not become a Jewish nation. Just as the doors were closing, the situation in Europe was about to start World War II. The book and the movie, *EXODUS*, reminds us every year about the plan for illegal immigration. The site at Atlit in Israel, tells the story.

David Ben Gurion, who was the head of the Yishuv, announced there would be a Jewish Brigade to fight with the British against the Nazis. The Arab Mufti of Jerusalem was an ally of Germany and Hitler. Ben Gurion said the following:

"We will fight the War as if there is no White Paper, but we will fight the White Paper as if there is no War!"

L' Shanah Tovah,

Lenore Kipper

From the TBAM Archives: Highlights from the 1984 Commentators

In January, there were several guest speakers. Dr. Sol Gordon was invited to speak about his book, *Raising a Child Conservatively in a Sexually Permissive World*. Another frequent guest was Dr. Harry Orlinsky, Bible scholar from HUC. He spoke to Christian and Jewish clergy on the need for new translations of the English texts to adapt to current trends in society. In March Al Vorspan, from the national Reform office, shared some analysis on Jews and the 84 elections. An Afternoon of Music series, under the direction of Doreen Marx, brought many outstanding musicians to the Temple once a month. Arthur Teitelbaum, regional director of ADL, began a series of classes on the current data and experiences of antisemitism in the U.S. (we continue to have this issue today.)

The Young Family League held a weekend at Marco Island over Labor Day.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes began with Rabbi Simon and Lenore Kipper as the teachers.

Margo Berman, Librarian, was honored for her 20 years. During this time, she created an outstanding research center for Jewish texts for the Rabbis, students, and teachers. She also was recognized for her leadership in the national organization of Jewish libraries.

In December, Beth Am teachers, Religious School and Day School went on a study trip to Israel with the High School in Israel staff. Rabbi Morris Kipper, Lenore Kipper and Rabbi Baumgard made it happen.

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Brian Gallant in loving memory of his parents
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Bernita King, Russell King and Tamara King Stark in
memory of our beloved Shep, who continues to inspire
us in everything we do.

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Linda Fine in loving memory of Helen and Harry Boosin
beloved parents, to the wonderful life you gave us

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Jeanne Mollov
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Marlene and Richard Kohn in loving memory of Sarah,
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Rabbi and Mrs. Norman Lipson in memory of Haim Aklepi,
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his memory continue to be a blessing for all of you. Norm
and Shoshi Lipson

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Lisa Heller Green and family in loving memory of
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Samuel Gorman
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Jacobson in loving memory of
Jean Jacobson
Marlene and Joel Kaplan
Ezra Katz in memory of my brother, Alex Katz
Marlene and Richard Kohn in memory of Haim Aklepi,
father of Alex Aklepi

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Phyllis Lapidus in loving memory of Leo Lapidus, beloved
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Lisa, Michael, Jessica, A.J., Taylor, Staci, Maia, and Dylan
Green in loving memory of Daniel Neal Heller.

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

THE CURRENT OF LIFE

We mourn the passing of

Benita Berman sister of Frances Glick

Marjorie Sarah Leder Harris Goldstein mother of
J.B. Harris, Lynn (Perry), Dr. Esther (Andrew), and
Joshua; grandmother of Julian, Elliot (Maya), Sam,
Jesse, Lilah (Danny), Max, Hannah, Jake, Dylan,
and Zoe

Marcella Menasce wife of Issac Menasce and
mother of Michael Campina, Chris Campina, and
Sarah Menasce

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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, September 26, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 PM

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

Week Ending September 8, 2023

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Seymour Weiss
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Week Ending September 22, 2023

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 Jack Friedman*
 Sylvia Friedman*
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 Edna Goldstein*
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LA SHANA TOVA

rosh hashanah menu

Beginning Friday, September 15th, 2023

scrumptious *starters*

FRESH BAKED ROUND CHALLAH
Plain or Raisin \$7.59 each

CHICKEN VEGETABLE SOUP
Does not include Matzo Balls. \$12.99 quart

MATZO BALLS \$1.59 each

OVERSIZED GEFILTE FISH
Served with Red Horseradish. \$4.59 each

MINI POTATO LATKES
Served with apple sauce. 2 per order \$3.50

WHITEFISH SALAD
Small 1/2 lb \$16.50 - Medium 1 lb \$32.99 - Large 2 lb \$64.99

NANA'S CHOPPED CHICKEN LIVER
Small 1/2 lb \$6.39 - Medium 1 lb \$12.59 - Large 2 lb \$25.18

STUFFED CABBAGE (LARGE) \$8.99 each

delicious *desserts*

ASSORTED HOUSE COOKIES BY THE POUND \$17.99 lb
Rugulach • Merengues • Macaroons • Rainbow

ASSORTED COOKIES \$3.50 each
Chocolate Chip • Oatmeal Raisin

ASSORTED 8" CAKES \$45 each
Chocolate Obsession • Chocolate Velvet
Strawberry Shortcake • N.Y. Style Cheesecake

FRUIT TART WITH FRENCH PASTRY CREAM 8" \$36 each

APPLE ALMOND TART 8" \$36 each

PEAR AND CHOCOLATE TART 8" \$36 each

CHOCOLATE OR CINNAMON BABKA \$17.99 each

HONEY CAKE \$16.95 each

main *dishes*

SLICED BRISKET BRAISED TO PERFECTION
Served with Homemade Brisket Gravy.

Small (2-4) \$34.99
Medium (6-8) \$87.49
Large (11-13) \$139.99

EXTRA BRISKET GRAVY \$10.95 per quart

WHOLE ROASTED HERB CHICKENS \$14.99 each

WHOLE ROASTED TURKEY
Served with gravy seasoned with fine herbs.

Small (Serves 8-12) \$107.00
Medium (Serves 14-18) \$157.00
Large (Serves 22-26) \$197.00

CARVING \$20 per turkey. Advance notice please.

THICK SLICED TURKEY BREAST \$18.99 lb

EXTRA TURKEY GRAVY \$10.95 per quart

GRILLED SALMON FILETS \$9.99 per piece

traditional *sides*

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EGG SALAD \$11.99 lb

DELI CHICKEN SALAD \$16.99 lb

POTATO SALAD \$10.99 lb

COLESLAW \$10.99 lb

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perfect *platters*

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Sliced Nova, whole de-boned stuffed whitefish. Artfully presented on leaf lettuce with sliced vine-ripe tomatoes, red onion, lemon, capers and cream cheese.

Small (15 Bagels) \$259.50

Medium (24 Bagels) \$389.25

Large (30 Bagels) \$519.00

NOVA PLATTER

Sliced Nova beautifully arranged on garnished platters with cream cheese, lemon slices, capers, leaf lettuce, tomatoes and red onion.

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Small (15 Bagels) \$259.50

Medium (24 Bagels) \$389.25

Large (30 Bagels) \$519.00

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SUFGANIYOT \$1.15 each

Berry • Chocolate Hazelnut

QUEEN MOTHER FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE \$45 each

ASSORTED 8" CAKES \$45 each

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