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# SHABBAT

J A N U A R Y 2 0 2 4 S E R V I C E S

## 25 TEVET FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat Services:  
Welcoming 2024



## 3 SHEVAT FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

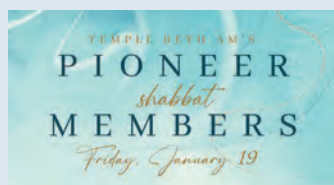
6:30 PM  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat  
Services



## 10 SHEVAT FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
L'Taken Chai/Pioneer Shabbat  
Services



## 17 SHEVAT FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

5:45  
How 'Bout Shabbat  
Paw Patrol



6:00 PM  
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship:  
Celebrating Nature

## 25 TEVET SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan



Parashat Shemot  
Exodus 1:1 – 6:1  
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13;  
29:22-23

## 3 SHEVAT SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM  
Conservative Minyan



10:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Kyla Bloom Lam

10:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Marisa Reina  
Beverley

Parashat Vaeira  
Exodus 6:2-9:35  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21

## 10 SHEVAT SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM  
Torah Study



10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM  
Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Shapiro

Parashat Bo  
Exodus 10:1 – 13:16  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 28

## 17 SHEVAT SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM  
Torah Study

9:00 AM  
Sensory Friendly Shabbat

10:30 AM  
Saturday Morning Minyan

5:30 PM  
Bar Mitzvah of Jesse Messinger

Parashat Beshalach  
Shabbat Shira  
Exodus 13:17 – 17:16  
Haftarah: Judges 4:4 – 5:31

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



## JEREMY BARRAS

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### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS, AND KADDISH

Amid the sadness of the war in Israel and the rise of global antisemitism, there has been a spark lit within our congregation. Like most Jewish communities in the world, recent events have galvanized us to count on each other for solace and consolation. Ever since my plea for every congregant to come to at least one Friday night service a month, we have seen a drastic rise in attendance. It is in synagogue on Shabbat where we have come to find each other, to lift one another up, and to share in the majesty and comfort of our tradition. Recently, our Soulful Shabbat services have taken off, and on Glow Stick Shabbat this past month we enjoyed a standing room only crowd! Seeing you all here on Shabbat has brought great energy and spirit to our services and has truly uplifted our whole clergy team.

It is our intent to make every service as spiritual, seamless, and spiritually and intellectually edifying as possible. One extremely vital component of our service, and one of the reasons that many congregants attend Friday nights, is to say Kaddish for loved ones. Because we are a historic and large congregation, our yahrtzeit list each week is very lengthy. Reading each of the names can sometimes take upwards of ten minutes. This adds considerable length to the service and can cause a break in our liturgical flow. For that reason, we have consulted with other large synagogues around the country to see how they deal with lengthy kaddish lists.

After much consideration, we have decided to implement a new system for our kaddish list:

- Each Friday night the kaddish list will be placed in the lobby at the door to the Sanctuary
- Anyone who would like a name read should circle the name they would like recited
- If not in attendance, congregants can call or email to request a name to be read in their absence
- A clergy member will read the entire list privately each Shabbat

It is our hope that like many other large congregations, this new system will allow everyone to hear the names they came to honor, but that reading the kaddish list will not take as long at the end of services. While I know this is a significant change to our past custom, I believe all our goals will still be met. Congregants will always hear the name they came to honor. All names will be read on Shabbat by a clergy member. And anyone can request a name to be read even if they cannot make it to services.

I am so thankful to you for making Shabbat service a priority. Each and every week when we come together, the energy we create sustains us for the rest of the week. We need each other now more than ever, and I am so proud that we are transforming Erve Shabbat at Beth Am into the moment of the week where our community joins together in prayer and spirituality.

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Jeremy Barras

## Lunch & Learn

with Rabbi Jeremy Barras



**COLLEGE CAMPUS ANTISEMITISM:  
ARE WE MAKING PROGRESS OR NOT?**

**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 9, 12:00 PM**  
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

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 JAIME AKLEPI  
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As we begin the new secular year of 2024, I wish everyone good health, moments of joy and peace. The new year is always a time for reflection and hope. As the war in Israel continues, we continue to pray for Israel's safety, security and the return of the hostages. In October, only a few days after the war began, I traveled with a wonderful group of people to Central Europe as part of our TBAM Tours initiative. Traveling with the Temple is a great way to create new relationships and enjoy friendships, learn together and experience Jewish life in new places. At first, we were concerned that we would encounter anti-Israel sentiments, but the opposite was true. We celebrated Shabbat at the Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest where we were introduced to Neo-Logue customs, a type of modern orthodoxy with separate seating for men and women but also an organ. The splendor of the building still stands yet the Jewish community struggles for support, cohesiveness, and identity. At the JCC in Budapest their creative arts director shared the ways they are strengthening the Jews of Hungary. Through Jewish cultural festivals, holiday celebrations, educational boxes for Shabbat and each holiday, families that have been separated from their Jewishness since WW II are coming back.

In other places, like Bratislava we saw the remnants of the Jewish community; where Jews once lived, cemeteries, etches in granite where the synagogue once stood. And in the center of town, we saw Israeli flags raised in solidarity. Central Europe is both beautiful and ugly for Jews. There are former ghettos and old towns with streets called "Jewish Ally," "Jewish Street," "Jewish Plaza." To mark a home where Jews lived prior to their deportation one can find "stumbling blocks," bronze squares on the sidewalk with the Jewish person's name and date of deportation. The idea is that people will see these names by chance and remember what once was. In Vienna, although the synagogue had been closed to visitors and worshippers alike since the beginning of the war, the front entrance of the synagogue was covered with the pictures of the Israeli hostages. In Linz, Austria we saw more Israeli flags, as well as armed guards by the door to the synagogue. There, in the synagogue that was built in 1968, the president of the community told her story and the continuing yet delicate story of the Jews in Linz.

Arriving in the Czech Republic our thoughts turned to what was, what happened and what is. The Talmud Scholar Judah Loew ben Bezalel known as the Maharal (Moreinu HaRav Loew) is one of the leading Jewish figures of Prague, kabbalah and the legend of the Golem, over 400 years after his death. There are six beautiful and unique synagogues in the Jewish area of Josefov, the Old New synagogue still holds services while they all make up the Jewish museum.

And on the wall that surrounds the cemetery were the posters of the hostages. About 30,000 Jews of the Czech Republic who returned after the Shoah left for Israel in 1948 and only a few thousand Jews live there now. Only an hour from Prague is Theresienstadt, which is made up of a fortress/prison and the ghetto which today has returned to a functioning town. The contrast from city to ghetto to city is overwhelming. The way to bear witness to the past and enjoy some beauty of the present is to experience it together as a community. Walking the line between an industry of Jewish Heritage Tourism and seeking glimpses of our families past can be sad and humorous at the same time. The spans of time where Jews were safe and flourished were not very long but they kept returning and rebuilding. As we look to a new year, may we look forward with hope and gratitude for our lives, and dedication and devotion to the Jewish people.

### Rabbi Jaime Aklepi





## RICHARD SIEGEL

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## THE HUB

After focusing outwardly on some pretty serious topics in recent articles, I thought I'd give myself (and you) a break this month and focus inwardly on our incredible campus – specifically, The Hub. According to Webster's, a "hub" is a center of activity, and I can think of no more appropriate name for our "Hub."

I have to admit that I'm on a "Hub high" as I write this having just attended the first (of what will be many) sold-out events at The Hub. Letters from Anne and Martin, presented by TBAM's unBIASed Initiative, was a moving and inspirational production that combined the iconic voices of Anne Frank (sourced from her Diary) and Martin Luther King, Jr. (sourced from his Letter from a Birmingham Jail) which, despite representing very different times and cultures, evoked similar themes as the two figures, both coincidentally born in the same year, speak of their hopes and dreams for a peaceful and unified world. I left the production in awe, both from the production itself, and from the fact that I witnessed it on our very own campus. I felt as if I was exiting from a hip, off-Broadway theater in New York, not from the same campus where I reflect so fondly on hearing my daughters singing about wanting to a tree on Tu B'Shevat!

If you have not visited The Hub yet, I implore you to do so. To paraphrase the adage, a visit is worth a thousand words (and I try to keep these columns at under 600 words). Even if there's nothing going on, you can sense the energy and potential of the space just by walking through its doors. From the beautiful stained glass in the lobby to the state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, when you're there, you know you're someplace special. Even treat yourself to something from the Top Nosh Café – the prices are reasonable (using Starbucks as your benchmark) and the profits go to a worthy cause!

As I recently heard a wise man say, irrespective of everything else that surrounds you, there are only three things that truly matter: the people, the people, and the people. And we are blessed to have extraordinary people making the dream of The Hub a reality. Ellen Rusconi joined us as Executive Director of The Hub prior to its opening. Ellen joined us from the Adrienne Arsht Center, where she was a Senior Director of Programming for many years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience programming for performing arts centers and, as evidenced by the first few months of The Hub's operation, we are in very good

hands. She is assisted by Andrea Kay, The Hub's Deputy Director who has done programming at TBAM for many years. Andrea's "TBAM cred" combined with Ellen's subject matter expertise creates a powerful force to make The Hub the special event space we envisioned it to be.

Now that I've whetted your appetite for The Hub, allow to capitalize on this excitement by highlighting a few events I'd encourage you to attend in the new year.

Gianmarco Soresi – January 18: As someone who spends a lot of time having a very bad sense of humor, I have deep admiration for professional comedians. Gianmarco, a Jewish-Italian standup from New York, is hilarious. Check out his set on The Late Late Show with James Corden from last year or tune into his podcast The Downside and you'll see why we're so happy to have him at The Hub.

Cantor Azi Schwartz – March 3: Cantor Azi Schwartz is the Senior Cantor of Park Avenue Synagogue in New York, and is a world-renowned vocal performer. He has performed at Madison Square Garden, the United Nations, Carnegie Hall and on Capitol Hill. While his accomplishments are numerous, I can think of no higher honor than the fact that he is my mother-in-law's favorite cantor! Don't miss your chance to hear Cantor Schwartz in our own backyard, thanks to the generous support of Melvyn and Carolyn Miller.

Aleeza Ben Shalom – March 6: Aleeza Ben Shalom is the renowned globe-trotting Jewish matchmaker, who has captivated audiences worldwide with her popular Netflix show, "Jewish Matchmaking." Beyond her impressive television career, Aleeza is a multifaceted professional, excelling as a matchmaker, dating coach, speaker and author.

In addition, new events are being added all the time to The Hub's calendar, so please check out The Hub page on TBAM's website to see what's coming up ([www.tbam.org/the-hub](http://www.tbam.org/the-hub)). Our community is very fortunate to have The Hub. It's the culmination of Rabbi Barras' vision of what our campus could be, and it exists only through the tireless support of so many people in our community. I hope to see many of you at The Hub – you won't regret it!

L'Shalom,  
**Rich**



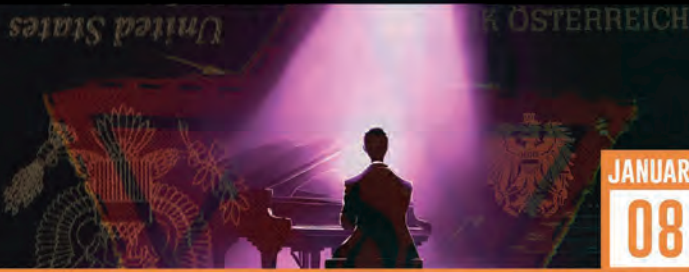


The Hub  
TEMPLE BETH AM

# HAPPENING AT THE HUB

## OLD WICKED SONGS

A conversation with playwright Jon Marans  
and artistic director Bari Newport



JANUARY  
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GABLESTAGE:  
OLD WICKED SONGS: THE PLAY I HAD TO WRITE

## MIAMI JEWISH FILM FEST

JANUARY 11-25 2024



JANUARY  
11-25

MIAMI JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL:  
CELEBRATE THE UNEXPECTED

The  
COMEDY  
ZONE



JANUARY  
18

COMEDY ZONE:  
GIANMARCO SORESI



JANUARY  
30

DR. EDITH SHIRO:  
THE UNEXPECTED GIFT OF TRAUMA



MARCH  
03

CANTOR AZI SCHWARTZ  
IN CONCERT



MARCH  
06

JEWISH MATCHMAKING WITH  
ALEEZA BEN SHALOM

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

Presented in partnership  
with GableStage & unBIASed

## OLD WICKED SONGS

### THE PLAY I HAD TO WRITE

A conversation with playwright  
Jon Marans and GableStage  
producing artistic director,  
Bari Newport

Monday

**JANUARY 8, 7:30 PM**

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

**TBAM.ORG/THEHUB**



Join GableStage producing artistic director Bari Newport in conversation with the playwright Jon Marans. As a college student studying in Vienna, Marans fell in love with the art and music of the city, but he became aware of Austria's insipid underlying antisemitism. His experience inspired *Old Wicked Songs*, his award-winning play set in 1986 right before Kurt Waldheim is elected president of Austria. The play focuses on a piano prodigy forced to learn Schumann's famous song cycle, *Dichterliebe*, with words by the brilliant Jewish poet Heinrich Heine. Marans and Newport will play recordings of *Dichterliebe* and discuss how this fascinating musical and lyrical blending is mirrored in *Old Wicked Songs*.



**Jon Marans** | Playwright



**Bari Newport** | Producing Artistic Director



Don't miss *Old Wicked Songs*  
at GableStage playing  
January 12 - February 4



# HAPPENING AT THE HUB



## MIAMI JEWISH FILM FEST

JANUARY 11-25 2024



**WHERE IS ANNE FRANK\***  
Saturday  
January 13, 7:30 PM  
Florida Premiere



**THE CITY**  
Saturday  
January 13, 7:30 PM  
North American Premiere

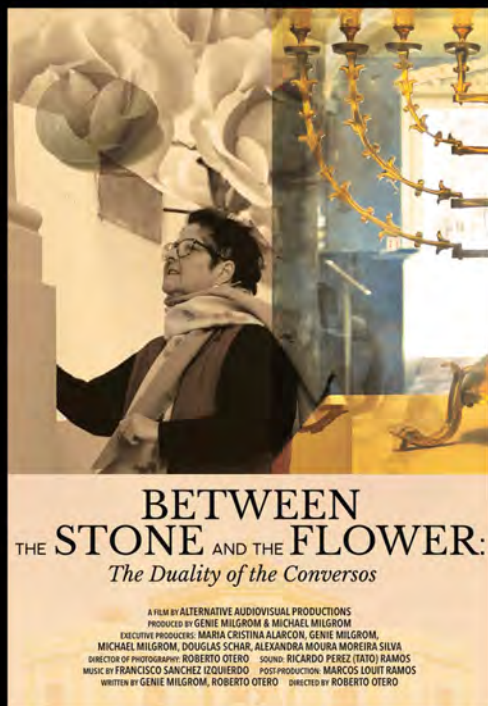


**THE CATSKILLS**  
Sunday  
January 14, 1:00 PM  
World Premiere



# MIAMI ♦ JEWISH ♦ FILM ♦ FEST

## JANUARY 11-25 2024



**BETWEEN THE STONE AND THE FLOWER**  
**Sunday, January 14, 3:30 PM**  
 World Premiere



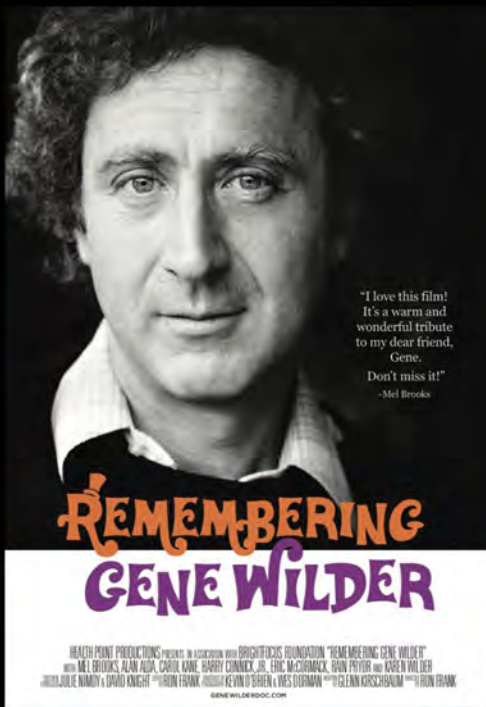
**SEVEN BLESSINGS**  
**Sunday**  
**January 14, 5:30 PM**  
 Southeast US Premiere



**KIDNAPPED**  
**Sunday**  
**January 14, 8:00 PM**  
 Southeast US Premiere



**VICTORY**  
**Monday**  
**January 15, 7:30 PM**  
 North American Premiere



**REMEMBERING GENE WILDER**  
**Saturday**  
**January 20, 7:30 PM**  
 Southeast US Premiere



**STAY WITH US**  
**Sunday**  
**January 21, 1:00 PM**  
 Florida Premiere



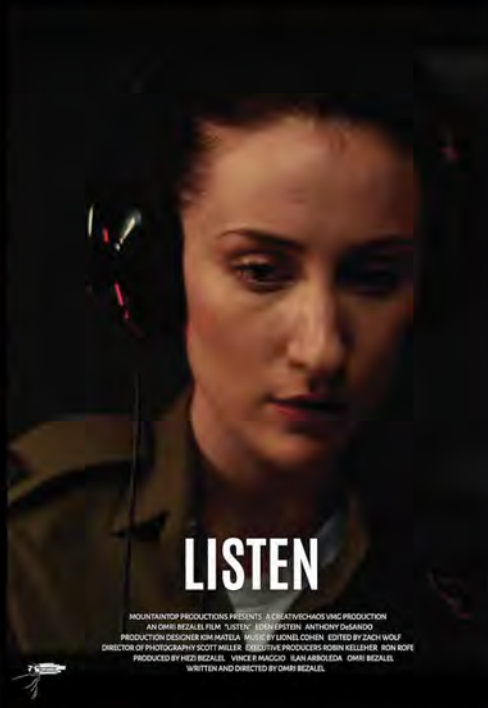


**MIAMI ♦ JEWISH ♦ FILM ♦ FEST**

**JANUARY 11-25 2024**



**AVENUE OF THE GIANTS**  
**Sunday**  
**January 21, 3:00 PM**  
 Southeast US Premiere



**LISTEN**  
**Sunday**  
**January 21, 5:30 PM**  
 US Premiere



**The Hub**  
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**\*WHERE IS ANNE FRANK**  
 will be shown outside in  
 The Lampen Sachar  
 Outdoor Cultural Life Center  
 at no cost.

All other movies will play in  
 The Frankel Family  
 Performing Arts Center,  
 The Hub

**GENERAL ADMISSION**  
**ADULT - \$15.00**  
**SENIOR (65 & OLDER) - \$14.00**  
**STUDENT - \$14.00**



**MY DAUGHTER MY LOVE**  
**Sunday**  
**January 21, 8:00 PM**  
 East Coast Premiere



**IRENA'S VOW**  
**Monday**  
**January 22, 7:30 PM**  
 Florida Premiere

Temple Beth Am members can  
 purchase tickets for screenings at  
 The Hub at a reduced rate of \$13  
 with (all lowercase) promo code:  
 betham2024

Promo code can be used online  
 through the box-office at  
 305-503-5182.



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# 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

**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 and 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).



## THE UNEXPECTED GIFT OF TRAUMA

Presented by Temple Beth Am in partnership  
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Jewish Federation

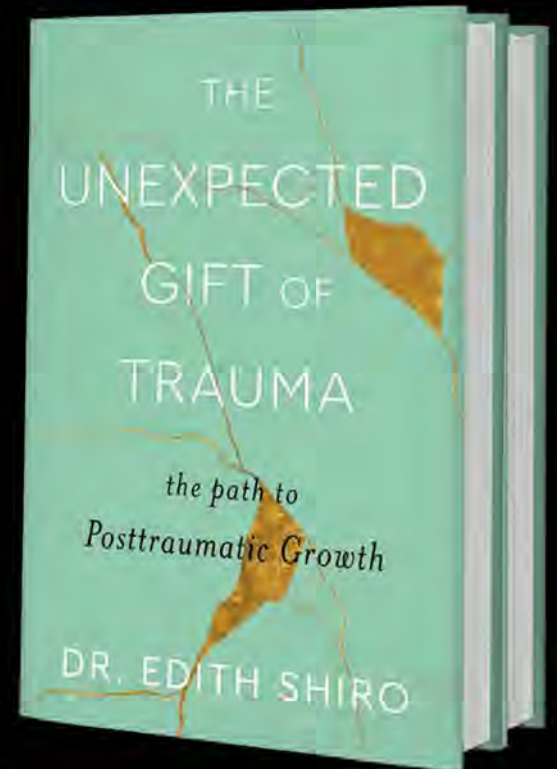
**TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 30, 7:30 PM**

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**TBAM.ORG/THEHUB**



Join us for an evening with Dr. Edith Shiro discussing her book, *The Unexpected Gift of Trauma: The Path to Posttraumatic Growth*, in which she shares her research and presents a framework to help people move through trauma and achieve posttraumatic growth.

You don't have to look far these days to see evidence of suffering. The disruption and civil unrest that is tearing communities apart have triggered deep-rooted collective as well as individual wounds. All of this is trauma, and it can live on intergenerationally in our bodies, our minds, and our communities.

And yet, while trauma has the power to destroy, it also has the power to transform, to become the catalyst for deep transformative healing. It does this through a powerful, little-known phenomenon called posttraumatic growth (PTG). Dr. Shiro offers a framework for understanding and moving through PTG. The five-stage process—Awareness, Awakening, Becoming, Being, and Transforming—gives people and communities a universal language and a structure they can use to make sense of their trauma, process it, grow from it, and ultimately transform their lives. The framework not only guides anyone experiencing the trauma, but it can also be a roadmap for their expert companions—organizations, therapists, mentors, sponsors, and even family members—to offer PTG as a possibility.

**Dr. Shiro will sign books following the conversation. Books will be available for purchase.**



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# HAPPENING AT THE HUB



In Concert

## CANTOR AZI SCHWARTZ

Sponsored by Melvyn and Carolyn Miller

Sunday

**MARCH 3**

**5:00 PM**

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$36 - \$72

**TBAM.ORG/THEHUB**

World-renowned cantor and vocal performer Azi Schwartz is bringing uplifting, inspiring music to our community. Deeply rooted in the rich tradition of Jewish liturgical music, his program transcends genres and style to bring new life to both favorites and hidden gems.

Cantor Azi Schwartz is the Senior Cantor of Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City and a celebrated vocal performer and recording artist with an astonishing online following. His music reaches both Jewish and interfaith audiences. Born and raised in Israel, Cantor Schwartz is passionate about bringing Jewish liturgy to wider audiences.

He has performed at Carnegie Hall, the United Nations, Madison Square Garden, the US Capitol Rotunda, and at Pope Francis' visit to New York. Don't miss your chance to see him at The Hub!



## JEWISH MATCHMAKING WITH **ALEEZA BEN SHALOM**

AS SEEN ON **NETFLIX**

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 6, 7:00 PM**

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$44 - \$65

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Aleeza’s expertise has earned her widespread recognition in the media. Her insightful relationship advice has been sought after by prestigious outlets such as BBC World News, NPR, Rolling Stone, People & Women’s Health.

► VIP tickets include a meet and greet with Aleeza!

► Join us after the program for a dessert reception sponsored by Hadassah.





# MLK SHABBAT

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Temple Beth Am is honored to welcome back our friends from St. Peters Missionary Baptist Church to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in song and worship, featuring the joyful music of the St. Peters choir and the inspiring words of Reverend Robert Brooks.

**6:00 PM Pre-Neg**  
**6:30 PM Shabbat Service**  
**7:45 PM Dinner**

Social justice is a cornerstone of Reform Judaism, and on this Shabbat before MLK Day, we invite you to join us for a meaningful evening to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King as we look to a future guided by his principles of social action.

**DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;  
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT.  
HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE, ONLY LOVE  
CAN DO THAT.**

**- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**Join us immediately after  
services for a festive  
Shabbat dinner with our  
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to RSVP visit [tbam.org/mlkshabbat](https://tbam.org/mlkshabbat)



TEMPLE BETH AM'S  
**PIONEER**  
*shabbat*  
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*Friday, January 19*

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AS WE HONOR  
PIONEER MEMBERS, 37-69 YEARS AND COUNTING!**

It is with great pleasure that we  
welcome each of our Pioneer  
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Celebrate together a special shabbat  
service where a blessing will be  
offered in their honor. Reconnect  
with old friends and take this  
opportunity to chat with your Clergy  
and Temple community.

**6:00 PM**

Pre-neg- Meet and greet

**6:30 PM**

Shabbat Service

**7:45 PM**

Dessert Oneg

RSVP is a must!

[tbam.org/pioneers](http://tbam.org/pioneers)

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**\*PIONEERS, PLEASE CHECK IN BY 6:15 PM**







# HOW 'BOU SHABBAT

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 26, 2024  
5:45 PM**

**TEMPLE BETH AM WELCOMES ALL OF YOUR PAW PATROL FRIENDS,  
SKYE, MARSHALL, CHASE, RUBBLE ROCKY AND ROBO DOG!**

Enjoy a fun family Shabbat with Rabbi Rachel Greengrass and Cantor Tifani Coyot. This will be a special Paw Patrol evening. A delicious catered dinner by Michael Meltzer, a wine bar for parents and grandparents, a special arts and crafts project for our little ones and special photo props for you to always remember this Shabbat with your family.

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**Dinner \$26 Adults | Children \$15**

**RSVP A MUST: [TBAM.ORG/PAWPATROL](https://tbam.org/pawpatrol)**



# *Sensory Friendly* **SHABBAT**

TEMPLE BETH AM

**SATURDAYS,  
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**JANUARY 27, 2024  
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# FAMILY FRIENDLY SHABBAT

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO SPEND SHABBAT TOGETHER  
WITH YOUR TBAM COMMUNITY!**

**5:30 PM - DINNER**  
**6:30 PM - SERVICE**

Our family-friendly Shabbat services will feature students in our **Day School** and **Religious School** showcasing their Jewish education and love of *tefilah* as they lead us in this abbreviated, interactive musical service. All families are welcome to join us for a dinner catered by Michael Meltzer with fantastic food, wine and beverages.

**REGISTER FOR MULTIPLE DINNERS AND SAVE!**  
**[TBAM.ORG/FAMILYSABBAT](https://tbam.org/familysabbat)**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FEBRUARY 2** - 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade

**MARCH 8** - 3<sup>RD</sup> Grade

**APRIL 12** - 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade

**MAY 3** - 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade & Teacher  
Appreciation

**MAY 17** - Kindergarten & Israel  
Celebration





# DAY SCHOOL



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

HEAD OF SCHOOL  
NANDERSON@TBAM.ORG

This month, we celebrate Tu BiSh'vat, a special holiday in the Jewish calendar that honors the beauty of nature and the environment. At Rambam Day School, Tu BiSh'vat is not only a time to learn about the significance of trees but also an opportunity to instill the values of tikkun olam, the Jewish concept of repairing the world. This unique combination of environmental awareness and social responsibility creates a meaningful educational experience for students, fostering a strong connection to both their heritage and the world around them.

Tu BiSh'vat falls on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. Traditionally, it marks the "birthday" of trees, symbolizing the changing seasons and the renewal of life in nature. The holiday is a platform for our students to explore the deep connections between Judaism and environmental stewardship. We emphasize the importance of caring for the Earth and the prohibition against unnecessary waste. These lessons provide a foundation for understanding the Jewish perspective on environmental responsibility.

Tikkun Olam, translated as "repairing the world," is a fundamental concept that encourages individuals to actively engage in acts of kindness, justice, and social responsibility. One of the most important components of having a values-based education is putting those values into practice during the school day and beyond. Our Tikkun Olam initiative pairs a social justice cause with each grade level and gives the children access to issues through specific community partnerships. In fact, first grade is focusing on the environment throughout the year for their social justice project. They are not only learning about environmental conservation but are also exploring ways to contribute positively to their communities and the world.

Beyond environmental considerations, tikkun olam encourages students to think holistically, understanding that the well-being of communities is intertwined with the planet's health. This lesson prompts students to reflect on the impact of personal choices on others. Furthermore, students develop a sense of personal responsibility for contributing positively to the world by exploring individual reflections and commitments. Tu BiSh'vat allows students to internalize the principles of tikkun olam, fostering a mindset that extends beyond the classroom and into their daily lives.

Another component of Tu BiSh'vat is the Tu BiSh'vat Seder, a meal in which participants typically enjoy fruits and grains from the seven species for which the land of Israel is praised in the Bible: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. This connects our students to the land of Israel by combining spiritual elements, highlighting the renewal and rejuvenation of nature, and emphasizing Israel's agricultural transformation and environmental stewardship. And right now, we desperately need this connection—a cultural and historical link deepening our relationship with our Jewish heritage.

Tu BiSh'vat serves as a lens through which Jewish day school students can grasp the connection between tikkun olam and caring for others through sustainable practices. Its celebrations connect students to their Jewish heritage and inspire them to embrace a sense of responsibility for the world they inhabit, creating a generation of informed and socially conscious individuals.







## SPRING SEMESTER 2024 INFANT & EARLY TODDLER CLASSES ON CAMPUS THROUGH OUR BABY BLUE J'S PROGRAM.

Please check our website  
to see our current course offerings  
and to get registered.

**TBAM.ORG/BABYBLUEJS**

### BABY AND ME

#### 8-WEEK SEMESTER

Beginning Wednesdays, January 24

0-12 months class at 11:00 AM

12 months and older at 9:00 AM

We invite children birth to 24 months along with a parent or caregiver to join us for a weekly hands-on learning experience that will integrate gross motor skills, sensory integration, music, play and more!

### JAM WITH JAMIE

#### 8-WEEK SEMESTER

For children 0 - 36 months

Classes Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

Join us for a weekly interactive musical experience with a new theme each week: Blast Off, Under the Sea, Rainbow Colors, Animal Adventure, A-B-C, 1-2-3, Love and Friendship, Zoom Zoom and Rock and Rock 'n Roll party. Enjoy prop and instrument play, movement, story time, parachute and bubbles. Are you ready to JAM? Say OH YEAH!

### BABY AND ME SWIMMING WITH MOVEMENT WORKS

#### TWO 4-WEEK SESSIONS

1- Starting April 4

2- Starting May 2.

Classes are held on Thursdays at 9:30 AM

In this class, especially designed for a caregiver and child (don't worry, the pool is heated!), we take things slow. You will learn all sorts of ways to engage in the water, making your child feel safe and secure while having fun in the water!

This class is limited to five children and caregivers at a time.





# AFTER SCHOOL

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

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

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THE QR CODE  
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Join us for the most epic fundraising event of the year – YERS LIVE! Superbowl Shabbat , as we transform the Lampen Sachar Outdoor Cultural Life Center into the ultimate tailgate zone following YERS Shabbat service. Imagine an evening brimming with games, delectable dinner, and endless fun – all for a great cause.



**ADULTS - \$54 | YOUTH (5-18) - \$22 | KIDS (4 & UNDER) - FREE**  
**FAMILY PACKAGE - \$250 (INCLUDES 2 ADULTS AND UP TO 3 CHILDREN)**



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The Poyastro Family Athletic Center indoor basketball court is the home of the Beth Am Basketball League, the largest temple-based basketball league in the country. This beautiful brand-new climate-controlled court, opened in April, 2023, is available to rent for limited timeslots each week.

Rental price includes gate security and free parking for as many as 20 cars. Discounted rates are available for Temple Beth Am Members and for not-for-profit groups.

An adjacent outdoor basketball court is also available to rent.

**FREE SECURE PARKING  
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Sunday: 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 10 AM

Monday - Thursday: 8:40 PM – 9:40 PM





## **SPRING SESSION NOW OPEN**

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



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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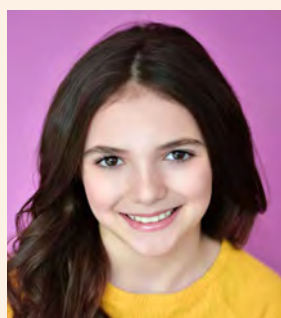


# MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



**NATHANIEL LEVY**  
**JANUARY 10, 2024**

Nate is a 7th grade student at The McGlannan School. A thoughtful, kind and fun-loving son, brother, and friend, Nate is always up for an adventure. When he is not playing basketball, Nate can be found attending a Dolphins or Miami Heat game. His parents, Darra and Spence, and his sister, Naomi, are beyond proud of him and can't wait to celebrate his special day.



**KYLE LAM,**  
**JANUARY 13, 2024**

Kyla is a 7th grade Drama Magnet student at Southwood Middle School who loves musical theater, dance, and drawing. When not performing, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and of course, her dog. For her Mitzvah project, Kyla collected allergy friendly and organic food for those in need. She is also selling products featuring her art to raise funds for anxiety reducing "Kyla Kits" that will be donated to pediatric cancer patients. Her parents, Brooke and Jeff, and sister, Brenna, are very proud of all of her accomplishments and are excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.



**MARISA BEVERLEY**  
**JANUARY 13, 2024**

Marisa is a 7th grader at Gulliver Prep, and a proud graduate of Rambam Day School. Marisa enjoys baking, shopping, traveling, and hanging out with her friends. Marisa is a wonderful student. Her parents, Marcia and Mark and her sister Sarah, are very proud of Marisa and we are very excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah!



**DYLAN SHAPIRO**  
**JANUARY 20, 2024**

Known for his strength of character, work ethic, and excellence in math, Dylan is the recipient of Gulliver Prep's 2023 Middle School Leadership Award and the 2022 Math Award. Dylan is an all-around athlete who enjoys baseball, football, and volunteering for ecological causes. His mitzvah project, participating in the Atala Foster Program, seeks to rescue the Atala Butterfly population from extinction by planting native coonties and nectar plants and relocating larvae. We are so proud of him!



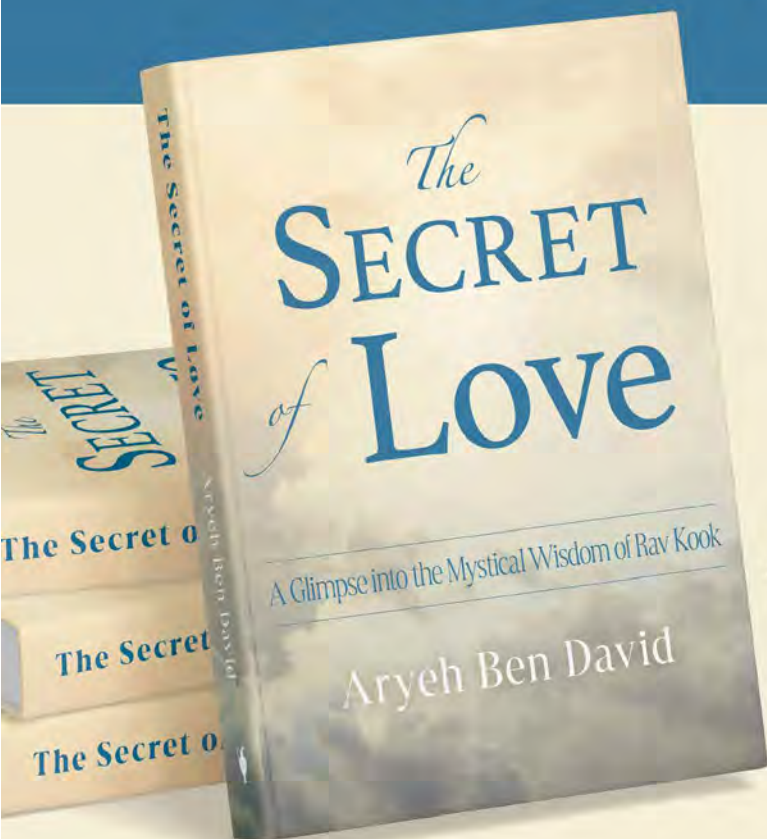
**JESSE MESSINGER**  
**JANUARY 27, 2024**

Jesse is a 7th grade student at Palmetto Middle School. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and is on the Palmetto Middle School basketball team. He loves playing and watching all kinds of sports and loves music. He is a great friend, brother, son and grandson. His parents Kelli and David, older brother Myles and the rest of his family are very proud of him and his accomplishments and look forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah.



# Reading with the Rabbi

## with Rabbi Greengrass



### THE SECRET OF LOVE

by Aryeh Ben David

Starting Tuesday, January 16  
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12:00 PM-1:30 PM  
Meeting Room 3

Could the Torah be a source of Endless Love? Rav Kook, the first chief rabbi of Israel taught that Torah could help us to feel love in every aspect of our lives. Join Rabbi Greengrass for a slow read of Aryeh Ben David's book, "The Secret of Love" and maybe you will fall in love.

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## SHARONE LEVI

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SLEVI@TBAM.ORG

Over Thanksgiving break, members of our Temple Beth Am community and I visited Poland on a Holocaust and Heritage trip. This was a truly powerful experience that was deeply personal to me. Visiting the concentration camps was an emotional aspect of the trip, yet it was so important. Standing strong in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, and Majdanek, our group honored the memory of the six million plus victims. As we know, the Nazis were not successful in their genocide of the Jewish people. This serves as a strong affirmation. Unfortunately, we are now seeing a similar act of hate repeating itself with the horrific events that occurred on October 7 in Israel.

It was beautiful to see multiple generations of temple congregants come together. We learned about the origins of antisemitism, which can be traced back to the 1600s. One of the most moving parts of the trip was visiting the vanished Tykocin Jewish community. In 1941, the Germans took over and eliminated all of Tykocin's Jews in the nearby forest of Łopuchowo. Gone, but not forgotten.

I want to give a big shout-out to Tamara Donnefeld. Sometimes, after working with someone for so long, it's somehow easy to forget how good they are at what they do. Tamara was absolutely outstanding with the

messaging, education, and knowledge. By the same token, I also want to thank Mel Mann for his support and logistical help during the trip.

I believe that every member of Temple Beth Am should be afforded the opportunity to experience firsthand the transformative power of this journey. To make this accessible for all, I am establishing the "Holocaust and Heritage Fund," which will subsidize costs for future trips. This initiative will enable every member to appreciate the significance of this powerful, meaningful, and spiritually enriching Holocaust and Heritage trip.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the trip to Poland. This journey has meant so much to me, and I know it profoundly impacted us all. Our time in Poland and the experiences we had really drove home the importance of remembering the past and continuing to fight against hate and prejudice.

Am Yisrael Chai

As they say in Israel:

TOGETHER WE WILL WIN

ביחד ננצח

Sharone Levi





# IF TREES COULD TALK

By Cameron Gussin

In the middle of the Lopuchowo forest in northeastern Poland, I listened to the chilling story of the extermination of an entire small town called Tykocin. Two thousand children, mothers, fathers, and elders all marched to their deaths after the invasion by the Nazis in August of 1941. No one survived to tell their story, but the trees watched it all: the crying, shock, despair, torture, and realization of the end of so many beautiful lives. I walked alongside my mother and grandmother in the subzero weather, impossibly trying to imagine children walking with their mothers, knowing death was inevitable. The horror is inconceivable; and yet, it happened.

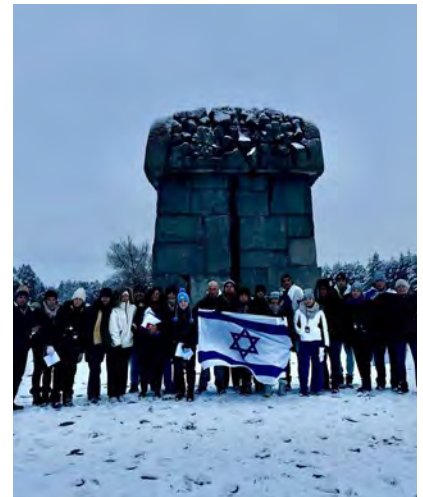
I do not recall the first time I learned about the Holocaust. Rather, it has always been embedded in my soul through my family's history. I hear stories about my resilient great-grandma – the woman whose name I was given, and whose eyes and laugh are now mine. She miraculously survived the Holocaust and lived to share her story through generations, despite unimaginable grief, serving as a reminder to never forget the past.

While it may be cliché to say we must learn history so it doesn't repeat itself, truer words have never been uttered. Primo Levi wrote, "It happened, therefore it can happen again." As a student of history, it is my responsibility to ensure this doesn't happen. I spent a week in Poland retracing historical events and walking in my namesake's

footsteps to gain a greater understanding of the importance of studying history. Learning history allows society to grow from its mistakes and to develop into a more understanding, compassionate world. Without this knowledge, the same tragedies that occurred in the past may continue to reoccur. Looking back for a week and visiting places "frozen" in time reaffirmed the importance of learning history so that it may never be forgotten.

However, I am dismayed by the horrors of what is being repeated 80 years later. Today, the world struggles to find peace, constantly stuck in a place where no one seems able to find a solution. I want to process the information I'll learn to utilize it in real life, to contribute to a moral and thriving community that seeks to never repeat the disasters of the past. Through a dedication to continue learning diverse perspectives of history, I aspire to ignite change that encourages people to become active voices who advocate to improve society. We must remember our history, the storybook of the world, the timeline of our past, and all the events that led to this moment. This proves the only way to learn and to grow.

I carry on the name of a Holocaust survivor, bearing the responsibility to remind the world of the past and to work to ensure society never repeats its atrocities. The trees may not be able to talk and share their history, but we can and we must.



## TBAM TOURS

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2024 POLAND TRIP?

Registration opens on January 15.

Informational Zoom Meeting 1/10, 6PM

For details and zoom link, please email Lisa Reichert at [lreichert@tbam.org](mailto:lreichert@tbam.org)



# unBIASed

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## A TEMPLE BETH AM ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE

### A PERSONAL STORY OF THE HOLOCAUST

This Thanksgiving was like no other! After all, three generations of my family joined Beth Am's first intergenerational Holocaust study trip to Poland during Thanksgiving week. The six of us planned a separate visit to Riga, Latvia, my mother's hometown, at the end of the group trip.

Antisemitism was a recurring theme throughout my childhood. As newlyweds, my parents had escaped from Latvia just one year before the Nazis brutally murdered their families. For their entire lives, my parents struggled with the knowledge that they were the sole survivors of their families. We grew up understanding the fears and warnings about a recurrence of antisemitism.

As an adult, I have become obsessed with the Holocaust and how the world stood by and let it happen. That is perhaps the reason I agreed to chair the unBIASed antisemitism initiative at Temple Beth Am.

An intimate group of 21 brave souls participated in the journey to Poland, each with their own connection to antisemitism. We toured the villages in which Jewish people lived, the places they hid, the labor camps, the killing fields, and the extermination camps. We coupled these visits with readings from survivors, bringing the past alive. One heart-wrenching story after another, one day after another; three generations were all trying to understand how this could have happened.

My family flew to Riga on Thanksgiving morning. Sub-freezing temperatures and snow greeted us in Riga. There was no Thanksgiving dinner waiting for us, but Riga is a beautiful city, and it turned out to be the key to the information I have long sought.

While antisemitism was present as my mother grew up, there was a coexistence of sorts between Jews and non-Jews. My Jewish family was cultured and educated, and from what I could see, they lived lives very much like we live today. Yet, as soon as the Germans occupied Latvia, antisemitism turned into a cruel and barbaric vehicle for torture and murder. In Riga, it started with setting the main synagogue of the city on fire with 300 people inside.

I was searching for answers about what had actually happened to my family. In my earlier trips to Yad Vashem and Birkenau, I searched for my family's names in the hall of names to no avail. But nothing prepared me for what I would find in Riga. At the Museum of the Riga Ghetto, I found a dozen names of both my mother's and my father's family on their wall of names. In

addition, I hired a genealogist who found some information and took us to the archives on Friday morning. There, I reviewed family records dating back to 1829. There were pictures of people I never knew, along with names of the cities in which they were born and lived. There were visa and passport applications that wove together a story of their lives.

My mother seemed to know that her mother and 13-year-old sister were part of the first round-up of Jews in November 1941 who were marched out to the Rumbali forest and shot into mass graves. But she was never certain if her father was killed at Rumbali; in fact, she had heard stories that he survived much of the war. We finally learned that he was kept alive for another three years because he was of use to the Nazis, only to be exterminated at Dachau four months before the camp was liberated. We visited and said Kaddish at the snow-covered memorial at the killing fields at Rumbali and the graves of my great-grandparents in the old Jewish cemetery in Riga.

I left Riga with a great deal of sadness but also a feeling of closure and finality. I am so grateful to Beth Am for providing me with this experience and giving me even more inspiration to fuel the unBIASed fight against antisemitism.

Warmly,

*Edith Osman*

Chair, Antisemitism Initiative,  
aka unBIASed





## BUILDING BRIDGES

The Florida Council of Churches held an interfaith service at the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Overtown on November 13, 2023. The President of the Council invited unBIASed, a Temple Beth Am Antisemitism Initiative, to participate in their program because of our mutually aligned objectives and goals. Joe Jacoby, a member of our Initiative's Executive Committee, was invited to read Psalm 133 at the service. On the following day, Rabbi Greengrass made a presentation about unity and community based on the Torah. The interfaith service was well attended by clergy of diverse faiths and many African American leaders. We look forward to our continued partnership with The Florida Council of Churches as we move forward with the important work of unBIASed.



## THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

Temple Beth Am was honored to host this year's Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Cantor Rachelle Nelson coordinated the service in partnership with synagogues and churches across Miami. "I wanted to breathe new life into the interfaith service, particularly at this stressful time, and felt everyone would benefit from this comraderie" said Cantor Nelson. She succeeded!

A 55 person choir was assembled from area temples and houses of worship to share in song and prayer. Despite the pouring rain, over 200 people gathered to celebrate our differences and beliefs and left with a new found feeling of unity and friendship!



Presented in partnership with GableStage & unBIASed

### OLD WICKED SONGS THE PLAY I HAD TO WRITE

A conversation with playwright Jon Marans and GableStage producing artistic director, Bari Newport

**Monday, January 8, 7:30 PM**

The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center, The Hub

**TBAM.ORG/THE HUB**

Old Wicked Songs at GableStage plays January 12 - February 4.



**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE UNBIASED ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVE.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST, CONTACT EDITH OSMAN @ EOSMAN@CARLTONFIELDS.COM



# Dear Sisters & Friends



Dear Sisterhood Members and Friends,

Happy New Year. May 2024 bring us peace for Israel and all of those suffering in our world. Empathy and compassion are the current words and behaviors suggested for promoting healing of our spirits and souls. Sisterhood and TBAM are offering several programs in the next months to help in this process. Please review our Commentator and RSVP to what speaks to you. The connectivity that you will experience attending has the potential for self-exploration and community building. We look forward to spending meaningful time with you.

It is not too late to join Sisterhood for the 2023-2024 season: [tbam.org/joinsisterhood](https://tbam.org/joinsisterhood).

Warmly,

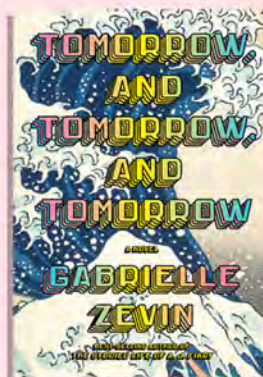
*Susan Lampen*

Sisterhood President



## Sisterhood Events

### BOOK CLUB



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 7:00 PM**

**TOMORROW, TOMORROW AND TOMORROW** by Gabrielle Zevin

In this exhilarating novel, two friends--often in love, but never lovers--come together as creative partners in the world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality.

Discussion to be facilitated by Ivy Ames.

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

### BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM**

Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
All Sisterhood members welcome





# Sisterhood Events

## JOIN US FOR THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF PROGRAMS ENTITLED **APPROACHING DEATH WITH DIGNITY AND COMPASSION**

### **LAST FLIGHT HOME**

**JANUARY 17**

6:00-6:25 PM light snacks served

6:30 PM Program starts

The Hub

Temple Beth Am will screen the award-winning documentary, Last Flight Home, followed by a facilitated discussion.



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

## **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.

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

### **MITZVAH MAKERS** is looking for members:

- KNITTERS
- SEWERS
- CRAFTERS



## **SISTERHOOD/BROTHERHOOD ART EXHIBIT**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Join us for a Sisterhood/Brotherhood Art Exhibit at Pioneer Shabbat. Artists, talented members of TBAM's Sisterhood and Brotherhood, will be present during the pre-neg and oneg to chat with you about their creative process.



## **FINDING OUR VOICES: BUILDING AWARENESS AND INCLUSIVITY WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY**

**FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

At Temple Beth Am

Noshes served 6:30 PM

Program begins at 7:00 PM

Our Jewish values direct us to **Love your neighbor as yourself**. Why is it so hard to accept people as they are? Join us in partnership with Keshet for an experiential and educational evening.

Open to the community.

No cost but RSVP required: [tbam.org/LGBTQ](http://tbam.org/LGBTQ)



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# TRY YOUR HAND AT YOUR FAVORITE GAME, SHOP FOR A TREASURE AT THE BAZAAR

Have a drink and enjoy dinner catered by  
Michael Meltzer

WEDNESDAY  
**FEBRUARY 7**

**5:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex  
at Temple Beth Am

**COME TO MINGLE, COME TO PLAY**

Play Mah Jongg, Canasta, Rummikub and  
a host of board games.



**PLAYER \$54**



**MAVEN \$118\***

\*MAVEN ticket includes 100 raffle tickets  
and exclusive door prize opportunity

Sponsored by Sisterhood in support of Rambam Day School Scholarship  
Fund, YERS and American Friends of Magen David Adom.

G A M E S

**BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

**REGISTER AT  
TBAM.ORG/GAMENIGHT**







# BROTHERHOOD

Many people this time of year make resolutions to do or not to do something for the upcoming year. The Brotherhood would like to put positive thoughts out into the world for international, national, and local peace, fellowship, respect, and helping others.

This coming year, Brotherhood is excited about partnership programs with other auxiliary groups and organizations such as Sisterhood, Tikkun Olam, YERS, Sunday Salon, Latin Connection, Exchange for Change, Everglades Men's Correctional Facility, and others under development.

Looking forward to a wonderful year.

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

*Join Our*  
**BROTHERHOOD**  
tbam.org/brotherhood



## DONATE BOOKS FOR THE EVERGLADES MEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

DROP OFF GENTLY USED  
BOOKS AT THE TEMPLE BETH  
AM OFFICES.

Our first visit to the Men's Correctional Facility will be Monday, February 12, 2024 from 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM through Exchange for Change. Those who have visited in the past have felt it to be a powerful and most worthwhile experience. To participate, please contact me at [jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com).

## MONDAYS, 8:00 AM

Chapel,  
Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

## MONDAY MORNING MINYAN

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If you would like to participate or volunteer to lead services, please email Ed Schwartz at [edschwartz56@hotmail.com](mailto:edschwartz56@hotmail.com) or Jeff Rosenberg at [jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com)

# GUITAR LESSONS

*From Billy Whitman*

**JANUARY 11, 18, 25, FEBRUARY 1**

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Extended Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Learn how to play guitar from our own amazingly talented Billy Whitman!

The purpose of the class is to provide an hour of fun and exploration through learning basic guitar skills. Billy hopes to inspire and encourage those who attend to continue their life-long appreciation of music and learn to play songs and techniques on guitar.

Students must bring their own guitar  
(classical nylon string or steel string acoustic guitars).

**OPEN TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN, AGES 18+**



**\$100 FOR (4) 1-HOUR SESSIONS**



**RSVP: [TBAM.ORG/GUITARLESSONS](https://tbam.org/guitarlessons)**





## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND VOLUNTEERING WITH TBAM

GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

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



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## WE HAVE UPDATED OUR WEB PAGES

Please explore to learn how to make your community and the world more just, caring, kind and aware. Find out who to contact, what's coming up and so much more at:

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

On behalf of Tikkun Olam, I am thrilled to announce our newest initiative focused on making TBAM that much more accessible. Committed to cultivating an inclusive atmosphere for every community member, we recognize that accessibility is not only a legal obligation, it's a moral commitment. In line with our values of compassion, unity, and social responsibility, we are taking a proactive approach to ensure that individuals with diverse needs are embraced within our community.

If you are passionate about championing accessibility and inclusivity, then please join us in shaping a community where every voice is heard, and every member is valued. Your participation will make the difference!

Email [accessibility@tbam.org](mailto:accessibility@tbam.org) to learn more or submit requests for accessibility accommodations.

Regards,  
**TAMAR SAVIR**



**ABOUT TAMAR:** A parent to three Rambam students, Tamar hails from Israel by way of a 13-year-hiatus in California. Tamar's interest in accessibility began at home with her brother, Eyal, a low functioning individual on the autism spectrum. Very early on she witnessed how hard it is to navigate a world not designed for you. Since then, Tamar has spent more than 15 years working in the accessibility industry and currently is the Head Product Accessibility + Inclusion at Verily.



# COMING UP

## MITZVAH MAKERS

### TBAM'S KNITTERS, SEWERS AND CRAFTER COMMUNITY

**JANUARY 2 & 16 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). For info, contact **Anne Becker** ([ajbwalks@aol.com](mailto:ajbwalks@aol.com))

## MONTHLY TIKKUN OLAM ZOOM

**JANUARY 9**

**9:30 AM -10:30 AM**

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

**Meeting ID: 849 3055 2084; Passcode: 063149**

## MITZVAH DAY 2024

### SAVE THE DATE!

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

Mitzvah Day is a huge effort that has ripple effects throughout the year. To be a part of this foundational, annual event, contact Tikkun Olam.



## MITZVAH MAKERS TBAM'S KNITTERS, SEWERS AND CRAFTER COMMUNITY

*MM continues to make homespun mementos for the clergy to pass onto congregants who could use a little extra comfort.*

*Pictured: Anne Becker, Marlene Kohn, Nancy Kraemer*



**HELP YOUR COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING IN TBAM'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MITZVOT!**

With dozens of organizations to support and opportunities both on and off campus, there's a place for all to explore new ways to volunteer, introduce little ones to what it means to serve, and reaffirm our commitment to repairing our world.



**TBAM.ORG/MITZVAHDAY**



# Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

**GROW WITH US IN 2024!**  
**JOIN US SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024**  
**8:30-11:30 AM**

We will begin the year tending and harvesting in our Garden...  
Our crops are growing great and ready for you to enjoy.

Participants can plant herbs to take home to grow with your family!  
Please bring any special herb planter you would like or we will  
have starter pots available.  
Plant your Passover parsley and other herbs now!

Also bring your gardening energy, closed toe shoes, gloves and  
water bottle!

Kindly RSVP at [Garden@tbam.org](mailto:Garden@tbam.org)

**SAVE THESE FUTURE GARDEN DATES :**  
**February 11, March 10 and April 21, 2024**



## RAC-FL UPDATE

### RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER

By the time you read this in early January 2024, we will be approaching the time to close out the statewide petition drive to put reproductive Freedom on the ballot in November 2024. It is also likely that by now, Florida has banned abortion after 6-weeks, making this work all that more urgent. Floridians will be asked to approve a Constitutional amendment to limit government Interference with bodily autonomy. The amendment reads as follows:

*No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.*

The citizens of Florida, and not politicians in Tallahassee, will determine what rights we want to protect in our state. This is not a partisan issue. Polling shows that there is widespread support for this Amendment throughout Florida, regardless of religion, race, location, or political party. At the end of 2023,

the voters in Ohio approved a similar measure and we will do the same in Florida.

Thank you to the many TBAM volunteers and staff who have helped us collect over 1800 petitions through Beth Am.

However, our work is far from over! We will continue to invite members of our community, including Sisterhood, Brotherhood, L'Taken Teens, to join us as we prepare for the launch of our Every Voice, Every Vote civic engagement campaign in February. We will work across our state to ensure that democracy rings from every corner and that every voice is heard, and every voice counted, in 2024! March with us as we create history to ensure that Florida shines bright and that in November of 2024, we become the 7th state in our nation to enshrine reproductive freedom in its constitution.

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







## SUNDAY SALON

### NOT A REAL ENEMY

BY ROBERT WOLF & JANICE HARPER

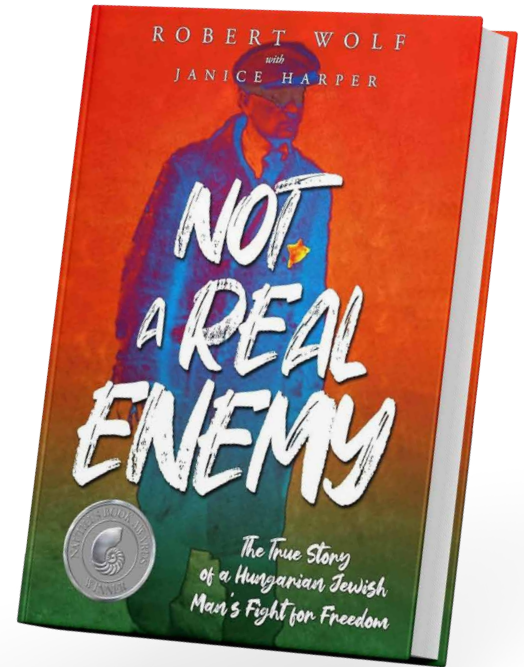


**JANUARY 21, 10:30 AM**

CHAPEL, LEWIS FAMILY RELIGIOUS LIFE COMPLEX

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami brings us author **Robert Wolf** with his fascinating book ***Not a Real Enemy***.

Co-written with Janice Harper, this is the true story of Ervin Wolf, Robert Wolf's father, as the fascist tide of Eastern Europe and World War II takes hold of Hungary. From the Wolfs' comfortable upper-class life to imprisonment, daring escapes, tragic deaths, cloak-and-dagger adventures, and Ervin's final escape to freedom in the dead of night. However, once freed from the fear of the Holocaust, Hungary fell under the oppression of communist rule turning friends to foes, enveloping the nation in terror and suspicion, testing everyone's character and strength.



## ISRAELI MOVIE

### THE FLAT

(2011) AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

**JANUARY 23, 1:00 PM**

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB

It all begins with the flat of the title, an apartment in Tel Aviv belonging to Gerda Tuchler, the grandmother of director Arnon Goldfinger. When she died at the age of 98, her apartment in Tel Aviv, where she had lived with her husband since they left Nazi Germany in the mid-thirties, was left to the family. Thus, the entire family gathers to decide how to dispose of the possessions of a lifetime, seven decades of which were spent in that one space. But between the stacks of objects, images, and letters that filled the apartment, there were disturbing traces of the past, complex and - unbelievable. What began as a simple evacuation of an apartment developed into a mystery that involves stretching of interests between - national companies across enemy lines, deep family feelings well suppressed, and even secrets that may have been better not to expose.





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR SISTER CONGREGATION

I write these words as I fly over Miami on my way to my next stop on my brief visit to the USA, and would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at Temple Beth Am, both clergy and members, for making me feel so welcome as the cantor of your sister congregation in Jerusalem, Kehilat Har-El, in particular in light of the tragic events of October 7th and its aftermath. Thank you in particular to Senior Rabbi Jeremy Barras, a dear friend for over 25 years, for inviting me to visit Beth Am on my way to the URJ convention in Washington, DC and for nurturing this special relationship between our two communities, and to Howard and Sharon Socol, for generously opening up their home once again and making me feel like a member of the family.

## THE VISIT ITSELF TO BETH AM INCLUDED:

**Friday:** participating in the preschool Shabbat service, speaking (and baking!) at the challah bake, and participating in Beth Am's glowstick Friday evening Shabbat services.

**Saturday:** delivering the d'var torah and co-leading the Shabbat morning minyan service and meeting with members at the potluck lunch.

**Sunday:** helping to lead the singing in the religious school's Chanukah program, speaking about Chanukah in Israel with the students of the 5th and 6th grade classes of the religious school, and then leading candlelighting at the Brotherhood barbeque.

With the hope and prayer for better days ahead for Israel and the Jewish people, and hopefully soon returning to welcoming members of Beth Am back to Jerusalem and Kehilat Har-El,

**Cantor Evan Cohen**

Kehilat Har-El, Jerusalem



Lighting the first candle with my hosts, Beth Am members (and Har-El overseas members) Sharon & Howard Socol.



Lighting the first candle with Lily, Alex, and Ethan Moskovitz, who like the Socols are also overseas members of Har-El as well as having their three boys celebrate their bnai mitzvah with Kehilat Har-El in Jerusalem.



**Kehilat Har-El**

Member of the Israel Movement  
for Reform & Progressive Judaism





Participating in the challah bake organized by Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot, where I shared an opening Hebrew poem about the deeper meaning of baking challah.



With Beth Am clergy Senior Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Rabbi Jaime Aklepi, and Senior Cantor Tifani Coyot following my participation at Glowstick Shabbat evening services, the 2nd candle of Chanukah.



Speaking with the 6th grade class of Beth Am’s religious school about celebrating Chanukah in Israel.



With Beth Am clergy Rabbi Jaime Aklepi, Cantorial Soloist Jessica Bass, and pianist Liera Antropova following my participation in service Shabbat morning, where I also delivered the d’var torah.



Leading the lighting of the 4th candle at the Brotherhood BBQ, together with Rabbi Aklepi and introduced by Ed Schwartz, also an overseas member of Har-El.





# OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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



## ISRAEL AT 75: UNDERSTAND THE PAST TO EXPLAIN THE PRESENT

I am preparing this page in November, during the crisis with Hamas. I hope by January we will read about positive outcomes from this war, and Israel and the Palestinians can look forward to a time of quiet co-existence. Therefore, I am continuing with understanding the past.

### 1987: The beginning of Hamas in Gaza and the "intifadah"

In December 1987, the Palestinians in the West Bank (disputed territories) and Gaza began the intifadah. They planned acts of terrorism against Israeli communities, especially around the new settlements that had been built around Jerusalem for security purposes. There were constant riots and many deaths on both sides. In the 1990s there was tremendous international and internal pressures on the government of Israel to begin talks with the moderate Palestinians. Rabin was Minister of Defense at that time. w This period of terrorism caused many Israelis to want a solution to the issue of final borders and the possibility of a two state solution. Remember, in 1949 there was a cease fire armistice, but no final negotiations were determined by peace treaties. Also remember that there was a Peace Treaty between Egypt and Israel in 1979.

### A Peace Process Begins

The Middle East Peace Conference was held in Madrid, Spain in 1991. The following year Rabin was elected Prime Minister. While meetings were held in Washington, secret talks in Oslo began between Israel and the PLO. A Declaration of Principles between Rabin, Peres, and Arafat was signed in Washington in 1992. President Clinton also signed the document. We were cautiously optimistic that Israel was ready to exchange land for peace with secure borders. There was hope that peaceful co-existence and cooperation was possible.

The terms of the agreement included the following:

The PLO would change their name to the Palestinian Authority. They would have jurisdiction over Jericho , areas of the West Bank and Gaza. They would have authority over police, fire, health, water and education.

Israel would have jurisdiction over borders, roads and the protection of settlements. A phased Israeli troop withdrawal would begin in December 1993. Within nine months Israel would withdraw from all West Bank cities. (Ramallah, Quaiqilya, Jenin, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, Hebron) Soon after, it would transfer all remaining land, except for settlements to the Palestinian National Authority. The final status of the territories would be settled at the end of five years.

The K'nesset voted 61 to 50 to approve the agreement. But not all Israelis trusted Arafat would keep the agreement.

### Palestinian Reasons for Signing the Oslo Agreement

The PLO was losing funding from Arab countries. They were bankrupt. With the end of the Cold War, they no longer received support from Russia. Hamas in Gaza was becoming stronger and gaining more followers. The influence of the PLO was eroding among the Palestinians. They had to

do something to regain their power. The agreement would restore their authority over the territories.

### Israeli Reasons for Signing the Oslo Agreement

Israel had been at war for 45 years since 1948, and many felt it was time to end the hostilities. Three generations of Israelis fought for the survival of the country, and they were ready for compromise. Around this time many Russian Jews had made Aliyah to Israel, coming with special skills that could benefit both Israelis and Palestinians. Israel wanted to concentrate on becoming a high tech nation and not have to focus so much on security. The rise of Hamas and their extreme views, the destruction of Israel, and their acts of terrorism, was a new threat, especially if they gained control of Gaza.(which is what happened)

In 1994 Jordan signed a final peace treaty with Israel. Since then, there have been cooperative projects between the two countries. Rabin, Peres and Arafat received the Nobel Prize for reaching this agreement. The Declaration of Principles was not a complete Peace Treaty. There was hope, but Arafat backed away from it, and only some parts were implemented. The conflict continues.

### Rabin's Words

At the signing of the Declaration of Principles based on the Oslo Accords, in Washington with President Clinton, Shimon Peres and Arafat:

"Let me say to you, the Palestinian People, we are destined to live together on the same soil in the same land...enough of bloodshed and tears..we have no desire for revenge..we are today giving peace a chance. We wish to open a new chapter in the sad book of our lives together, a chapter of mutual recognition, of mutual respect, and understanding. We hope to embark on a new era in the history of the Middle East."

### Arafat's Words

"The PLO considers that the signing of the Declaration of Principles is a historic event, beginning a new time of peaceful co-existence, free from violence and acts that endanger peace and stability...The PLO affirms that articles in the Palestinian Covenant which deny Israel's right to exist are no longer operative and no longer valid."

That was then, September 13, 1993. Sadly, it did not happen, and this is now. The Hamas -Israel War, 2023

L'shalom,

Lenore Kipper

## FROM THE TBAM ARCHIVES: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1988 COMMENTATORS

Joan Schwartzman, administrative assistant, to Rabbi Baumgard and the Temple Board, was honored in February for her 30 years of service. Joan was the person who knew everybody and wrote in the commentator about the families in her column "Joan's Gems"

Rabbi Larry Hoffman was the guest scholar in January. He has written many books about understand the role of Payer in Judaism.

Yaacov Agam, Israeli artist, had an exhibit of his work set up in the gallery next to the sanctuary.

Jonathan Kislak was appointed chair for the Fund for the Future Campaign.

Ida Nudel, guardian angel of all Soviet refusenik, spoke to the Miami Community, at Beth Am, on behalf of of the 400,000 Jews who are still oppressed in the Soviet Union. Natan Sharansky, who was a prisoner for many years in the Soviet Union, visited Beth Am in June.

Temple faculty from Religious School and Day School attendan educators Conference in Jerusalem sponsored by National CAJE organization.

Leon Uris, author of Exodus, spoke at the book fair. He was the author of many books, and he was a firm supporter of Israel.

Dorothy Herman was honored for her 30 year of teaching and supervising in the Religious School.



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Elizabeth Janowitz and Family in grateful appreciation for your thoughtful and beautiful Shiva service and the many hours of your company in Warren's lengthy hospital stays. With love.

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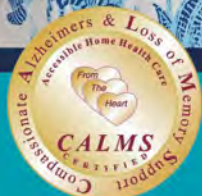
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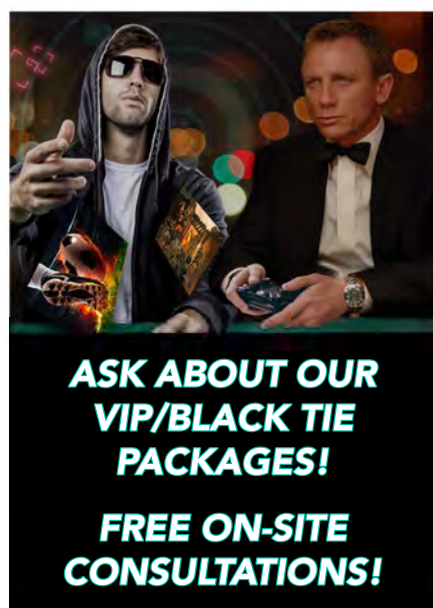
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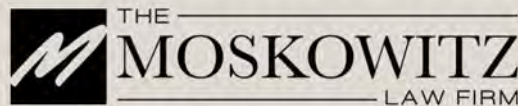
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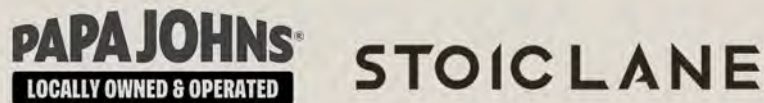
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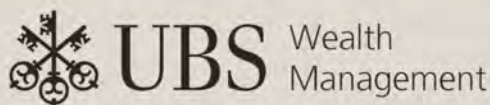
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