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Since the High Holy Days, we have seen unprecedented activity and participation on our campus. Besides the bustling Rambam Day School and our YERS programs that are enjoying record numbers of students, three other things happened all at once. First, by completing construction and our Beyond the Curve Campaign, we were able to open our newly imagined campus this fall. Second, on Rosh Hashanah I challenged the congregation to prioritize Friday night Shabbat services and make every effort to come at least once a month. And finally, the tragedy of October 7th and the ensuing war in Israel created an urgent need for all of us to spend more time together. The result has been that when tragedy struck, so many of us found refuge here at Temple Beth Am.

This is a trend that we are seeing all over the country. As tensions rise on college campuses, Hillels and other Jewish campus organizations are experiencing huge increases in participation. Synagogue attendance across the country has skyrocketed. Virtually every congregational rabbi I have spoken to since October 7th has told me that their Shabbat attendance has seen sharp and sustained increases. This should not surprise us. It has always been our way. When the Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans two thousand years ago, the rabbis were already looking to discover how our tradition would help us deal with adversity. It was in those days that they began to write the Talmud. And their leadership provided a way forward in a time of great turmoil, tragedy, and exile. Ever since, Jews have continued to seek inspiration and motivation to move forward from our faith, and from each other.

Eventually this terrible war will pass. Hopefully, it will come once the hostages are all released, and Hamas is thoroughly destroyed. Only then can peace be possible. When that day comes, I hope that we will remember how our Jewish faith and culture held us together through this challenging time. In many ways, we learned who our friends were and were not. But more importantly, we are learning how dependent we are on each other. And we are learning how strong we are when we stand united. This has always been our faith and the mandate of our Torah.

We are all likely familiar with the famous question that is posed from Cain to God in the Book of Genesis: Am I my brother’s keeper? It is only later in the Book of Exodus when Moses sees one of his “brothers” being beaten by an Egyptian, that we get our answer. At that moment, according to the Maharal of Prague, Moses overcomes his Egyptian identity and finally sees himself as an Israelite. He realizes that, yes, he is his brother’s keeper. And from that point forward he sets out on a course of uniting and freeing his people. Right now we Jews are as united as we have ever been. Let’s keep it going. Let’s strengthen the bonds even more. Let’s continue to be here together at Temple Beth Am, the House of Our People.

L’shalom,
Rabbi Jeremy Barras
The souls of every Jew—past, present, and future—stood together at Mount Sinai. Every soul was assigned a unique nigun (melody), which when sung gave light to his/her purpose on earth. At the moment of Revelation, each soul sang his/her nigun, as part of the holiest choir. Moses, the receiver of divine wisdom, captured these melodies within the Torah. Each melody blended with another creating harmonies that unified the souls of all those standing at Sinai. Some say that the music was so divine that the earth responded with thunder and lightning in order to be part of the majestic choir.

Rabbi Ron Wolfson emphasizes the centrality of music in a service, asserting that the three most important parts are music, music, and music. At Beth Am, our clergy sought to honor the profound power of music by intentionally crafting Soulful Shabbat. This unique service seamlessly weaves musical interludes between prayers, creating a soulful journey through Shabbat.

Commencing with a nigun—a wordless melody—Soulful Shabbat invites everyone to transition from their week into the sacred space of Shabbat. The nigun, serving as a meditative moment, allows for reflection, turning inward toward peace and relaxation. Derived from the Hebrew word NiGuN, it embodies Nefesh (spirit), Guf (body), and Neshamah (soul), fostering a mind-body-spirit connection. The music in this service is a meditative practice, with melodies building through layers of harmonies, voices, and instrumentation.

Shabbat, a respite from the routine of everyday life, offers an opportunity to connect with the spiritual realm and the community. Soulful Shabbat, embraced for its beauty and inclusivity, seeks to become the norm at Beth Am. The participatory nature of this service is a key feature, aiming to transform Temple Beth Am into a singing community. Music serves as a unifying force, creating awareness of the larger community, as Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller notes, “When all voices join to create a resounding chorus of prayer, a new expression of prayer is born. Even among strangers, we sense both a personal and spiritual connection.”

We extend an invitation for you to join us in this extraordinary experience.

L’shalom,
Cantor Tifani Coyot
I never imagined I would plagiarize Whitney Houston for one of my Commentator articles! Two points with regard to my plagiarism – one interesting, one important.

On the interesting front, this lyric was written by a songwriter named Linda Creed, who described herself as “a Jewish, middle-aged housewife and mother, and I happen to write songs”. From Philadelphia, she was best known for writing songs for soul artists in the 1970s including The Spinners, The Stylistics, Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye.

As for my substantive message this month, aficionados of mid-80s pop music already know that I didn’t accurately replicate the line from Greatest Love of All. The precise lyric is “I believe the children are our future”. My thesis this month is that I believe our children are our future. Specifically, the children of our Jewish community, both at home and abroad, are critical to our future as a community and as a People.

We should go out of our way to support our youth. Whether it’s attending a preschool play, contributing to a YERS fundraiser, or supporting college-aged members of the TBAM family in combatting the scourge of antisemitism, which is all too present, and has been allowed to fester, on college campuses across our country, our kids need us there. I am addressing, in particular, those of my ilk – those whose children are adults and out of school but who do not yet have grandchildren. We don’t (or shouldn’t) get to take a respite from supporting the youth of our community simply because we don’t have a family member that fits within that demographic at the moment.

I also encourage you to not always take the “easy” way out when supporting our youth. What’s the easy way? Writing a check and doing nothing more. I can hear you – “it’s not so easy to write a check”. In actuality, the exertion required to write a check is quite easy; what’s hard is the time, effort and determination that is required to enable you to have the resources to write that check – that’s what our youth need to witness, from people that have walked in their shoes. So while a generous donation (or any donation for that matter) will always be appreciated, demonstrating your support of our youth by being present, by being an active participant, is invaluable in demonstrating to the youth of our community that we see you, we hear you, we respect you, and we will be there for you whenever needed.

What’s in it for us (assuming, rather safely, that not a single member of TBAM’s youth is reading this column!)? Supporting our Jewish children is of paramount importance to our Jewish community as it embodies the commitment to preserving and nurturing the rich cultural and religious heritage passed down from generation to generation. Our children represent the future custodians of our traditions, values, and the unique identity that binds us together. By investing in their well-being and spiritual growth, we ensure the continuity of our vibrant legacy. Moreover, supporting our youth fosters a sense of unity, solidarity, and shared responsibility reinforcing the notion that everyone plays a crucial role in sustaining the collective strength and resilience of the Jewish people. Our commitment to our Jewish youth is not only an investment in their future but is also a dedication to the enduring strength and vitality of our entire Jewish community.

So did the Jewish housewife and songwriter from Philadelphia have Jewish children in mind when penning her iconic song? Sadly, we will never know as she died from breast cancer in 1986. Nevertheless, when the first verse of the song refers to “teach them well”, “let them lead”, “show them all the beauty they possess” and “give them a sense of pride”, I can think of no more appropriate audience for these impactful words than the children of our Jewish community.

L’Shalom,
Rich
HAPPENING AT THE HUB

- **February 11**: Super Bowl Sunday! Outdoor Tailgate and Watch Party
- **February 18**: Rabbi Sharon Brous: The Amen Effect Presented by Books & Books
- **February 19**: Film Screening Supernova: The Music Festival Massacre
- **February 21**: Jodi Rudoren and Ilene Prusher: Jewish Journalism in a Time of Crisis
- **February 25**: From Giza to Gaza Part 2: Hon. Roy Altman & Eugene Kontorowicz
- **February 28**: Surviving War Through Hope for Peace: The Jewish Journey of Tikva Children’s Home
- **March 03**: Cantor Aziz Schwartz in Concert
- **March 06**: Aleeza B’n Shalom: The Jewish Matchmaker
- **March 13**: Anna Quindlen: After Annie Presented by Books & Books

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

Please note: dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!
OUTDOOR TAILGATE AND WATCH PARTY
Watch the game on the big screen!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Kickoff at 6:30 PM
The Lampen Sachar Outdoor Cultural Life Center
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB
RABBI SHARON BROUS: THE AMEN EFFECT
Presented by BOOKS & BOOKS and TBAM

Sunday
FEBRUARY 18, 11:00 AM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $41 including fees
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

From one of our country’s most prominent rabbis, an inspiring book about the power of community based on one of her most impactful sermons. In a time of loneliness and isolation, social rupture and alienation, what will it take to mend our broken hearts and rebuild our society?

RABBI SHARON BROUS is the senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a Los Angeles-based Jewish community that launched in 2004 to reinvigorate Jewish practice and inspire people of faith to reclaim a soulful, justice-driven voice. Her 2016 TED talk, “Reclaiming Religion,” has been viewed by more than 1.5 million people.

In 2013, Brous blessed President Obama and Vice President Biden at the Inaugural National Prayer Service, and in 2021 returned to bless President Biden and Vice President Harris, and then led the White House Passover Seder with Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff... She was named #1 on the Newsweek/The Daily Beast list of most influential Rabbis in America, and has been recognized by The Forward and Jerusalem Post as one of the fifty most influential Jews.
SUPERNova: The Music Festival Massacre

Florida Premiere

Supernova: The Music Festival Massacre

Featuring

Israeli Director Duki Dror

Monday, February 19 at 7:30pm
The Hub @ Temple Beth Am

Free RSVP
For more info, visit: miamijewishfilmfestival.org
JODI RUDOREN & ILENE PRUSHER
JEWISH JOURNALISM IN A TIME OF CRISIS
Presented by Temple Beth Am

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 21, 7:30 PM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
FREE OF CHARGE
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

Join us for an illuminating conversation about how The Forward and the rest of the Jewish news ecosystem is covering the Israel-Hamas war and its repercussions in the U.S., including rising antisemitism and clashes over free speech on college campuses. Both Ilene and Jodi have spent years living in and reporting from Israel, and will discuss the crucial role Jewish journalism plays in this critical time.

ROY ALTMAN & EUGENE KONTOROWICZ
From Giza to Gaza Part 2

Sunday
FEBRUARY 25, 4:00 PM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
FREE OF CHARGE
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

Following up on our fascinating conversation from the fall, we welcome back The Honorable Roy Altman in conversation with Eugene Kontorovich, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for the Middle East and International Law at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School. Together, they will put the latest developments of the current war into context given the broader lens of Jewish and Israeli history in the Middle East.
SURVIVING WAR THROUGH HOPE FOR PEACE: 
THE JEWISH JOURNEY OF TiKVA CHILDREN'S HOME

Presented by Temple Beth Am

Wednesday, 
FEBRUARY 28, 7:00 PM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
FREE OF CHARGE
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

The short documentary, Surviving War Through Hope for Peace - the Jewish Journey of TiKVA Children's Home transports the viewer not only through time, but also to the battlefields of today’s Ukraine where members of a small Odessa Jewish community - supported mostly by generous American and British donors - bravely help defend the principals of freedom and Jewish life. This Children’s Home has been supported in part by Temple Beth Am.

Odessa's Jewish community, the 3rd largest in the world prior to World War II, was nearly wiped out by the Nazi Germans. After 30 years of TiKVA reviving the Jewish life in Odessa and rebuilding a community, the survival of the community seemed to be at risk.

As the full-scale Russian invasion of the Ukraine began, a decision was made to evacuate everyone but a group of Jewish Ukrainian men. It was a painful decision - but one that had to be made. Little children, hundreds of orphans, had to be taken to safety until the war ended.

On February 24th 2022, thousands of Odessa’s children and most vulnerable made a dramatic escape to the safety of bordering NATO countries. TiKVA's community ended up in a small Romanian town along the Black Sea. The question now became how to house, feed and financially support this community in exile.

This half-hour documentary will be followed by a Q & A with the filmmakers, Jody Benyunes and Yanna Begelman.
CANTOR AZI SCHWARTZ IN CONCERT
Sponsored by Melvyn and Carolyn Miller

Sunday
MARCH 3, 5:00 PM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $41 - $77 including fees
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!
ALEEZA BEN SHALOM
THE JEWISH MATCHMAKER

AS SEEN ON NETFLIX

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6, 7:00 PM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $44 - $70 including fees
Premium Package: $185 including fees
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

ALEEZA BEN SHALOM IS THE RENOWNED GLOBE-TROTTING JEWISH MATCHMAKER, CAPTIVATING AUDIENCES WORLDWIDE.

With her highly popular Netflix show, “Jewish Matchmaking,” reaching millions of viewers across 130 countries and being translated into 37 languages, she has become a true international sensation. Aleeza finds immense joy in hearing herself dubbed in Swahili, further solidifying her global impact.

As the founder of Marriage Minded Mentor, an esteemed platform connecting singles worldwide with expert dating coaches, Aleeza and her dedicated team navigate individuals through the intricate journey of finding love, irrespective of age, affiliation, or life stage. Their mission is to empower singles and assist them in achieving meaningful relationships.

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.

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

- VIP tickets include a meet and greet with Aleeza!
- JUST ADDED Premium Package: includes private pre-show reception with Aleeza and signed book
ANNA QUINDLEN: AFTER ANNIE
Presented by BOOKS & BOOKS and TBAM

Wednesday
MARCH 13, 7:00 PM
The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $37 including fees
TBAM.ORG/THEHUB

Join us for a conversation with Pulitzer Prize winning columnist and New York Times bestselling author Anna Quindlen. Her trademark wisdom on family, friendship, and the ties that bind us are at the center of After Annie, her newest novel about the power of love to transcend loss and triumph over adversity.

When Annie Brown dies suddenly, her husband, her children, and her closest friend are left to find a way forward without the woman who has been the lynchpin of all their lives.

Over the course of the next year what saves them all is Annie, ever-present in their minds, loving but not sentimental, caring but nobody’s fool, a voice in their heads that is funny and sharp and remarkably clear. The power she has given to those who loved her is the power to go on without her.

“A wise and heartfelt novel of connection, of loss and love and the power of both.” - Amy Bloom, author of In Love

Anna Quindlen is a novelist and journalist whose work has appeared on fiction, nonfiction, and self-help bestseller lists. She is the author of many novels: Object Lessons, One True Thing, Black and Blue, Blessings, Rise and Shine, Every Last One, Still Life with Bread Crumbs, and Miller’s Valley. Her memoir Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake, published in 2012, was a #1 New York Times bestseller. Her book A Short Guide to a Happy Life has sold more than a million copies. While a columnist at The New York Times she won the Pulitzer Prize and published two collections, Living Out Loud and Thinking Out Loud. Her Newsweek columns were collected in Loud and Clear.
SUNDAY, MARCH 17
12:00 - 3:00 PM | ATHLETIC FIELD

Purim Carnival
The Happiest Purim On Earth

Connect with old friends and meet new ones as we enjoy this festive holiday together. Featuring games, attractions, face painting, food trucks, a costume parade, and more!

This year, our Pop Up Choir will present a special Disney-themed performance to help us tell the story of Purim. Come dressed as your favorite Disney character, or in any costume you like!

Purchase a wristband and get full access to all entertainment and attractions.
$20 in advance for children ages 3-17, $30 at the door
Free for adults and children under 3

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

PURIM

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB | TBAM.ORG/PURIM
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!
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SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 2 - 2ND Grade
MARCH 8 - 3RD Grade
APRIL 12 - 1ST Grade
MAY 3 - 4TH Grade & Teacher Appreciation
MAY 17 - Kindergarten & Israel Celebration
SAVE THE DATE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN & TEMPLE BETH AM

REPRO SHABBAT
HAVDALAH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
5:30 - 7:00 PM at Temple Beth Am

Join us for havdallah, appetizers, and a toast to celebrate the completion of part one of getting women's healthcare on the ballot (we collected over 1.3 million signatures!), and to hear what's next for our justice work in 2024.

To learn more about Repro Shabbat nationally, and the NCJW visit ncjw.org.

To register go to: tbam.org/reproshabbat
SAUTURDAYS, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
WELCOME LOBBY, THE HUB

Geared toward children with sensory processing disorders, but open to all!

FEBRUARY 24, 2024
APRIL 27, 2024
MAY 18, 2024

We invite you to join us on Shabbat morning for an abbreviated service featuring:

SOFT MUSIC
DIM LIGHTING
COMFORTABLE SEATING

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SOMEBEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW
HIGH,...AND THE DREAMS THAT YOU DREAMED
ONCE IN A LULLABY, BLUE BIRDS FLY
DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE

SAVE THE DATE
BROADWAY SHABBAT
FRIDAY, MARCH 15
tbam.org/broadwayshabbat
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, JUDAISM, AND THE ARTS COME ALIVE AT RAMBAM DAY SCHOOL

For the past two years, STREAM Day has been a fantastic component of the Rambam curriculum in which students participate in an organized day of enrichment dedicated to exploring a new topic or skill through hands-on, collaborative projects. STREAM is an acronym for science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics. Our STREAM Days therefore integrate all of those subjects into one magical day. This past December, our first STREAM Day of the year allowed students to create projects addressing real-world crises. This was connected to our middah of that month, patience; it takes time to change the world.

Integrating science and technology with real-life problems is essential to success in today’s world. Science and technology provide practical solutions to everyday problems and drive economic growth and competitiveness. This type of integration teaches people to be more efficient, productive, and innovative. The integration of science and technology with real-life problems also fosters a culture of continuous learning and adaptation, which is crucial for our students in this rapidly changing world. Therefore, this type of integration not only teaches them to solve immediate challenges but also prepares them for future complexities.

The grades worked on solving different types of problems. Kindergartners learned about invasive species and used their creativity and collaboration to build a trap to capture them. First graders made skimmers to help clean up algae blooms caused by bacteria. Second graders studied the effects of litter in our community. They designed and built a garbage can that can hold litter and withstand weather systems on the beach. Third graders explored sea wall erosion. They created their own sea walls that could withstand the effects of weathering and erosion. Fourth graders explored coral reefs and the importance they play. They designed and tested an artificial reef. Finally, fifth graders created water filtration systems to explore water cleanliness and learn how natural disasters can affect one’s access to clean water.

Best of all, the students could share their projects with other grades. They proudly showed off their work product while exploring and learning about others’ projects.

We also welcomed a speaker from MORAES of South Florida (Marine Order for Research and Action Through Environmental Stewardship). MORAES is an environmental research organization aiming to inspire and retain local marine ecologists and to protect our South Florida marine resources through collaborative community involvement and stewardship.

This STREAM Day was a fun, collaborative effort and inspired students to solve problems, organize their thinking, develop design strategies, test out different ideas, formulate a plan, and incorporate art and design. STREAM Day is the perfect example of Rambam’s educational philosophy on full display. Students collaborated and used critical thinking to solve problems and tackle the tasks at hand. Each child was able to contribute their unique strength, imagination, and voice to accomplish something they could be genuinely proud of. It was not only a fun, collaborative effort, but it inspired the students to work together to organize their thinking, develop strategies, test ideas, formulate plans, and incorporate art and design. We even integrated sing-a-longs and stories. And all of this was done while celebrating our Jewish values and honoring our beautiful planet through problem-solving. STREAM Day seamlessly blended general studies with Judaic studies while encouraging values such as industriousness, inclusion of others, respect, and protecting the environment.

A huge thank you to the highly innovative and creative STREAM Team: Ashley Reed, Lauren Bercuson, Jackie Berney, Jessica Bass, Daniela Gherardi, Maya Greenberg, Melissa Greenstein, Hilary Haber, Efrat Horwitz, Amy Kutell, Alyssa Macaluso, Michelle Malca, Daniela Maravankin, Mandy Pavuk, Shelly Rauchwerger, Debbie Roman, Eilat Schmalbach, Kevin Temkin, and Yanet Zalcberg. This was truly a day that we will never forget!
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EMMY BERAHA
FEBRUARY 3, 2024
Emmy is a 7th grader at Palmetto Middle School who enjoys travel, playing tennis, hanging out with her friends, and spending her summers at Camp Coleman. For her Mitzvah project, Emmy has been participating in the Young Lion of Judah Program, a program sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach, where she has been paired with a Holocaust survivor for the purpose of learning his story so it can be preserved for future generations. Emmy is the daughter of Joanna and Bobby Beraha, granddaughter of Ellen and Dan Beraha and Andrew and Debbie Brickman, as well as an older sister to Caroline Beraha. Emmy’s family is extremely proud of her and are very excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah.

ARIELLE TZUR
FEBRUARY 3, 2024
Arielle is a 7th grade student at Gulliver Prep and a graduate of Beth Am Day School. She loves horseback riding, summers in Israel, family, Shabbat dinners, and spending time in and on the water. Her parents, Johanna and Tomer, and her siblings, Eden and Felix, are immensely proud of her and excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

JACK ABOULHOSN
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
Jack is a 7th grade student at Palmetto Middle School. He loves playing basketball, fishing, and playing Fortnite with his buddies. He is the proud dad of a new puppy Winston and he loves playing with his three dogs. His parents, Kim and Joe, and sister Emily are looking forward to celebrating his special day.

MYLES GOLDMAN
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
Myles is a 7th grader at Gulliver. He is sweet, compassionate and has an outstanding sense of humor. Myles enjoys playing basketball, running cross country, gaming, and biking around the neighborhood. For his Mitzvah project, he is babysitting for families and donating all his proceeds to the Lucy Project, an organization helping local children struggling to read. His parents, Stephie and Evan, big brother Ryan and twin sisters Brooke and Joely could not be more proud and look forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah.
JULIA DIEMAR  
FEBRUARY 17, 2024
Julia is a seventh grade student at Palmetto middle school. Julia is extremely hard-working, kind and hilariously funny. She loves playing tennis, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. For her mitzvah project, Julia is selling bracelets that she designed to support the FIDF and JAFCO. Julia’s parents, Jenny and Kevin, and her brother Jack are so proud of her and look forward to celebrating her special day.

KYLA 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.
2024 is off and running at a fast pace. Every Religious School day is packed with so many programs!

Our school thrives thanks to the exceptional professionals on our team. Each staff member, clergy, and lay leader involved in the YERS program recognizes that a child’s journey goes beyond simply preparing for a bar or bat mitzvah. They understand that, considering the numerous priorities in our children’s lives, there are only limited hours before they head off to college. During this time, we aim to help them explore Judaism, instill Jewish values, and guide them toward realizing their unique potential not just as Jews but as human beings.

Every year, we meticulously plan and execute programs that cater to a diverse group of children, spanning from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. To be effective, our programming includes a mix of traditional and non-traditional settings, tailored to each grade level and proficiency. As students progress, the programming may even vary based on individual areas of interest and commitment levels. Peer interactions, teacher guidance, and the support of madrichim create a nurturing environment where love is the driving force that connects us to our Judaism and to each other.

The exceptional quality, freshness, and diversity of our YERS programming set our program apart from others, making us a model that other institutions look up to. We are continuously refining, evaluating, and reinventing the YERS program, not just as teachers but as individuals who live and breathe Judaism. This is evident in our incorporation of Hebrew into everyday language, saying blessings before meals, celebrating Shabbat and Jewish holidays, performing mitzvot, caring for the environment, and fostering a culture of continuous learning.

While our elementary students lay the foundation of our rich tradition and history, our teens gather weekly for socializing, learning, and engaging in activities as well as usual travel as an education tool. This past month, our Confirmation class traveled to Washington DC to grapple with civic issues.

February brings two programs that I hold them dearly: YERS Shabbat and Mitzvah Day.

In every organization, there’s a board that champions its mission and supports special programs that might otherwise be challenging. Volunteers are the backbone of YERS, and the YERS Board, alongside room parents and other parent volunteers, bring excitement to planning and organizing special events and fundraising initiatives.

Mark your calendars for February 9, 2024 – it’s our annual YERS Shabbat and YERS Live! Our students will take center stage on the bimah, leading the community Shabbat service. Following this memorable Shabbat, everyone is invited to join the celebration at YERS Live! It’s more than just a fundraiser; it’s a chance for families to connect and socialize. This year’s theme is Superbowl, transforming the Lampen Sachar Outdoor Cultural Life Center into a tailgate zone filled with games, dinner, music, and friends. I hope to see you there, making new friends, celebrating Shabbat, and supporting YERS scholarships, programming, and teen trips.

On February 25, Temple Beth Am celebrates its annual Mitzvah Day. This fantastic effort, led by incredible volunteers, brings the entire congregation together for a day of volunteering with social justice projects in the community. Mitzvot play a significant role in our schools, allowing us to engage in acts of kindness that have a positive impact emotionally and spiritually. Participating in mitzvot empowers us to contribute constructively to healing ourselves and the world. Whether it’s giving time, expertise, or money to important causes, it’s a way of putting love into action. I’m looking forward to spending February 25 with all of you, working together to repair the world.

B’ahava (with love)

Tamara
**SUNDAY SALON**

**A CENTENNIAL PERSPECTIVE OF 1924**
BY MARSHA COHEN

**FEBRUARY 11, 10:30 AM**
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Join us as we welcome back Marsha Cohen for an outstanding presentation: A Centennial Perspective of 1924

Let’s step back a hundred years into a time machine: President Calvin Coolidge slammed the "golden door," ending a century of Jewish emigration that had brought 2 million Jews to the U.S. from Europe. The Fourth Aliyah to Palestine had begun. In Russia, Lenin died, and the Soviet Union took shape. A secular nation of Turkey replaced the defunct Ottoman caliphate. In Germany, Adolf Hitler went on trial for treason after instigating the Munich Beer Hall Putsch. We will discover the many ways in which events of 1924 shaped the 20th century and our world today.

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**ISRAELI MOVIE**

**A YIDDISH WORLD REMEMBERED**
(2002) AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

**FEBRUARY 27, 1:00 PM**
THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB

A Yiddish World Remembered is a 2002 Emmy-award-winning documentary by Andrew Goldberg that looks back at the vanished Jewish way of life that existed in eastern Europe before World War II. Through never-before-seen archival films, vintage photographs, traditional cantorial and Klezmer music, and personal recollections, the once-vibrant cities and small towns (shtetls) come alive again. Narrated by Elliot Gould, the film explores everything from the fascinating language of Yiddish to the style of dress and more.

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Our library’s professional connection is with the Association of Jewish Libraries, which recently announced its annual Bibliography Award given to András Koerner, author of *Early Jewish Cookbooks: Essays on Hungarian Jewish Gastronomical History*. Koerner’s encyclopedic Jewish Cuisine in Hungary won the National Jewish Book Award in 2019, and one might wonder if the author has exhausted his topic. But with *Early Jewish Cookbooks*, Koerner proves there’s always room for more. András Koerner continues his explorations of Jewish cookbooks in Hungary, this time focusing predominantly on the nineteenth century. In this ambitious work, Koerner uncovers “lost” cookbooks while also examining their vast interconnections with both local communities and distant publishing projects. **Come check it out!**
Oh, what a night!!! The buzz around town was exhilarating to hear. “Are you attending the big event at Beth Am on Monday night?” people asked one another. The “big event” on December 4, 2023, was none other than the unBIASed presentation of Letters from Anne and Martin, a two-person performance with actors portraying Anne Frank and Martin Luther King, Jr. as they brought their words to life for the audience. We were overwhelmed by the response we received. We had a sellout crowd of 550 people. We accepted 600 reservations, adding chairs to the sides of each row to increase capacity.

The audience was mesmerized as the actors depicted these historical figures by reading and performing excerpts from their writings: Anne from the Diary of Anne Frank and Martin from his iconic Letter from the Birmingham Jail. Each figure spoke poignantly as they reflected on their struggles with prejudices, hatred, and persecution. Although both Anne and Martin were born in 1929, Anne was only 15 years old, while Martin was 34 when they wrote these now-famous works. Each, in their way, expressed resilience and courage despite the adversity they faced. Through it all, each expressed an uncluding faith in humanity and shared hopes for a world free from discrimination, bigotry, and injustice.

Bringing our teens to Letters from Anne and Martin allowed our students to grasp two realities in one space, learning about the challenges that both icons experienced during their lifetimes. A lesson of humanity, of questioning and challenging the status quo despite Anne Frank and MLK’s personal limitations.

- Tamara Donnenfeld

The play was followed by a dynamic discussion with the actors and the audience, led by producer Alexandra Gellner and Rabbi Jaimie Aklepi. Audience participation was robust, with many thought-provoking questions. At the following dessert reception, audience members continued sharing their thoughts, feelings, and reactions to the performance.

This play is a timely reminder for our students not to forget their history and to learn about the history of a young Jewish girl’s persecution in her own words.

- Latrice Thomas, Coordinator of Philanthropic Partnerships at the SEED School

Beth Am’s unBIASed Initiative had worked relentlessly for five months to make this historic evening a reality. We reached a diverse adult and student audience with Beth Am’s YERS students and 60 students from the SEED School of Miami in attendance. Clearly, Anne and Martin’s insight inspired us to work together to become more educated, empathetic, and compassionate in our daily lives.

“In our world today, the dialogue surrounding human rights, justice, and equality continues to be of utmost importance. The words and enduring struggles of Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr. were a testament to the enduring nature of these universal values. It is in recognition of their timeless relevance and the profound impact their messages have on shaping a more just and compassionate society that we found it imperative to bring the performance of ‘Letters from Anne and Martin’ to the community at this time.”

- Edith Osman

The overwhelming success of the evening was very gratifying to Temple Beth Am’s unBIASed Letters committee, Judy Cowan, Joe Jacoby, Joanne Koren, and Susan Lampen; our committee partners, Matt Anderson, Mosaic Miami, and Reverend Tom Capo; the Unitarian Universalist Congregation; and me. It was a reflection of all of our tireless efforts.

Our team appreciates the support of our presenting sponsors, the Miami Center for Racial Justice, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and the Office of Daniella Levine Cava. Thank you also to Dr. Marvin Dunn from the Miami Center for Racial Justice for his insightful introduction to the program.

“My people were brought to America in chains. Your people were driven here to escape the chains fashioned for them in Europe. Our unity is born of our common struggle for centuries.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

We look forward to presenting additional inspirational programs and to your participation.

Warmly,

Chair, Temple Beth Am’s Antisemitism Initiative (unBIASed)

Donations can be made to the unBIASed Antisemitism Initiative. If you would like to assist, contact Edith Osman @ eosman@carltonfields.com
The audience was mesmerized as the actors depicted these historical figures by reading and performing excerpts from their writings: Anne from the Diary of Anne Frank and Martin from his iconic Letter from the Birmingham Jail. Each figure spoke poignantly as they reflected on their struggles with prejudices, hatred, and persecution. Although both Anne and Martin were born in 1929, Anne was only 15 years old, while Martin was 34 when they wrote these now-famous works. Each, in their way, expressed an unabiding faith in humanity and expressed resilience and courage despite the adversity they faced. A lesson of humanity, of questioning and challenging the status quo despite Anne Frank and MLK's personal experiences during their lifetimes. A reminder to increase capacity. A DIVERSE AUDIENCE OF 500 PEOPLE SOUGHT TO UNDO BIAS AT A PERFORMANCE OF "LETTERS FROM ANNE AND MARTIN."
Dear Sisters & Friends

We are excited to present our robust schedule of programs below. Although we are all engaged in doing mitzvot regularly, Mitzvah Day allows us to come together as a community and enjoy experiences with the greater Miami community, which can be so uplifting. Sometimes we need to nourish our own souls too, so Sisterhood will be working in the TBAM Garden Sanctuary to honor our support of Israel. TBAM families are encouraged to join us.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ilien Hechtman and Linda Landy and their outstanding multigenerational Game Night Committee for creating a memorable and fun evening for all of the TBAM women. We were able to contribute the proceeds to support Rambam Day School Scholarship Fund, YERS, and American Friends of Magen David Adom. Oh, what a night!!!

It’s not too late to join Sisterhood. There are many more programs that will interest you. tbam.org/joinsisterhood

We look forward to spending time with you.

With gratitude,

Susan Lampen
Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Events

BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7:00 PM
Social Hall, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex
All Sisterhood members welcome

MITZVAH DAY
CREATE MOSAIC GARDEN STONES WITH SISTERHOOD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9:00 AM
Terrace, Temple Beth Am Administration Building

Let’s infuse our TBAM Garden Sanctuary with words, symbols and the creativity of our TBAM families utilizing mosaics. Robyn Abrams, renowned Mosaic Artist, and experienced Sisterhood members will instruct us as we lift our spirits in support of Israel during these challenging times. Limited to 36 participants: ages 8 and above.

Sisterhood Mitzvah Day Chairperson: Carol Flicker
carolefflicker@gmail.com

BOOK COLLECTION
Donate your gently used books!
For more information see page 44.

MITZVAH MAKERS
1ST AND 3RD 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 ajbwaks@aol.com

MITZVAH MAKERS is looking for members:
• KNITTERS
• SEWERS
• CRAFTERS
Private Art Collections

View Private Art Collections
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Join Sisterhood as we view two private art collections. The collectors will share their journey into the acquisition of their pieces. We will meet at TBAM at 10:30 AM: carpooling a must.

Lunch and art visit will be at the Gables Club.
Cost: $36 per person. Limited to 25 participants.

RSVP: TBAM.ORG/ARTCOLLECTIONS

Chairpersons: Nancy Billings, Fredi Cogan, and Marlene Kohn

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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
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.

GAMES
BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

REGISTER AT TBAM.ORG/GAMENIGHT
VISIT TO THE MEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am invites any adult TBAM members to join us in partnership with Exchange for Change to tour the Everglades Men's Correctional Facility and to have conversations with inmates who are graduates of the Exchange for Change Program. Those who have visited in the past have felt it to be a powerful and most worthwhile experience. To participate, please contact Jeff Rosenberg at jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com.

Brotherhood members Jeff Agron and Arthur Miller, an Exchange for Change volunteer teacher, attended the Exchange for Change graduation for the participants, some of whom will be released soon from the correctional facility. Brotherhood is proud of the work we are doing in partnership with Exchange for Change.

MONDAYS, 8:00 AM
Chapel, Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

MONDAY MORNING MINYAN
SPONSORED BY BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH AM
LED BY TBAM LAY LEADERS

Give a spiritual lift to the beginning of your week!
Open to the entire Jewish community

If you would like to participate or volunteer to lead services, please email Ed Schwartz at edschwartz56@hotmail.com or Jeff Rosenberg at jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com
GUITAR LESSONS
From Billy Whitman

FEBRUARY 8, 15, 22, 29
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

BOOK COLLECTION

an initiative of
BROTHERHOOD SISTERHOOD
TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Donate your gently used children’s books, young adult books, and adult books. Children’s books will support the Read to Learn Books for Free literacy initiative of The Children’s Trust. Young adult and adult books will support Exchange for Change, a program that offers educational and community skills-building courses to incarcerated individuals at the Everglades Men’s Correctional Facility and the Homestead Women’s Correctional Facility.

Drop off gently used books at the Temple Beth Am offices before Mitzvah Day or at the Sanctuary Covered Driveway on Mitzvah Day. No Jewish content, PJ Library books or textbooks, please.
Our annual, flagship day of mitzvot is coming! While we as Jews serve our communities year-round, Mitzvah Day is an opportunity to act together as a congregation to make positive change. On February 25th, learn about new ways to help, share your passion for service or reignite prior volunteer commitments all the while meeting and connecting with your fellow congregants. There’s an opportunity for everyone at Mitzvah Day!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
TIKKUN OLAM MINYAN
10:30 AM
Temple Beth Am Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
MITZVAH DAY CELEBRATION SHABBAT
Honoring Mitzvah Day Leaders and Participants
6:00 PM
Temple Beth Am Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
MITZVAH DAY
8:00 - 9:00 AM Come to TBAM and grab a nosh or head straight to your project.
8:00 - 12:00 PM On campus projects (includes donations drive-thru)
9:00 - 5:00 PM Off campus projects.

Start and end times are project-specific. Confirm scheduling details online and with project captains. All donations must be at TBAM by 12:00 PM.

TO PARTICIPATE, REGISTER AND FIND PROJECT-SPECIFIC INFO GO TO TBAM.ORG/MITZVAHDAY

MITZVAH DAY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass, Clergy Liaison
Sharon Socol, Tikkun Olam VP
Caroline Miller & Jess Newberg, PATIO Liaisons
Phylicia Cook, Mitzvah Coordinator

Rebecca Hölljes, Chair of Tikkun Olam & Mitzvah Day
Jessica Steiner, Captain Coordinator
Ashley Tinstman, Tikkun Olam Socials

Mitzvah Day is made possible by Tikkun Olam at Temple Beth Am and has been an annual event since 1989.
by making sandwiches, engaging in a food justice insecurity alongside the Social Justice Teen Fellowship under age 13.

Captain: Marty Elfenbein (marty.elfenbein@gmail.com) + Danny Elfenbein elfencane@gmail.com
Location: TBAM (Kislak Family Social Hall & drive-thru)
Ages: All ages
This year’s b’nai mitzvahs along with past and future b’nai mitzvah kids will showcase those initiatives and causes they’re supporting at Mitzvah Day. You can support these young philanthropists on their service journeys by donating requested items and purchasing their products to raise money for various causes.

BOOK DONATIONS
Captains: Brenda Kilmer (kilmer_b@yahoo.com) + Jeff Rosenberg (jeffreyarosenberg@gmail.com)
Location: TBAM (drive-thru)
Ages: All ages
Donate your gently used baby books, young adult books, and adult books to support Exchange for Change and The Children’s Trust’s Read to Learn and Books for Free literacy initiatives.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Captain: Brittany Addams (britaddams@gmail.com)
Location: 9475 North Kendall Dr., Miami, FL 33176
Ages: All ages
Help spruce up and expand the Boys & Girls Club’s community garden. The Club focuses on enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

BUDDY SYSTEM MIA
Captain: Jacki Altman (jacki.altman@weRepair.org)
Location: TBAM (Kislak Family Social Hall)
Ages: All ages (parent supervision required for children under age 13)
Support Buddy System MIA’s initiative to combat food insecurity alongside the Social Justice Teen Fellowship by making sandwiches, engaging in a food justice reflection and restocking community fridges around Miami.

CAMILLUS HOUSE
Captain: Melissa Peerless (melissainparis@yahoo.com)
Location: 1603 NW 7th Ave (for lunch service) & TBAM (drive-thru)
Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM for lunch service
Ages: 14+ (parent/guardian supervision required)
Camillus House provides tools, guidance, and a pathway to help those experiencing homelessness create a better future. Join us by preparing and serving lunch to CH residents and bringing donations to TBAM.

CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP
Captains: Lisa Heller Green (lhglaw3@bellsouth.net) + Monica Warman (monwarman@gmail.com) + Alexis Newman (alexisrnewman@gmail.com)
Location: TBAM (Kislak Family Social Hall and drive-thru)
Ages: All ages
Donate hygiene necessities, prepare kindness cards, and help create individual bags with donations to give to the residents of Chapman Partnership.

CLEO INSTITUTE
Captains: Lindsey Wolfson (linds.wolfson@gmail.com) + Randi Wolfson (RandiWolfson@gmail.com)
Location: TBAM
Ages: All ages
Enjoy a family friendly morning to support The CLEO Institute, a non-profit that educates and empowers communities to demand climate action. Collect and donate essential hurricane supplies for vulnerable communities, then bring them to TBAM to create hurricane-preparedness kits for distribution.

CREATE MOSAIC GARDEN STONES WITH SISTERHOOD
Captain: Carol Flicker (caroleflicker@gmail.com)
Location: Terrace, TBAM Administration Building
Time: 9:00 AM
Ages: 8+
Infuse the TBAM Garden Sanctuary with words, symbols and creativity. Robyn Abrams, renowned Mosaic Artist, and experienced Sisterhood members will instruct us as we lift our spirits in support of Israel during these challenging times.

FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (FIDF)
Captains: Hagit Fefferman (hagit1@aol.com) + Miriam Zadok (miriamzadok@gmail.com)
Location: TBAM (Kislak Family Social Hall)
Ages: 8+
The FIDF provides for the wellbeing of the IDF, veterans, and families to protect the Jewish homeland. Support the IDF by writing cards, decorating pillowcases, and
11 JCS KOSHER FOOD BANK

Captains: Rooney Brodie (rooney.brodie@gmail.com) + Laura Greer Haim (laurahaim1@gmail.com)
Location: Milam’s Market, 11701 S Dixie Hwy, Pinecrest Plaza
Ages: All ages
Enjoy a family-friendly morning to support the Kosher Food Bank with this two-part activity perfect for families with young kids. First, grab your Milam’s grocery cart and go on a scavenger hunt to stock-up on essential groceries to replenish the Kosher Food Bank. Once you find everything and pay, package the items at Milam’s in a beautiful basket to distribute to local families in need.

12 LOTUS HOUSE

Captain: Caroline Miller (c.lampen.miller@gmail.com)
Location: Miami Children’s Museum (980 MacArthur Causeway, Miami, FL 33132)
Time: 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM
Ages: Families with children 4–12 years old. Lotus House attendees will primarily be 4–10 years old.
Lotus House aims to improve the lives of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness by providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources. Join the TBAM Garden Sanctuary to service the school’s sensory garden and food forest for neurotypical children while you prepare a play area and garden for students and children experiencing homelessness by providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources. Come be a kid again at the Miami Children’s Museum alongside our Lotus House neighbors as we explore and enjoy the magic of the Museum through a craft activity, playtime in the museum exhibits and pizza.

13 MIAMI WATERKEEPER

Captains: Lindsey Friedman (lazopoulosfriedman@gmail.com) + Todd Friedman (toddfriedman3@gmail.com)
Location: Virginia Key
Time: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: All ages
Volunteer with Miami Waterkeeper, a non-profit dedicated to clean water, ecosystem protection, and sea-level-rise resiliency, to learn about the negative impacts of marine debris and microplastics before embarking on a citizen-science, marine-debris beach clean-up.

14 MITZVAH MAKERS

Captains: Anne Becker (ajbwalks@aol.com)
Location: TBAM (Kislak Family Social Hall)
Ages: All ages
Bring your knitting needles, yarn, or whatever crafting project you’re working on, which once completed is donated to our Clergy who give your works of art, love and comfort to congregants and local organizations to let them know that TBAM cares.

15 TIKVA HOUSE

Captain: Jennifer Warren Medwin (Jen@seekingempowerment.com)
Location: TBAM (Kislak Family Social Hall)
Ages: All ages
Create handwritten cards for the children from TiKVA Children’s Home who’ve been displaced by the war in Ukraine. We’ll also make video messages offering words of encouragement to Tikva graduates living in Israel and serving in the IDF.

16 REDLAND DOG SANCTUARY

Captain: Steven Safren (ssafren@miami.edu)
Location: 25800 SW 182nd Ave and TBAM (drive-thru)
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: 9+ (parental supervision required for volunteers ages 9-17)
Redland Dog Sanctuary is a no-kill, nurturing animal shelter in Homestead that works diligently to rescue and rehabilitate dogs so they may be adopted into forever homes. Spend time with the dogs and participate in clean up and organization of the facility.

17 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Captain: Judi Gampel (gampel@aol.com)
Location: 1145 NW 14 Terr.
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Ages: All ages (children must be accompanied by parents)
Prepare a home-cooked lunch and participate in a craft project for out-of-town families with children receiving treatment at Jackson Memorial Hospital. RMHC supports the well-being of critically ill children and their families by providing lodging, meals, activities and care.

18 SYLVANIA HEIGHTS

Captain: Yonah Janowitz (yonah.eveline@gmail.com)
Location: 5901 SW 16th St
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Join the TBAM Garden Sanctuary to service the school’s sensory garden and food forest for neurotypical children while you prepare a play area and garden for students on the autism spectrum.

19 VOICES FOR CHILDREN

Captain: Kadie Black (kblack@beavoice.org)
Location: TBAM (drive-thru)
Ages: All ages
Help the children of Miami-Dade’s foster system with the Voices For Children Foundation by purchasing and donating new pillows in their original packages and unused, full-size toiletries and sanitary products. Your donations will be assembled into a comfort kit for each child.
“It Is Not up to You to Finish the Task, but You Are Not Free To Avoid It.”

-Pirkei Avot

We did it! But there is much work left to be done.

The fight to put reproductive freedom on the ballot for a Florida Constitutional amendment has passed its first hurdle.

As of January 5, 2024, according to the Florida Division of Elections, Floridians Protecting Freedom and its allies have collected 910,946 valid petitions, enough to get the right to abortion on the ballot in November 2024, so that the people of the state can decide. Of those petitions, RAC-FL reform congregational teams throughout the state collected 17,000, and our Temple Beth Am team collected over 1,800. This was all accomplished in just seven months! That’s huge and shows Florida voters overwhelmingly support Reproductive Freedom, regardless of party affiliation, religion, race, or location. We expect that by February 1, the State of Florida will announce that we have secured ballot placement. The next step is approval of the ballot language by the Florida Supreme Court, which will hear oral arguments on February 7. You can listen to the oral arguments at youtube.com/c/FloridaSupremeCourtTallahassee.

The proposed Constitutional amendments reads, “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.”

There is much more work ahead of us in 2024! We will need many hands, voices, and feet to ensure the measure wins on election day 2024 and that reproductive freedom is enshrined in the Florida State Constitution.

Thank you to the many TBAM volunteers and staff who have helped us collect petitions, especially Judith Ratzan, who headed our amazing congregational team. We will continue to invite members of our community to join us as we prepare for the launch of RAC’s Every Voice, Every Vote civic engagement campaign. We will work across our state to ensure that democracy rings from every corner and that every voice is heard and counted in November 2024. Join with us as we create history to ensure that Florida shines bright and that we become the next state in our nation to enshrine reproductive freedom in its Constitution.

Learn more at floridiansprotectingfreedom.com. If you want to get involved in the next phase of the campaign, contact Judith Ratzan at rjratz@aol.com.

All the best,
Jeff Agron,
RAC-FL
TEMPLE BETH AM’S
RECOVERY THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

If you are in recovery, a loved one of someone in recovery, or interested in getting help for your addiction, join us at our monthly support group.

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

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

OUR SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON
- Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 PM

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

YOUR CLERGY IS HERE FOR YOU

If you or a family member is hospitalized or ill at home, please contact us. We will make every effort to visit or help in any way we can.

Please reach out to Rabbi Barras’ assistant, Mindy Robbin, at 786.364.9446 or mrobbin@tbam.org
When most teenagers are up late playing Fortnite or TikTok, Serafina Moskowitz, known as “Feeny” to her friends, is up late melting wax and making bracelets for her own business, where she ships thousands of dollars in merchandise sunnydaysahead.online

Everything changed in October after the Hamas attacks in Israel. Started when she was just 10, Feeny has been making and selling homemade jewelry with her 9 year old sister Samantha, during summers at her home in Highlands, NC. After hearing about the Hamas attack, Feeny knew she had to do something more.

She always lives by the expression “actions speak louder than words”, so Feeny decided to dedicate part of her business to an “Israel Strong” division. She started making homemade bracelets and candles with her “Israel Strong” logo. It was important that 100% of all proceeds go directly to the victims of the attack and immediately her products were in great demand, selling out quickly.

“I needed a light to burn bright for all of the victims,” says 13 year old Feeny Moskowitz. My family and Temple Beth Am taught me that one person can make a difference. Feeny sells her products on-line and also sells at bazaars at local markets.
WE GIVE THANKS

RABBI AKLEPI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Gary Alvo in loving memory of Haim Aklepi
Donna and David Buchwald in loving memory of Irving Ross
Susan Herman in loving memory of Steven Herman, beloved husband, father and grandfather
Barbara Myers in loving memory of Nyman Edward Myers
Sandra Margoluis
Susan and Robert Price in loving memory of Claire and Benjamin Blazer
Frances Salbarrey
Anne F. Shearer
The Spann Family with appreciation for helping prepare Violet for her Bat Mitzvah
Debbie (Brodie) and Ed Weiss in appreciation of Kelsey and Griffin’s wedding

THE STEPHEN ARKY FAMILY CARING FUND
Marlin, Lisa and Todd, in loving memory of Steve Arky who is, and always will be, deeply in our hearts, with love and respect

LESLEE ARONOVITZ YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Lenard and Susan Gorman
In honor of Bobby Schatzman receiving the Talmud Torah Award from Tod Aronovitz and Family

RABBI BARRAS’ DISCRETIONARY FUND
Irma Bass
Shari Wald Garrett in appreciation of Alicia’s Bat Mitzvah
The Poyastro Family
Tom and Robin Ringel in loving memory of Edward Ringel
Frances Salbarrey
Andrew Wolf and family in loving memory of Joan Wolf.
Morris Futernick

BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH AM
Jeff and Lili Agron in support of YERS sponsorship

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY FUND
Carla and David Werner in loving memory of Catherine Werner

CORNERS OF OUR FIELDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Mr. and Mrs. David Hoffman in honor of Sara Karsenti and her family on her beautiful Bat Mitzvah
Glen and Joan Rozansky in honor of the birth of Sam David Schwartz

CANTOR COYOT’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Sheila Forman and Family with gratitude for Larry Forman’s minyan service
David Hoffman and Donna Levine in loving memory of beautiful Anne Sheldon
Greg and Lauren Weintraub in appreciation of Jessica Bass for Chloe Weintraub’s beautiful Bat Mitzvah service
Andrew Wolf and family in loving memory of Joan Wolf.

THE JOAN KRAMER GALLANT AND MARTIN GALLANT CHILDREN’S FUND
In memory of our papa, Martin Gallant with love from Jane, Mack and Sunny
Brian Gallant in loving memory of his parents
Tracy Gallant Brody in loving memory of her parents

GENERAL FUND
Genia Neuhaus and Nathan Randal in loving memory of Masza A. and Ester Neuhaus
Carol Pozen in memory of Sidney Pozen
Linda Sands in loving memory of Ralph Cades
Hope Schneiderman in loving memory of Eugene Schneiderman
Eric Seiden
Bill and Marcia Silver in loving memory of Edward I. Silver
Linda and Bob Spiegelman in loving memory of father, Moses Wichner
Michael Weiser

RABBI GREENGRAVSS’ DISCRETIONARY FUND
Karen Cohen
Matthew and Suzy Gold in appreciation of Rabbi Greengrass for officiating the most beautiful and special wedding ceremony for us.
Brett Kaplan we greatly appreciate you being part of our wedding and making our day/ ceremony so special. We also thank you for helping to create our chuppah at the last minute. We began our day with our mikvah and the cleansing continued through the rain deluge until we had our perfect rainbow. Thank you for everything during this process and look forward to seeing you in the future.
Brett Kaplan in loving memory of Brett’s dad
Ronald Edward Kaplan and Norma’s dad, Roberto Espinosa.
Brenda Kilmer
Gail LeBoss in loving memory of Joseph Schmier
Terry and Marcia Reisman in loving memory of Linda Rae Mallinger
Steve Rossman in loving memory of Jonathan Rossman
Frances Salbarrey
Laurie Turner
WE GIVE THANKS

Roberto and Ivonne Warman for Kathleen Warman and Chelsie Wallen’s wedding and conversion. Thank you for everything you have done and directed them.
Andrew Wolf and family in loving memory of Joan Wolf.

ISRAEL SCHOOL BOMB SHELTER FUND
David and Alison Bernstein
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MATTHEW KASS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Debra Schottenstein to remember Matthew Kass

CANTOR NELSON’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Donna Cohen in appreciation of Cantor Nelson
Shari Wald Garrett thank you for Bat Mitzvah of Alicia Garrett
Susan Herman in loving memory of Steven Herman beloved husband, father, and grandfather
Joan Johnson for Yahrzeit of Herman Berkley
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Mark and Lauren Saab in appreciation of Cantor Nelson
Steven and Susan Schwartzman in loving memory of Irene Trupkin mother of Susan Schwartzman and Alan Trupkin

DR. IRWIN PERLMUTTER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Keeping the Legacy of Temple Beth Am Founding Member, Dr. Irwin Perlmutter, alive through Jewish Education
Wendy and Howard Perlman in loving memory of Eugene Schneiderman

PRAYER BOOK FUND
The Klein Family in loving memory of Grace K. Brings
Richard Skor
Lynne and Alan Stein in loving memory of Ida Kaplan

PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE BETH AM
Sheila Forman
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RAMBAM DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND
Barbara Fishman in memory of Jerome Mittelberg father of Rickey Mittelberg

Lynna and Howard Zusman in loving memory of Aaron Rosenthal

LEWIS D. SILVERMAN M.D. SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Dr. and Dr. Marc Lederhandler in honor of the B’not Mitzvah of Sophia and Isabelle Sachar

SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH AM
Donna Cohen in loving memory of Edythe Berman

SOCOL FAMILY FOUNDATION SPEAKERS SERIES FUND
Sharon and Howard Socol in loving memory and in honor of my mother Rose Gurman’s Yahrzeit

TIKKUN OLAM FUND
Mark and Margie Buchbinder in loving memory of Linda Scott
Joanne and Jay Koren and Family in loving memory of Joseph Harvest
Robert and Mitchell Newman In Honor of Shelly Brody for all that you do and for all that you are. We love you.

YAHZRZEIT FUND
Rhoda and Jerry Berger in loving memory of Shirley Berger
Lorna Davis in loving memory of Jerry Davis. Remembering my dearest husband, our amazing father, Jerry Davis, whose light still shines brightly for each of us. Lovingly, Lorna, Heather, Hilarie and Heidi
Helen Orlin Donaldson
Harvey Goldman in loving memory of Pearl Goldman
Susan Herman in loving memory of Steven Herman, beloved husband, father and grandfather
Judith and Richard Jacobs in loving memory of Peter Jacobs, brother of Richard and Eric
Wendy Kornfield
Esther Kramer in loving memory of father and grandfather, Max Zelmanovic and in loving memory of mother and grandmother, Lilly Jacob Zelmanovic
Ruth Krieger
Helene Lanster
Phyllis Lapidus in loving memory of my father, Bernard Berger who is, and always will be, deeply in our hearts. We all love and respect you, Phyllis Lapidus and family.
Sharon and Martin Rothberg in loving memory of Isadore Taylor
Terri Warhaft in loving memory of Joseph Keane
Myra Wolf in loving memory of my parents, Dr. Charles and Davida Lenhoff
IN LOVING MEMORY

Week Ending
February 2, 2024
Eva Aibel*
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