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



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# SHABBAT

N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 3 S E R V I C E S

## 20 CHESHVAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Family Friendly Shabbat Services  
with 5th graders

## 20 CHESHVAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

9:30 AM  
Tot Shabbat Service



10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM  
Conservative Minyan

10:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Elyse Emery

5:30 PM  
B'not Mitzvah of Isabelle and  
Sophia Sachar

Parashat Vayeira  
Genesis 18:1 – 22:24  
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 – 37

## 27 CHESHVAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
**Soulful Shabbats:  
Veterans Shabbat Service**  
Temple Beth Am Clergy and  
community pay tribute to the  
men and women who have so  
gallantly served our beautiful  
country!



## 27 CHESHVAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Lily Feinberg

5:30 PM  
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Karsenti

Parashat Chayei Sarah  
Genesis 23:1 – 25:18  
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 – 31

## 5 KISLEV FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat: Motown



## 5 KISLEV SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

9:00 AM  
Sensory Friendly Shabbat



10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Bartning

5:30 PM  
Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Weintraub

Parashat Toldot  
Genesis 25:19 – 28:9  
Haftarah: Malchi 1:1 – 2:7

## 12 KISLEV FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
**Kabbalat Shabbat:  
With Gratitude**  
We are thankful for our TBAM  
community! Rejoice with us at this  
special Thanksgiving Shabbat.



## 12 KISLEV SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM  
Torah Study



10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan



Parashat Vayeitzei  
Genesis 28:10 – 32:3  
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

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



## JEREMY BARRAS

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### Martin Luther King, Anne Frank and the War with Hamas

Many weeks before the terrible calamity that befell our people on October 7th, we planned at Temple Beth Am a program called Letters from Anne and Martin. The event will take place at the Hub on December 4th at 7 PM. Letters from Anne and Martin bring heroes Anne Frank and Martin Luther King, Jr. to life on stage sharing their hopes and plans for a peaceful and unified world. These icons, both born in 1929, have distinct and eloquent voices, expressing a deep belief in humanity despite their lived experiences facing hatred and oppression. The evening highlights the parallels in their outlooks and ideals, demonstrating the universality of the human experience.

In the play we see scenes of Dr. King alone in a Memphis jail juxtaposed with Anne Frank isolated in the attic hiding place during the Holocaust. Reflecting on their incredible lives that will continue to touch people forever, I often try to imagine how they were able to see a larger world from their isolated positions. Dr. King, like a prophet, dreamed of a better world. He pictured in his mind what a world without racism and hatred would look like, and then he spent his life trying to make that dream come true. Anne Frank gazed out from a crack in the window on a world that rejected her and her people. Down below at street level, she saw people who had the freedom to come and go as they pleased. All the while, a cough or a loud noise could reveal her hiding place and result in death for the crime of being Jewish. Nevertheless, through her writing we know that somehow, in her mind, she transcended hatred and yearned for a world of peace.

As the conflict in Israel rages on, Jews around the world are besieged by more than Hamas and Hizbullah. There is also an outcry of those who support the Palestinian cause. The horrific images coming from college campuses, rallies around the country, and rioting in Arab countries causes us to feel isolated. The constant barrage of anti-Israel and antisemitic rhetoric is unceasing, and certainly there are moments when we feel isolated and afraid. It is in these moments when we must recall the courage and prophecy of Dr. King and Anne Frank. As they sat alone in distress, there was one thing that lifted their spirits and allowed them to envision a better time. What they each knew is something that must continue to reverberate in our minds and our souls. It is the same thing that Martin and Anne knew. It is, that our cause is just! It is that the Jewish people deserve a nation like all other peoples, and we deserve to defend it just like anyone else would. Today we may feel isolated. But with Dr. King and Anne Frank, we are in good company with those who transcend the hatred of others and look forward to a better day. This is something we will never cease to do, no matter how loud the voices of the other side shout in vain.

*L'shalom,*

**Rabbi Jeremy Barras**





## CLERGY CORNER

SENIOR CANTOR TIFANI COYOT  
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### SHINING LIGHT ON EATING DISORDERS: A CALL TO COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Since 2010, I've had the privilege of overseeing the b'nai mitzvah program at three different synagogues, guiding over one thousand pre-teens as they prepare to lead a service, read from the Torah, and transition into Jewish adulthood. However, the journey to becoming a confident and self-assured Jewish adult at the age of thirteen is not without its challenges.

Confidence is the key trait I strive to instill in these young individuals, as it empowers them to succeed in leading their service and navigating the tumultuous waters of middle school. Confidence to make friends, speak with clarity and conviction, proudly sing their prayers, and articulate the significance of their Jewish identity. Confidence to be authentic, foster connections, and stand up for what is just. Confidence in their bodies and the understanding that true beauty emanates from their unique personalities.

In today's society, the pressure placed on physical appearance is undeniable. Coupled with certain personality traits, this has contributed to a rising prevalence of eating disorders, often concealed and unaddressed within our community. One of my primary goals is to shed light on the presence of eating disorders in the Jewish community and offer preventive programming and spiritual guidance to those suffering from the disorders. My approach blends the wisdom of our Jewish tradition with my training as an eating disorder coach from the Carolyn Costin Institute.

I volunteer for Project Heal, an organization committed to dismantling systemic barriers to eating disorder healing. In the United States alone, over 30 million Americans struggle

with eating disorders, yet only 20% receive treatment due to financial issues, insurance barriers, and systemic biases. I have the privilege to coach individuals nationwide, showing them that recovery is possible. With these qualifications and experiences, I am enthusiastic about becoming a valuable resource for our community, offering prevention strategies, support groups, and active care for those battling eating disorders.

My blessing for our synagogue is that it becomes a sanctuary where all members can share their authentic selves with others, allowing their souls to shine. Rather than solely focusing on improving body image, I believe in nurturing a deep appreciation for our bodies as vessels that house our true essence – our personalities and souls. Our bodies deserve care to the extent that they need to be strong and healthy, enabling us to forge meaningful relationships and lead fulfilling lives driven by our unique purposes.

If you or someone you know is grappling with disordered eating, chronic dieting or exercising, anorexia, bulimia, or binge eating disorder, I am here to offer spiritual healing and coaching. I can also assist in finding the right resources, including therapists, dietitians, and programs, to support the recovery journey of our community members. This is a deep-seated passion of mine, and it would be an honor to extend my help and support.

May we all be blessed with peace,

**Cantor Tifani Coyot**

## WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY WITH CANTOR TIFANI COYOT

**Nourishing the Spirit:  
One Cantor's Story of Recovery**

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 13**

AT CORAL GABLES HOME OF JILL BERMAN  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join Sisterhood and Cantor Tifani Coyot for a conversation about food, shame, and how spirituality can lead to recovery.

No charge, but please RSVP to [tbam.org/womenstorahstudy](http://tbam.org/womenstorahstudy) For this intimate conversation, the event will be limited to 25 participants.



**RICHARD SIEGEL**

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To My Temple Beth Am Community,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well. It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of responsibility that I write to you today concerning the recent Hamas attack in Israel.

One of the unfortunate inefficiencies of having the Commentator physically printed each month is that, as I sit here and write to you today in these uncertain times, one thing that is certain is that the incomprehensible situation in Israel will be vastly different when you read this. Consequently, I hope this message rings as true when you read it as it did when I wrote it; I apologize if it does not.

For context, my wife Jackie, daughters Allison and Abby, and I departed JFK on October 6 for our first “real” family vacation since the pandemic – Italy for my birthday! Arriving Saturday morning, we were on our way to our hotel when our devices all started vibrating with “breaking news” from Israel. As we read the early accounts, it soon became clear to me that this was something far different than Hamas’ “normal” acts of aggression against our homeland, which are typically defended by the Iron Dome and followed by a tactical response from the IDF and, ultimately, a ceasefire. No, this was different. The most uneasy part for me was that, as I was continually monitoring the “live updates” (which grew more frequent and more ominous), I realized that just about everyone I cared about on the planet was asleep and unaware of what was transpiring. It was as if I was getting a “sneak preview” of a tragedy that no one was yet aware of, and it sickened me...

These shocking events had me put aside my Commentator article I had just written on our “great ideas” initiative (which was the theme of my remarks at our Rosh Hashanah services) and write this column quickly and while many of the facts are still unfolding. Nevertheless, and despite what occurs between today and the day this is published, there is much about which we can all agree.

First and foremost, words cannot adequately describe the devastation we all feel from Hamas’ inhumane and unforgivable acts perpetrated against our beloved Israel and its people, including the many innocent civilians who were killed and taken captive. The horror and sadness we are all feeling is unlike anything I have ever experienced and, while I don’t believe “ranking tragedies” is a worthwhile effort, for me personally these events are more disturbing than September 11th, to which the invasion of Israel is often being compared. I am profoundly concerned that Israel is currently facing an existential threat that I have not

experienced in my lifetime, a threat we must overcome with every resource we can bring to bear.

As Jews, we are bound not only by our faith but also by the enduring principles of justice, compassion, and peace. These recent events remind us of the complex and deeply rooted challenges facing the people of Israel and Jews everywhere. Our community condemns these vicious and unprovoked attacks and stands in solidarity with the people of Israel – our brothers, sisters, and friends who are there, and all those protecting the country we hold dear and call home.

Our hearts go out to the innocent lives affected by the violence, and we fervently pray for a swift resolution to the conflict. At the same time, we must also remember our duty to stand together as a community and advocate for a just resolution to this ongoing crisis. In the face of adversity, it is essential that we reaffirm our commitment to the values that define us. We must engage in constructive dialogue, educate ourselves about the complexities of the situation, and actively support initiatives that promote peace, tolerance, and understanding.

I encourage all of you to stay informed about the Israeli situation, engage in thoughtful discussions, and seek ways to make a positive impact, whether through donations to organizations providing humanitarian aid or by advocating for solutions within our broader communities. While I appreciate and support the common sentiment at the moment that one cannot “negotiate with terrorists”, it is also true that we now stand with most of the civilized world in our corner to not only avenge the atrocities rained down upon us but to instill fundamental changes to ensure that no people of any religion, race or nationality should ever have to face the brutality we witnessed in recent days.

Let us also come together as a congregation to offer our prayers and support to Israel during this difficult time. Our faith teaches us that, while the pursuit of peace is a sacred duty, so is the defense of our people and homeland. From this, our commitment cannot diverge. As we navigate these challenging times, Temple Beth Am stands by and supports unconditionally our State of Israel in her time of need – let us stand united in our commitment to justice, compassion, and the enduring hope for a better future.

With heartfelt prayers for peace.

Am Yisrael Chai,  
**Rich**



# HAPPENING AT THE HUB

The Hub  
TEMPLE BETH AM

NOVEMBER - JANUARY



NOVEMBER  
14

MIAMI BOOK FAIR:  
ETGAR KERET



DECEMBER  
04

UNBIASED:  
LETTERS FROM ANNE & MARTIN



DECEMBER  
12

JCC BOOK FAIR:  
ELIZABETH GRAVER - KANTIKA



JANUARY  
18

COMEDY ZONE:  
GIANMARCO SORESI



DECEMBER  
14

SOCOL SPEAKER SERIES:  
FOUNDATION FOR DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACIES

FOR A FULL CALENDAR LIST AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT [TBAM.ORG/THEHUB](http://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

## 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)

**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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presents

## LETTERS FROM ANNE AND MARTIN

Anne Frank  
CENTER USA



Monday  
**DECEMBER 4**  
7:00 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

**FREE OF CHARGE, RSVP AT [THEHUBMIAMI.ORG/LETTERS](http://THEHUBMIAMI.ORG/LETTERS)**

Developed from *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* and Dr. King's *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, Letters from Anne and Martin brings cultural heroes Anne Frank and Martin Luther King, Jr. to life on stage sharing their hopes and plans for a peaceful and unified world. These icons, both born in 1929, have distinct and eloquent voices, expressing a deep belief in humanity despite their lived experiences facing hatred and oppression. The evening highlights the parallels in their outlooks and ideals, demonstrating the universality of the human experience.

The 40 minute play will be followed by a facilitated discussion and a dessert reception.

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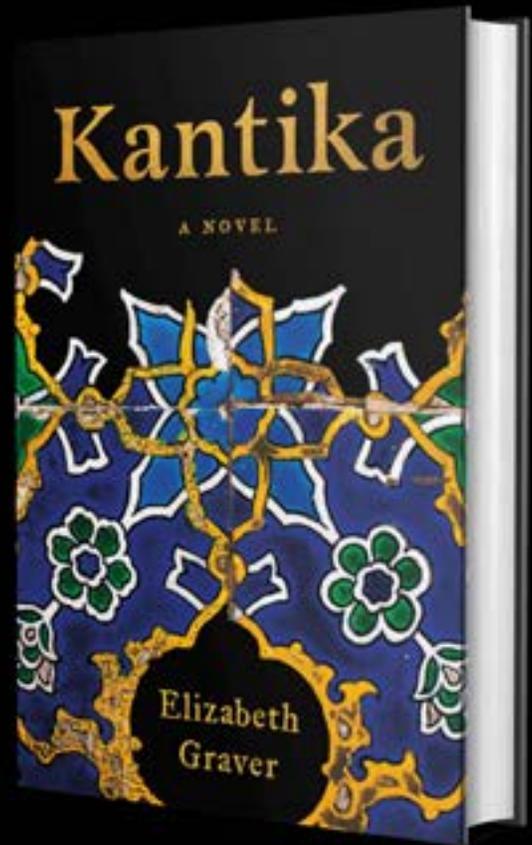
# HAPPENING AT THE HUB

**ALPER JCC MIAMI 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BERRIN FAMILY  
JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL  
presents:**

## **ELIZABETH GRAVER** author of *Kantika*

**Tuesday  
DECEMBER 12  
7:30 PM**

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center  
[TBAM.ORG/THEHUB](http://TBAM.ORG/THEHUB)



Temple Beth Am is honored to participate once again in the 43<sup>RD</sup> Annual Berrin Family Jewish Book Festival. This year, we welcome Elizabeth Graver as she speaks about her newest novel, *Kantika*.

Recently selected as a community read through Hadassah Magazine, *Kantika* was inspired by Graver's grandmother, who was born into a Sephardic Jewish family in Istanbul, and whose tumultuous and shape-shifting life journey took her to Spain, Cuba and New York. Exploring endurance and family as home, this kaleidoscopic portrait of one family's displacement across four countries follows the joys and losses of Rebecca Cohen, feisty daughter of Sephardic elite of early 20 Istanbul, as it explores identity, place, exile, and the tenacity of women.

**\$10 per person. Café will be open for purchase of refreshments before the program.  
Dessert reception to follow.**

## SOCOL SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS:

# Understanding the Evolving Threats to the United States and Israel: A Conversation with FDD Experts

Thursday  
**DECEMBER 14**  
7:00 PM

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center  
**TBAM.ORG/THEHUB**



**We invite you to a special evening to learn more about the important work of FDD, a nonpartisan, nonprofit research institute focusing on national security and foreign policy.**

FDD conducts in-depth research, produces accurate and timely analyses, identifies illicit activities, and provides policy options – all with the aim of strengthening US national security and reducing or eliminating threats posed by adversaries and enemies of the United States and other free nations.

Founded shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001, FDD conducts actionable research prepared by experts and scholars from a variety of backgrounds—including government, intelligence, military, private sector, academia, and journalism. It brings proficiency in foreign languages, law, finance, technology, and other skills to its work.

FDD regularly provides open-source research and analyses to policymakers and the media. Since its founding, FDD has shared its expertise with the Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden administrations and Congressional offices on a bipartisan basis.

# HAPPENING AT THE HUB

COMEDY WITHOUT THE COMMUTE

## THE COMEDY ZONE AT TBAM

**GIANMARCO SORESI  
WITH LIAM NELSON**

Thursday

**JANUARY 18**

**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!

Gianmarco Soresi is an NYC-based standup comedian and actor. He's told jokes on Netflix's *Bonding*, PBS's *Stories from the Stage*, Amazon's *Comics Watching Comics* (Season 8 Winner), *SeeSo's New York's Funniest*, *Real Housewives of New York* (really), and his first comedy special "Shelf Life" is now available on Amazon Prime and was an NPR 2020 Comedy Special Recommendation. Performing at colleges, clubs, and sordid basements all across the country, he's headlined *Comix Mohegan Sun*, *AC Comedy Club*, *Carolines*, *Stand Up NY*, *Yonkers*, *Hurron's*, and *The Comedy Craft Beer* tour. As an actor, he's pretended opposite Jennifer Lopez in the movie *Hustlers*, Tracy Morgan in TBS's *The Last OG*, CBS's *Blue Bloods*, ABC's *Deception*, TruTV, Comedy Central and will be seen in the upcoming Billy Crystal/Tiffany Haddish movie *Here Today*. Gianmarco is a graduate of University of Miami!!

Opening for Gianmarco will be Liam Nelson. Liam Nelson is a 22-year-old standup comedian from Atlanta, Georgia who has recently started touring the country was the feature act for national headliners like Kate Willett (Netflix, Comedy Central), Joe Zimmerman (Comedy Central, Tonight Show) and Sam Morril (Comedy Central, Comedy Cellar).

Sisterhood, in collaboration with Brotherhood,  
invites all TBAM members and the community to

# THE POWER OF HUMAN CONNECTION

## CONFRONTING THE LONELINESS EPIDEMIC

**“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is  
the most terrible poverty.”**

*Vivek H. Murthy, M.D.  
Surgeon General, U.S.A.*

**Wondering about the “loneliness  
epidemic” in our country?**

**Interested in the means for enhancing our  
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and men, ages 18+
- Begin with small group discussion  
designed to identify primary issues
- Presentations by two esteemed  
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community

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 9**

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

**No charge  
RSVP required at  
[TBAM.ORG/LONELINESS](http://TBAM.ORG/LONELINESS)**

### PRESENTERS

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**VIVIANA E. HORIGIAN, M.D.**  
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at the University of Miami Miller  
School of Medicine



**PETER WILLIG, LMFT, FT**  
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Family Life Design, Inc.  
Licensed Marriage and  
Family Therapist

# Soulful SHABBATS

**JOIN US FOR THE PREMIERE OF OUR NEWEST  
SHABBAT OFFERING!**

Welcome Shabbat through the transformative power of music as meditation in this intimate prayer experience with Cantor Coyot, who will lead services from the floor to help unify our voices in harmony and worship.

*Save the Dates*

FOR SOULFUL SHABBATS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

*11/10 Veteran's Day Shabbat  
12/15 Talmud Torah Award Shabbat  
2/23 Soulful Shabbat  
4/26 Passover Kabbalat Shabbat*

And don't forget to grab a sticker to add to your Shabbat bingo card!  
Join us as we #ShakeUpShabbat!

# MOTOWN

## Shabbat

**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!



**JOIN US  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICES FOR  
DINNER AND DANCING  
AS THE OLD SKOOL GANG KEEP THE PARTY GOING!**

**RSVP AT  
TBAM.ORG/MOTOWNSHABBAT**

**\$36 FOR ADULTS  
\$20 FOR KIDS 13 AND UNDER**

Temple Beth Am invites you to join us in honoring our veterans, for a special

★ ★ ★ **VETERANS** ★ ★ ★  
**SHABBAT SERVICE**

FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

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

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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](mailto: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

# THE DR. LENORE KIPPER TALMUD TORAH AWARD

Temple Beth Am presents this honor to congregants who have contributed significantly to the temple by engaging thoughtfully in our Adult Education programs.

Join us for Shabbat services on  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
as we honor our 2023 recipients Norman Einspruch & Bobby Schatzman!

## OUR HONOREES REFLECT ON THEIR TIME AT TEMPLE BETH AM

When Edith and I first walked into Temple Beth Am 46 years ago after moving to Miami, we immediately knew we had found our new spiritual home. For almost half a century, and especially across more than a decade of weekly Torah Study sessions, what I have treasured most is the chance to be a part of a stimulating and remarkable educational community. Rabbi Jeremy Barras fosters a learning experience that is infused with humor, grounded in deep understanding, consistently thought-provoking, and, above all, makes Torah and Talmud relevant to the lives we lead today. I am pleased to join Edith as a recipient of this recognition for devotion to Jewish learning.



*- Norman Einspruch*



Throughout my life, I have always prioritized my commitment to Jewish learning and involvement in Jewish organizations. For many years, I have sat on AJC's Board of Directors. I am presently a member of its Executive Committee. For the past 25 years or more, while having been immersed in every phase of leadership at Beth Am, culminating with my service to our temple's community as its president and subsequently as chairman of the Board of Trustees, I have never missed a Torah study (unless I was out of town). It was an honor to serve as a Gabbai at our High Holy Days Services for over 20 years. I was only disappointed I could not do so while I was president. Over the years, both Lorraine and I have taken many adult education courses and attended many presentations by guest lecturers at our temple.

Beth Am has been a very special place for our family. Through four generations, we have belonged and been active in temple life and leadership. Beth Am has been woven into the fabric of our lives, and for all of these reasons, this award is so special to me.

*- Bobby Schatzman*

After services, we will enjoy a festive dinner in the Chapel.  
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**10:00 AM**  
Registration

**12:00 PM**  
Shotgun Start

**5:30 PM**  
Cocktails, Awards Dinner and  
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Four-person handicap scramble which will utilize handicap to determine final ranking.  
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# DAY SCHOOL



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## HOW THANKSGIVING AND JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS INTERSECT

Thanksgiving is a time when families and communities come together to express gratitude for the blessings in their lives. While it may not be a Jewish holiday in the traditional sense, Thanksgiving and Judaism do intersect, as the spirit of thankfulness and the values it promotes resonate deeply within the Jewish faith. Rambam Day School plays a unique role in nurturing gratitude, values, and community among our students.

Gratitude is a fundamental value in Judaism. We can trace the concept of expressing thanks back to the Torah, where there are numerous examples of individuals and communities offering gratitude to God for various blessings. As a Jewish day school, we teach our students that gratitude is not only a response to receiving good things but a way of life, hoping to remind students of their blessings even in challenging times.

Jewish day schools instill these core values in their students, not only at Thanksgiving time but year-round. For example, we emphasize the value of tikkun olam (repairing the world). We teach our students about their responsibility to make the world a better place through acts of kindness, charity, and community service. We also emphasize the importance of ethical behavior, integrity, and empathy, which align with the principles of gratitude and thankfulness. Rambam also promotes inclusivity, teaching students to appreciate different perspectives and backgrounds, aligning with the spirit of Thanksgiving's message of unity and harmony.

Thanksgiving is a time for families to gather, much like Shabbat and other Jewish holidays that emphasize the importance of family and community bonds. Jewish day schools often extend this sense of community to the school environment, creating a supportive and close-knit educational experience.

Thanksgiving and Judaism share a deep-rooted connection through the values of gratitude, community, and giving back. Rambam Day School plays a vital role in nurturing these values in our students, providing an educational experience that combines the best of secular and religious teachings. As families across the United States come together to celebrate Thanksgiving, the values they cherish echo the principles of Judaism, making it a time not only for feasting but also for reflecting on the blessings of life, the importance of community, and the moral values that shape the character of their students.

**Nora Anderson**



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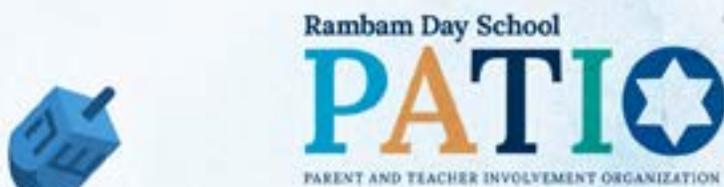
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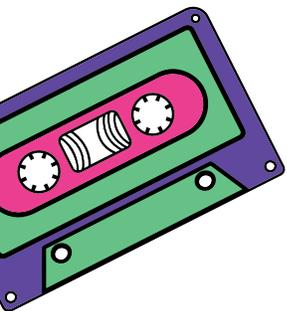
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## TAMARA DONNENFELD

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### THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF TEEN TRIPS: BUILDING STRONGER TEENS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

Ten years ago, Temple Beth Am had 67 engaged teens. With its trip to Washington D.C., the Confirmation class was the only trip the department offered, giving teens a unique opportunity to explore how government works and advocate for the issues close to their hearts. A decade later, our Youth Engagement and Religious School (YERS) department expanded not only its offering but also traveling experiences starting from 8th grade and beyond, with our teen population nearly tripling.

These journeys take our teens to destinations as diverse as Israel, Memphis, Washington D.C., Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and—during this Thanksgiving week—our inaugural multigenerational trip to Poland. What sets these trips apart is their profound connection with educational sessions, creating a strong foundation of knowledge that amplifies the impact of experiential learning. The result? Stronger, more informed Jews, kinder teens, and thoughtful individuals better equipped to contribute positively to the world.

Despite the remarkable growth and success of YERS, it remains a small operation. However, its impact on our teens, peers, and families is immeasurable.

Teen trips are life-changing experiences that mold our young people into compassionate, responsible, and engaged citizens of the world. Here are some of the ways in which these journeys make a difference:

**1. PERSONAL GROWTH:** Teen trips challenge participants to step out of their comfort zones, fostering personal growth and self-discovery. Teens develop resilience, adaptability, and a sense of independence that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

**2. CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING:** Traveling to different parts of the world exposes teens to diverse cultures, traditions, and perspectives. This firsthand exposure promotes empathy, tolerance, and a broader worldview, essential qualities for building a more inclusive society.

**3. COMMUNITY BUILDING:** Through shared experiences and challenges, teens form deep and lasting bonds with their peers on these trips. These

friendships often extend beyond the duration of the trip and create a sense of belonging within the Temple Beth Am community.

**4. JEWISH IDENTITY:** All of our trips have a strong Jewish focus, allowing teens to connect with their heritage meaningfully. This connection can have a lifelong impact, inspiring a commitment to Jewish values and traditions.

**5. FAMILY CONNECTIONS:** The influence of these trips extends far beyond the individual teen. Parents and siblings witness the transformation of their loved ones and often become more engaged in the temple community as a result.

**6. ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Trips like the one to Washington D.C., Guatemala, or the Dominican Republic empower teens to become active citizens who understand the importance of participating in the democratic process. These experiences nurture the development of responsible young adults who are attuned to societal inequities and ready to take action. They learn to advocate for issues they care about, fostering a sense of agency and accountability.

In 2023, our mission remains clear: we are in the business of making “mensches”—kind, compassionate, and ethical individuals. Your support for our Youth Engagement and Religious School department is instrumental in achieving this goal. Regardless of size, every donation to the Keren Yaldi fund enables more families to access these life-altering experiences.

We invite you to join us in shaping the future by investing in our teens and the broader community. Your support is not only a blessing but also a testament to the values of Temple Beth Am. Together, we can continue to build stronger teens, stronger families, and a stronger world.

With gratitude,

*Tamara*



**SUMIKO ZAYON**  
 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR  
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Dear Temple Beth Am Community,

As we come together this month to celebrate Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of the special connection between this American holiday and Sukkot, the festival of booths that we enjoyed last month. Sukkot has always been a time for us to think about staying humble, experiencing joy, and being thankful for the blessings we've received from God. Many even refer to it as the "Jewish Thanksgiving." These two celebrations align beautifully in many ways.

Sukkot teaches us the importance of humility as we gather in temporary sukkahs, reminding us that our material possessions are fleeting. We gather to appreciate what we have, showing our happiness and satisfaction for the good things in our lives.

At YERS (Youth Engagement Religious School), we're especially thankful for the amazing support from our temple families. The teenage years can be tough as our young ones become more independent and find their voices. We're grateful for your trust with us to continue nurturing their Jewish education during this important time.

As we embark on another year of learning and growth together, I'm reminded of the heart of our journey: living life under our temporary sukkah. Like the festival itself, our experiences may be brief, but the memories and lessons we create will last a lifetime and hopefully be passed down through the generations.

So, as we gather around our Thanksgiving tables and in our hearts, let's hold onto the spirit of Sukkot within us, cultivating gratitude, humility, and a sense of community. I'm truly thankful for each and every one of you who make YERS a lively and enriching place for our youth.

Wishing you all a warm and joyful Thanksgiving brimming with love, friendship, and wisdom.

With gratitude,

**Sumiko**

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# MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



**Sophia Sachar**  
**November 4, 2023**

**Sophia** is a 7th-grade student at Ransom Everglades Middle School. She is a kind, compassionate, and inquisitive soul with a love for interesting historical facts, music, and dad jokes. Sophia loves traveling the world with her family, playing volleyball and lacrosse, going to Starbucks, and spending time with as many of her friends as possible. Her parents, **Kate** and **Dan**, are extremely excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah alongside her twin sister, **Isabelle**.



**Isabelle Sachar**  
**November 4, 2023**

**Isabelle** is a 7th-grade student at Ransom Everglades Middle School. She is a sweet, funny, and energetic personality who loves laughter, dancing, and baking shows. Isabelle loves to explore the world, play basketball at every opportunity, and of course, spend time with her friends. Her parents, **Kate** and **Dan**, are very proud of her and know she'll have a wonderful bat mitzvah next to her twin sister, **Sophia**.



**Elyse Emery**  
**November 4, 2023**

**Elyse** is a truly remarkable young woman. She is a proud graduate of Pinecrest Elementary and is currently a Principal Honor Student at Palmetto Middle School. She has a passion for cheering for Top Gun, and her hobbies include fishing, boating, shopping, and spending time with friends. She has two older brothers who adore her. Elyse's kind-hearted nature and beauty, both inside and out, are qualities that make her stand out. Her family is filled with happiness and pride to see her become a bat mitzvah! We cannot wait to see all the incredible things this life has in store for our amazing Elyse!



**Lily Feinberg**  
**November 11, 2023**

**Lily** is a proud graduate of Rambam Day School Temple Beth Am and an 8th-grade student at Palmetto Middle School. Lily is always up for an adventure, whether traveling to a new place or experiencing something new. She is creative, kind, and funny. Lily loves spending time with her friends and family. Lily's parents, **Abbey** and **Larry**, sister **Julia**, grandparents, and entire family are so proud of her and can't wait to celebrate her becoming a bat mitzvah.



**Sarah Karsenti**  
**November 11, 2023**

**Sarah** is a 7th grade Honors student at Ransom Everglades and a proud graduate of Rambam Day School. Her passions include playing soccer, spending time with family and friends, and cuddling her Corgi Luna. Her parents, **Rebecca** and **Arnaud**, and her siblings, **Gabriel** and **Ari**, are very proud of her hard work and look forward to this upcoming milestone.



**Olivia Bartning**  
**November 18, 2023**

**Liv** is a 7th grade student at Gulliver Preparatory School. Born in NYC on Rosh HaShanah, Liv moved with her family to Miami two years ago. Liv is a kind, loving, and loyal friend who is full of life and passionate about everything she does. Liv has grit and determination to succeed. She is a fierce and fearless competitor on the court when playing basketball and enjoys singing and popular culture. Liv's parents, **Marina** and **Bion**, her brother **Asher**, her grandparents, and all of her extended family are so proud of her accomplishments leading up to this special day. We love you, Liv!

# MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



**Chloe Weintraub**

**November 18, 2023**

**Chloe** is a 7th-grader at Ransom Everglades and a graduate of Rambam Day School Temple Beth Am. A kind and fun-loving daughter, sister, and friend, Chloe loves spending time with others. When she's not whipping up a five-course meal or delectable dessert alongside her older sister Maya, she often can be found dancing, sailing, or doting on her dog, Teddy. Chloe's parents, **Lauren** and **Greg**, are so proud of Chloe always and can't wait to celebrate her accomplishment.



**Aden Moscowicz**

**October 28, 2023**

**Aden** is a 7th grade student at Vineland K-8. He is kind, smart, and a 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

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## **SPRING SESSION Registration opens Monday, December 4**

Continuing the yearlong celebration of our 50th Anniversary, the Beth Am Basketball Spring League runs from January to May, and is open to the entire community. The league emphasizes teamwork and sportsmanship, with fundamentals and skill development a focus for all of our players, regardless of experience or ability.

**DON'T DELAY!**  
Register at [tbam.org/basketball](http://tbam.org/basketball)

The Spring League includes various divisions for boys from 3rd-10th grades and girls from 3rd-6th grades. Also this Spring, we are introducing a High School Boys division on Sunday mornings. Across all of our divisions, we are grateful for the more than 100 volunteer head coaches and assistant coaches that lead and instruct our players, while ensuring our players learn, practice and have fun through the game of basketball.

### **FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION**

Visit [tbam.org/basketball](http://tbam.org/basketball)  
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In addition, we are continuing our coed Peewee clinics for 1st and 2nd graders on Wednesday afternoons. Featuring skill-development instruction and training, these clinics include scrimmages at the end of every session, as we introduce the Beth Am Basketball way to our youngest participants. It's a great opportunity for children to develop their fundamentals, build confidence and have a blast with their peers.



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# Dear Sisters & Friends

Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

Thank you for joining Sisterhood and attending our spectacular Opening Event. We are grateful to our chairs, Carol Flicker, Dilia Grossman, Lynn Levine, and so many of you who contributed your time, talents, and goodwill to ensure the success of the evening. Additionally, a huge thank you to our clergy, program professionals and assistants, custodial staff, and caterer, who facilitated a much needed opportunity for TBAM women to join together during these most painful and challenging times for Israel and our Jewish community.

We have many more programs and gatherings in place for the coming months. Please RSVP and be present as we welcome new members of our TBAM community to learn from one another and make long-lasting connections.

Our Sisterhood Board invites you to help with upcoming programs in ways that are fulfilling to you. Thank you for your ongoing enthusiasm and participation!

Let's support our community as we strive and pray for a peaceful future.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

*Susan Lampen*

Sisterhood President



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## 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, NOVEMBER 7  
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**WEDNESDAYS:** 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Extended Social Hall,  
Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Cost: \$36 for 4 sessions

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

Participants will need to purchase a 2023 Mah Jongg card to use during lessons at

[nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://nationalmahjonggleague.org)

Cards come in regular and large print.

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



## BOOK CLUB



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
7:00 PM**

**Trust** by Hernan 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](mailto:lpfabry@gmail.com) or Angela Durand [gingerdurand@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerdurand@yahoo.com)

## WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY WITH CANTOR TIFANI COYOT

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 13**

AT CORAL GABLES HOME OF JILL BERMAN  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join Sisterhood and Cantor Tifani Coyot for a conversation about food, shame, and how spirituality can lead to recovery.

## MITZVAH MAKERS

1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of every month  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Meeting Room 3

We also welcome anyone who wants to be in community with others while working on your own personal projects. This group makes handmade items for the Rabbis to give out during a home or hospital visit to an ill member of our congregation or a newborn baby. Flowers are great but a useful gift is better. These are a few of the items that have been contributed to date: baby blankets, chemo caps, shawls, and bags that attach to a walker.

For more information and to join the email list contact: Anne Becker at [ajbwalks@aol.com](mailto:ajbwalks@aol.com)



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• CRAFTERS



# BROTHERHOOD

Welcome to all our new and existing Brotherhood members, and a special welcome to our newest Brotherhood Board member, Jacob (Jake) Zunamon. This exciting year is off to a wonderful start. I hope everyone had a great time at our opening event.

Our Monday Morning Minyan has begun! While Brotherhood is taking the lead to bring back this minyan, we invite our entire congregation to join us on Mondays at 8 AM. It's a great way to start the week! We need to set up a weekly schedule of volunteers to lead services. If you would like to participate, please email Ed Schwartz at [edschwartz56@hotmail.com](mailto:edschwartz56@hotmail.com) or Jeff Rosenberg at [jeffreyrosenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyrosenberg@gmail.com).

We are collecting books again for the Everglades Men's Correctional Facility. Additionally, we are organizing two tours for people at TBAM who have not yet had the opportunity to visit the facility. If you are interested, contact Jeff Agron at [jeffreyagrone@me.com](mailto:jeffreyagrone@me.com).

Next month we will have our annual Brotherhood Family Chanukah Party & BBQ. Stay tuned for details. We look forward to celebrating together.

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

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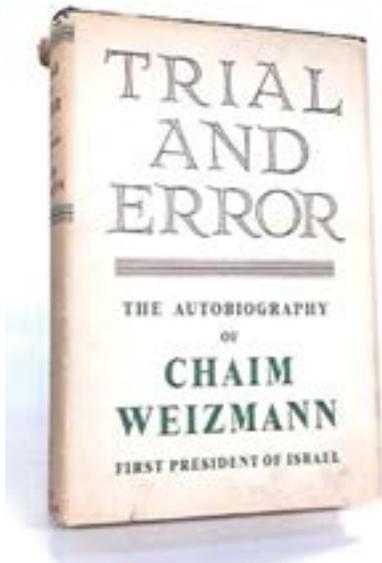
## SUNDAY SALON

**NOVEMBER 5, 10:30 AM**

CHAPEL, LEWIS FAMILY RELIGIOUS LIFE COMPLEX



Since this is the beginning of **Jewish Book Month**, and we will be celebrating books all month with the **Miami Book Fair** and the **Alper JCC Book Festival**, our get-together this morning will be all about books. We'll begin with the autobiography of **Chaim Weizmann**, who died on November 9, 1952. This presentation by Yoram Millman, is co-sponsored by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami.



### CHAIM WEIZMANN'S

autobiography is a highly personal account of his life in the Zionist movement. Book One, completed in 1941, covers 1874-1917, and Book Two covers 1918-1948. He was the first president of the new nation of Israel and was for decades the guiding spirit behind the World Zionist Organization. In addition to many books on this subject, we will be showing off some historic films of the establishment of the state of Israel, including the podcast "The Balfour Declaration: 67 Words that Changed the World." In fact, you too may wish to access the sources of premium educational resources about Israel and Judaism available on this website: [jewishunpacked.com](http://jewishunpacked.com)

## REMINDER TO VISIT OUR LIBRARIES



We welcome you all to our extraordinary library collection, which is now divided into three locations, all of which 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 2, 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.



# TIKKUN OLAM

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## COMING UP

### MAKE-A-MEAL FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FAMILIES NOVEMBER 5

Kickoff the giving season by preparing a home-cooked, Thanksgiving-inspired meal on-site and for 30 families at Ronald McDonald House. Coordinator **Judi Gampel**.

### JAFCO ANNUAL HANUKKAH TOY DRIVE NOVEMBER 1-27

It's that time of year again! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to TBAM, as a donation to the children of JAFCO. Toys can be brought to Phylcia's office before November 27, in the administration building, or dropped off by one of our toy drive boards in The Hub, Administration Building, or Rambam Day School. For more information please visit [tbam.org/toydrive](https://tbam.org/toydrive)

### MITZVAH MAKERS TBAM'S KNITTERS, SEWERS AND CRAFTER COMMUNITY NOVEMBER 7 & 21

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Make handmade items for the Rabbis to give congregants. MM meets every first and third Tuesday of the month in Meeting Room 3 (2nd floor), 10 AM-12 PM. Contact **Anne Becker** ([ajbwalks@aol.com](mailto:ajbwalks@aol.com)) for more info.

### MONTHLY TIKKUN OLAM ZOOM NOVEMBER 14

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

All are welcome! Every second Tuesday of the month on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 849 3055 2084; Passcode: 063149

### EVERYTHING BUT THE TURKEY NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM

Alper JCC, 11155 SW 112th Ave, Miami, FL 33176  
Help prepare more than 500 meals for those experiencing hunger during this annual Thanksgiving event. Families with younger kids will assemble dental hygiene kits and warm, fuzzy-winter kits.

RSVP by emailing **Lori Tabachnikoff**  
([ltabachnikoff@gmjf.org](mailto:ltabachnikoff@gmjf.org))

This event supports Miami Rescue Mission; Camillus House; Buddy System & CareMiami

### DONATE & DELIVER A HOME-COOKED MEAL TO CASA VALENTINA NOVEMBER 21

Please help us deliver a meal (home-cooked or bought!) for 15 at-risk and former-foster care youth at Casa Valentina. It happens every third Tuesday of the month. Do it one time or more!

For more info and get on the calendar, contact **Susan Malca** ([suzbow33@gmail.com](mailto:suzbow33@gmail.com))

### MITZVAH DAY 2024 SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Mitzvah Day is a huge effort that has ripple effects throughout the year. Be a part of this foundational and annual event by contacting [TOctbam@gmail.com](mailto:TOctbam@gmail.com) to get involved.

# Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

## CELEBRATE CHANUKAH IN THE TBAM GARDEN SANCTUARY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Together, we will:

- Tend & harvest our TBAM Garden
- Enjoy latkes, donuts & more around 10:45 am
- Create Chanukah Memories with your TBAM Garden friends!

Please bring an unwrapped children's holiday gift for donation to Voices For Children. Holidays are best, when shared! Bring your positive energy, closed toe shoes, sunblock and reusable water bottle for Garden work.

Questions, garden ideas and to kindly RSVP...Please contact us at [Garden@TBAM.org](mailto:Garden@TBAM.org)

EVERYONE  
IS WELCOME!  
JOIN US FOR THIS FAMILY  
FRIENDLY CHANUKAH  
MORNING!



## RAC-FL UPDATE RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER

The Temple Beth Am team has been busy collecting petitions through the holiday season to put reproductive rights on the ballot in Florida in 2024. Our group collected petitions at the book release event for Rabbi Barras, at the first day of Religious School, at the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Opening Events, and through Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Many thanks to our many great volunteers who are making it all happen.

Temple Beth Am been responsible for collecting more than 1,000 petition signatures. Overall, the coalition has collected more than 700,000 petitions out of a necessary 1 million.

We are part of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism – Florida (RAC-FL), which consists of over 30 active reform congregations in Florida, who have committed to gathering 80,000 valid petitions. RAC-FL is part of the statewide coalition, Floridians Protecting Freedom.

RAC-FL has engaged more than 550 team leaders from over 30 Florida congregational teams. We will continue to collect signatures through the end of December.

Never has Temple Beth Am and RAC-FL had such a robust infrastructure or engaged as many Floridians in social justice work. We are part of history in the making!

There is still time to submit a petition. You can scan the QR code below, print out the petition, fill in all of the information carefully and legibly, sign and return to the Temple Beth Am office.

If you would like to get involved, please reach out to **Judy Ratzan** at [rjratz@aol.com](mailto:rjratz@aol.com)

RAC-FL  
**Jeff Agron & Judy Ratzan**



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## A TEMPLE BETH AM ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE

On Yom Kippur, both Rabbi Barras and Rabbi Greengrass devoted their sermons to the ever-increasing rise of antisemitism in our country. In his sermon, Rabbi Barras hypothesized that the number of Americans who harbor xenophobic views is about 20%, while another 20% of Americans support freedom and equality for all. The middle 60% are the silent bystanders.

Our challenge is to move the 60% toward the 20% that do not have racist or xenophobic views. In his call to save the soul of our nation, he reminded us how quickly German democracy unraveled when Hitler came to power, allowing 99% of the population to blame all of Germany's post-WWI problems on the 1% Jewish population.

The goal of our unBIASed Antisemitism Initiative is to reach and move that other 60% to action. Although in its infancy, our program is working to create and nourish relationships with the "silent bystanders." This task is not easy, but we are gradually charting a path and making inroads. You can work with us by attending the events we are planning with our community partners and helping identify and enlist our non-Jewish neighbors to participate with us. Each of us has a pool of friends, colleagues, and neighbors to draw from. Your participation and outreach are the most valuable assistance you can give this cause. It is imperative that we share our culture and beliefs so our community understands who we are.

I am pleased to report that news about TBAM's unBIASed Initiative has been spreading. We have been called for information, and we have been called upon to partner with other groups. Recently, the AJC announced its latest step in helping implement the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, tapping more than 35 lay leaders from across the country to join the implementation task force. Because of Beth Am's leadership in this area, I was invited to participate and will proudly share our work with that group and carry new ideas back to Beth Am.

How fortunate we are as a congregation to have clergy that inspires us to dig deep and address wrongs as we see them. Thank you, Rabbi Jeremy Barras, for

promoting the concept of a continuing antisemitism initiative at Temple Beth Am. Thank you to Rabbi Aklepi, who attends all of our meetings and supports us in so many ways. And thank you to Rabbi Greengrass, whose Social Justice program at Beth Am is aligned with our unBIASed Antisemitism Initiative.

Warmly,

*Edith Osman*

Chair, Antisemitism Initiative,  
aka unBIASed



## MARCH IN UNITY

SUNDAY, NOV 5, 2023, AT 3PM  
MEET AT FREEDOM TOWER IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI  
600 BISCAYNE BLVD, MIAMI, FL 33132

Ends at The Underline  
SW 1ST AVE  
EVENT IS FREE



This is an opportunity to join our Miami community and further our efforts to improve our relationships with other groups experiencing discrimination. We hope to have enough TBAM members attend that we can rent a bus to and from the Freedom Tower. Mayor Daniella Levine Cava will be walking with the group. Please note that security will be present.



## JEW'S DON'T COUNT

During three recent sessions, Sisterhood's Cultural Competency group joined with our unBIASed Antisemitism Initiative to explore and discuss the ideas and principles of the book *Jews Don't Count* by British writer and comedian David Baddiel.

Baddiel questions why extremists on both the left and the right do not consider Jews to be members of a group that experiences racism and prejudice. He also wonders why Jews are dismissed as having experienced oppression and, at times, even considered the oppressor. In addition, he posits that Jews are also depicted as being less than human! Baddiel speaks about these age-old antisemitic tropes often held by those very people fighting for the oppressed.

In a world where microaggressions against other minorities are rightly taken seriously, macroaggressions against Jews don't count! Rabbi Jaimie Aklepi facilitated the highly spirited debates around these questions. Have you read this book? **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

## GOOD NEWS ON BLACK AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES FIGHTING HATRED TOGETHER

Recently, AJC announced the re-launching of the Congressional Caucus on Black-Jewish relations. Co-chaired by Representatives Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL), Nikema Williams (D-GA), and Wesley Hunt (R-TX), the caucus hopes to revive the long history of America's Black and Jewish communities fighting hatred and prejudice alongside one another.

TBAM supports the creation of alliances with Black and Jewish communities. Our Community Outreach committee is actively working on building cross-community alliances.

## JOIN US AT LETTERS FROM ANNE AND MARTIN

In furtherance of building alliances, the unBIASed Initiative, along with its community partners, is presenting a performance of the two-person show *Letters from Anne and Martin*. In the play, the actors read excerpts from *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* and Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letters from a Birmingham Jail* in which they both express their ardent belief in humanity despite their experiences facing hatred and oppression. The performance will be followed by a facilitated discussion and a dessert reception.

Join us in The Hub on December 4 at 7:00 PM. Generous sponsors have underwritten the cost of the performance so that we can provide this impactful production at no cost to attend, but registration is required. We invite members of our diverse Miami community to join us. This performance is appropriate for adults and students over the age of 12. Please bring your friends and family. For additional information see full-page ad on page 9.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Last month, President Biden instructed eight cabinet departments to extend civil rights protection to victims of antisemitism and other forms of religious bigotry.

In addition, U.S. Department of Education members are conducting a listening tour of college campuses around the country to understand the Jewish students' experiences regarding antisemitic acts.

These actions represent a significant expansion of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and are in keeping with the initiative against antisemitism announced by the President in May of this year. TBAM's unBIASed Antisemitism Initiative is aligned with the four pillars of the White House Strategy to Counter Antisemitism.

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE UNBIASED ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE.**  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST, CONTACT EDITH OSMAN @ EOSMAN@CARLTONFIELDS.COM

# A MESSAGE FROM *Our Sister Congregation*

Dear Friends at Temple Beth Am,

As I sit down to write this month's column (between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur), I wanted to take the opportunity to share the great news that following an invitation from Rabbi Jeremy Barras, I will be visiting Temple Beth Am this coming Chanukah, Thursday-Sunday, December 7-10, 2023! It's been five years since my last visit, and I'm very much looking forward to seeing old friends, making new acquaintances, sharing my experiences of "praying with my feet" at the protests to preserve Israel as both a Jewish and democratic state, and helping to deepen the connection between our two congregations.

My visit will include joining Temple Beth Am for Shabbat worship at "Glow Stick Shabbat" on Friday, December 8, attending the Saturday morning minyan on December 9, participating in programs with the religious school, and more. I would also be delighted to meet with any families who would like to learn more about celebrating a bat/bar mitzvah in Israel. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at [cantorevan@kharel.org.il](mailto:cantorevan@kharel.org.il).

With the holiday season in full swing, and having returned home this evening following a final planning meeting for Yom Kippur and then a protest in front of the American consulate (scheduled to run parallel to President Biden's meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu on the sidelines of the United Nation's assembly), I wanted to share one of the highlights so far which happened to be at the weekly Saturday evening protests across from the President's residence. Israelis' choice of noisemaker for these protests is a "zambura" (a loan word from Arabic), a very loud and obnoxious plastic horn that is very popular at soccer games. Being a cantor, I, however, chose to bring with me what I call the "biblical zambura," also known to us Jews as a shofar, with the added bonus that it would be a great way to practice leading up to the high holidays. So, two weeks ago, I was at the regular Saturday evening protest in Jerusalem. After having led our movement's Havdalah ceremony (attended by members of the five Jerusalem congregations attending the protest together with a growing number of "walk-ins"), I made my way closer to the main stage to hear one of the speakers



Cantor Evan Cohen, wearing the Israeli Reform movement's green protest shirt ("On behalf of Judaism, we will defend democracy"), blowing shofar on the main stage of the pro-democracy protest, September 2023.

whom I knew personally and also happened to be a fellow Reform Jew. There, I bumped into architect Moshe Shapira, a modern Orthodox Jew who is very involved in the same protests and also happens to be the architect for our sanctuary renovations. Like me, he also had a shofar in his hand, and so when recognizing me, he immediately called me over to join him and half a dozen other shofar blowers who were going to blow the shofar on the main stage near the end of the protest. And as we gathered behind the stage with us, there

were not only other male Orthodox shofar blowers but women as well! Noticing that I was surprised, Moshe told me that the point of "Habayit Hameshutaf" (English: "The Shared Home," which is the name of the main Jerusalem protest group) is that we're all in this together, despite our different approaches to religious practice. And that *davka*, each group should be represented here on the main stage. So it was, men and women standing together, from Orthodox to Reform, blowing the shofar as a wake-up call to all of Israel and asking for God's mercy at this critical time.

Only time will tell if our prayers to preserve Israel's democracy were answered. Still, as we all stood together for that brief moment, the prayer for a bayit meshutaf was indeed answered with a resounding and cacophonous yes! See you soon in Miami – *l'hitraot*,

**Cantor Evan Cohen**  
Kehilat Har-El, Jerusalem



# OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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

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

The Cease Fire Armistice of 1949 with the Arab nations did not end the ongoing challenges and changes that Israel had to face. In fact, it was the beginning of the first decade of being an independent nation. What were some of the immediate problems?

### Borders and Boundaries

It is important to remember that the cease fire agreements did not establish permanent boundaries. Egypt controlled the Sinai Peninsula and Gaza. Jordan controlled the territory called the West Bank of the Jordan River, and the ancient city of Jerusalem. Syria controlled the Golan Heights. Israel was able to hold on to the northern Galilee, the Negev, the Coastal Plain, and the road to connect to the new section of Jerusalem. They did gain some territory inland along the coastal plain, that made it safer for the communities. Still, from that border, it was nine miles to Netanyah. Israel continued to have attacks from Arab groups. The Syrians looked down on the Huleh Valley and Lake Kinneret, shelling and attacking the kibbutzim in that area. Palestinian camps in Gaza and the West Bank became breeding grounds for raids into Israel. They were called Fedayeen. Israel built a line of army nachal settlements along the borders in an attempt to keep the attacks from entering the interior settlements and the cities. Between 1951 and 1956, 1,300 civilian citizens were killed.

### Absorption of European Holocaust Survivors and Refugees from Arab Lands

Although the Yishuv, Jewish self-government under the British Mandate, had prepared for statehood, there was so much they had to do to absorb all the immigrants and at the same time, defend the security of the land. They faced enormous economic and social problems. How do you integrate the Jews from so many nations, with diverse cultural backgrounds and languages into a united nation? The financial assistance from Diaspora Jewish communities helped settle the new immigrants, giving them the basics of food, clothing, shelter, education and employment. New towns were built, agricultural settlements established, and desert areas reclaimed in the Negev to build kibbutzim. The big challenge was to teach everyone Hebrew as quickly as possible. The German Government agreed to pay Israel \$845 million in reparations to assist the 500,000 survivors. The estimate of Palestinian refugees who fled to Arab lands was around 700,000. The estimate of Jewish refugees from Arab lands was around 650,000, from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen.

### The Sinai Battle of 1956

In 1956 President Nasser of Egypt expelled the British from the

Suez Canal Zone. The British and French planned to retake the Canal. Russia supplied Egypt with troops and tanks as Egypt built airfields in Sinai and prevented Israeli ships from passing through the Straits of Tiran into the Gulf of Eilat. In eight days Israel had taken all of the Sinai Desert and its fortifications. Due to pressure from the United Nations and the United States, they were forced to withdraw, in exchange for a UN security guarantee of free passage through the Gulf of Aqaba. The UN also took control over Gaza and promised to control terrorist activities of the Fedayeen. From that time until today, Gaza continues to be a source of terrorism, especially now that Hamas is in control.

### The Causes that led to the Six Day War of 1967

From 1956 to 1967 Syria continued shelling the settlements of the Huleh Valley. In 1964 Jordan and Syria planned to divert the waters of the Jordan River so that Israel would lose the water supply. In May 1967 Nasser ordered the United Nations Force to leave Sinai and Gaza, and they did. This was a betrayal of the agreements from 1956. On May 20 Nasser concentrated 100,000 troops and 1,000 tanks at Israel's border. On May 22 he closed the Gulf of Eilat (Akaba) to Israeli ships. King Hussein of Jordan signed a pact pledging to support Egypt. Israel faced an Arab force of 200,000 men and 2,000 tanks and 700 fighter planes. The Western Countries and the UN did nothing. Israel began its defensive air attack, and within three hours destroyed 381 planes on the ground. By June 8, Israel had control of the entire Sinai, all the way to the Suez Canal.

Jordan joined the attack, shelling Jerusalem. Israel responded and pushed the Jordanians back to the Jordan River, taking control of Jerusalem and the territories called the West Bank. By June 10 Israel captured all of the Golan Heights from Syria. The results were extraordinary. Israel now had secure boundaries. The most important result was that Jerusalem became a united city, the old and the new. Mayor Teddy Kollek

*L'shalom,*

**Lenore Kipper**

## From the TBAM Archives: Highlights from the 1986 Commentators

A series of programs called "Varieties of Rabbinic Perspectives", was presented by Orthodox, Conservative, Chasidic, and Reform Rabbis.

A congregational Forum was held to discuss, "Can we give Sanctuary to illegal aliens and still be within the law?" Dr. Michael Zeldin of HUC-JIR was the guest speaker at services to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Day School. His theme was Securing the Jewish Future.

A celebration for Rabbi James Simon was held to honor his innovative time with Beth Am as Associate Rabbi. He moved on

to take a position as UAHC Regional Director for the Midwest. The Day School graduation celebrated 52 students from 6th grade. The Confirmation class celebrated 92 students. Rabbi Leonard Schoolman was appointed Associate Rabbi and he would become Senior Rabbi when Rabbi Baumgard retired. A Vatican Ambassador was a guest speaker. His topic was Israel and Vatican Relationship.

Sandy Sherman and Susan Shane (Linder) were appointed to lead all the Youth Singing Groups.



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# GIFT *of* MEMBERSHIP

Dear Temple Beth Am members,

A couple of months ago, Jews around Miami gathered to celebrate the New Year. This season of renewal reminds us, now and always, about our profound connection with the past and about our hopes for the future. I am writing today to thank you for your support this past year.

Increasing our membership will help increase our revenue, so I am asking you to please reach out to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to tell them about us. There are so many wonderful happenings here at Temple Beth Am. If nothing else, this holiday season reminds us of those who need to be invited to be a part of our community.

We would like you all to find an unaffiliated family who would appreciate being a part of our Temple Beth Am membership. The Chanukah season is approaching and what better gift to give, than a full membership to Temple Beth Am—valid now through June 2024. The cost of this “Gift of Membership” is \$118, all inclusive. Please order your personalized gift certificates with the recipient’s name written in calligraphy. The certificate will have your name at the bottom, and will be signed by Rabbi Barras. We will place it in a gift box wrapped in beautiful holiday ribbon and a special gift card from you.

If you know of a family or families who would like to be part of Temple Beth Am, please reach out to them...or better yet, I could call them! Please take a moment to look to those in your life who could find a place at Temple Beth Am. And, as always, know that your temple wishes you the best, surrounded by those you love!

With love,



**Rita Diaz**  
Membership Director  
rdiaz@tbam.org



# ★ 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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 Henry Arman\*  
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 Irving Biederman

Peggy Bieley\*  
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 Minnie Cole\*  
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 Dan Simanto Golinsky\*  
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 Claire Grufferman\*  
 Morris Harris  
 Sara Hazan  
 Nathan Hochman\*  
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 Norman Kantor\*  
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 Samuel Klein  
 Charlotte Gloria Koblenz\*  
 A Milton Koenig  
 Rosalie Kotkin Sidle  
 Carol Kresberg Reese  
 Ethel Kressel\*  
 Solomon Krug  
 Louis Kruglick  
 Sidney Lebowitz\*  
 Steven Levinson  
 Bernard Levinson  
 Louis Levinson  
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 Sheila Young

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 Beatty  
 Eva Beckerman\*  
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 Jack Cohen  
 Daniel Cravitt\*  
 Iris Cutler  
 Joseph Davis  
 Morris (Doc) Deutsch  
 Jack Diamond\*  
 Robert S. Dingfelder\*  
 Ida Dochen\*  
 Albert S. Dubbin\*  
 Jeannette Ehrenkranz\*  
 Mala Einspruch  
 Jay Matthew Epstein\*  
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 Sylvia First

Margaret Foster  
 Rebeca Freeman\*  
 Hinka Mechloutitz Freyer  
 Gloria Fried  
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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.
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3. Get organized for the journey.
4. Understand common mistakes to avoid.
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## **OUR SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON**

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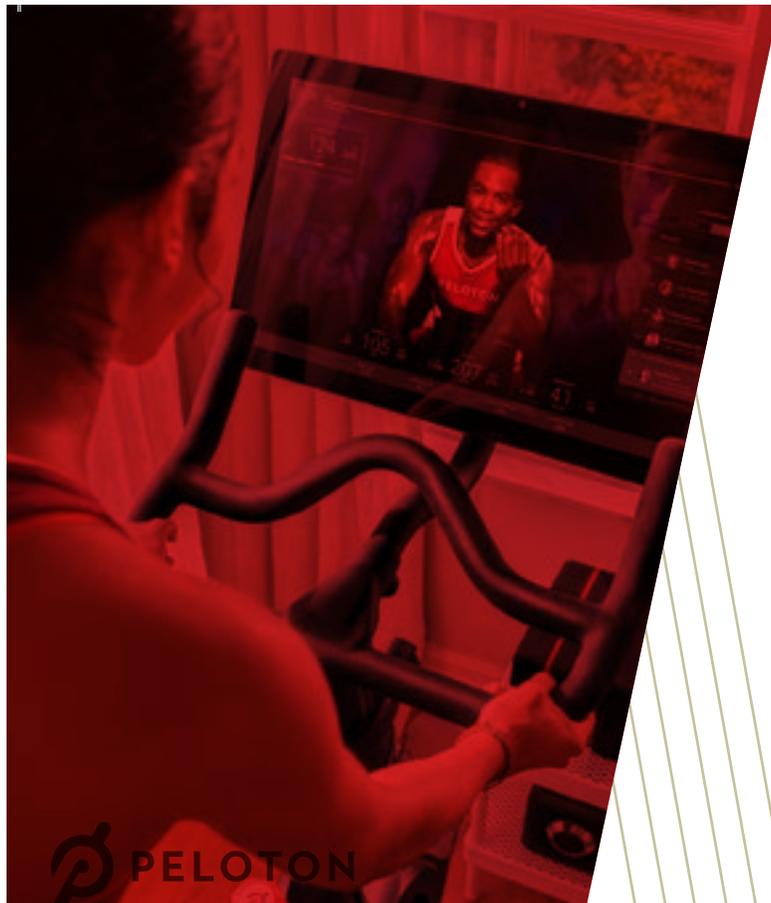
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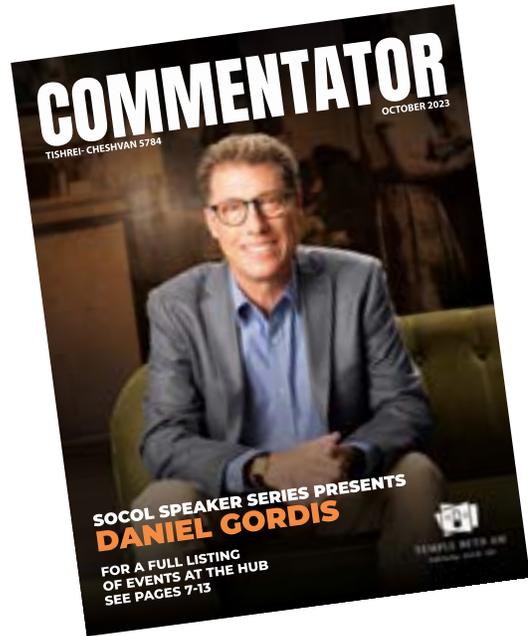
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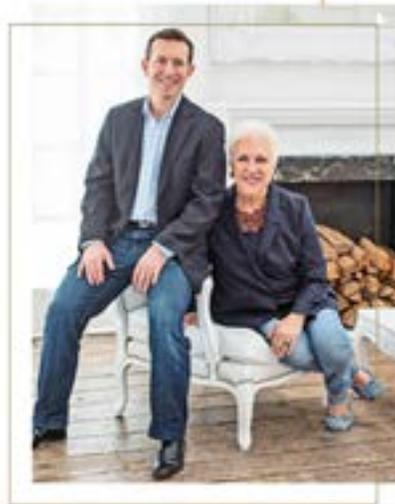
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