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14 SIVAN FRIDAY, JUNE 2

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

27 SIVAN FRIDAY, JUNE 16

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

12 TAMMUZ SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Chukat-Balak
Numbers 19:1 - 22:1, 22:2 - 25:9
Haftarah Micah 5:6 - 6:8

4 AV FRIDAY, JULY 21

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

14 SIVAN SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 AM
Torah Study



10:30 AM
Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service
Parashat Naso I
Numbers 4:21 - 5:31
Haftarah Judges 13:2 - 12

5:30 PM
Bar Mitzvah of Blake Kandell
Parashat Naso II

27 SIVAN SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Shelach Lecha
Numbers 13:1 - 15:41
Haftarah Joshua 2:1 - 24

19 TAMMUZ FRIDAY, JULY 7

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

4 AV SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
Haftarah Isaiah 1:1 - 27

27 SIVAN FRIDAY, JUNE 23

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

19 TAMMUZ SATURDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Pinchas
Numbers 25:10 - 30:1
Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

11 AV FRIDAY, JULY 28

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg



6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

20 SIVAN FRIDAY, JUNE 9

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

27 SIVAN SATURDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Korach
Numbers 16:1 - 18:32
Haftarah I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22

26 TAMMUZ FRIDAY, JULY 14

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

11 AV SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Vaetchanan
Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11
Haftarah Isaiah 40:1 - 26

20 SIVAN SATURDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan

10:30 AM
Conservative Minyan Service
Parashat B'haalotcha
Numbers 8:1 - 12:16
Haftarah Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

12 TAMMUZ FRIDAY, JUNE 30

6:00 PM
Pre-Neg

6:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

26 TAMMUZ SATURDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM
Torah Study

10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan
Parashat Matot-Masei
Numbers 30:2 - 36:13
Haftarah Jeremiah 2:4 - 28, 3:4



JEREMY BARRAS

SENIOR RABBI
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A New Era of Judaism

Several years ago, I was having a conversation with a colleague from a conservative synagogue. He told me how excited he was for his Temple's Purim program, and that nearly 1000 people were expected to attend. I told him that was incredible, and that we never get such a crowd for Purim. I did, however, tell him that we were having a concert with the band Nefesh Mountain that weekend and were expecting a huge attendance. He told me that he could never get such a crowd for an event like that.

It was an interesting conversation. What became clear to me was that members of his congregation attended events where they felt they needed to fulfill a mitzvah. That is not the case for the majority of TBAM members. On the other hand, members of his synagogue were not as willing to come to events if a mitzvah was not being observed. What became evident to both of us was the difference in motivation that drove activity in our respective communities. The approach to Jewish involvement is starkly different and reflects how each of our congregations understand the concept of mitzvah.

For four millennia, since the Eternal approached Abraham with a new idea, the Jewish people have evolved continuously in their approach towards spirituality and law. From the sacrificial period to rabbinic legislation, from legal codification to kabbalistic interpretation, from Hasidic thought to Reform innovation, Jews have continued to explore new ways to express their faith and identification as Jews.

One of the stalwart principles throughout our history has been the concept of mitzvah. Being Jewish always meant that there is a Divine Commander, and we Jews are the commanded. Inherent in that covenant is the notion that observance of mitzvot is synonymous with the fulfillment of divine will and leads one to living a moral and meaningful life. In the advent of the liberal Jewish age, subscribers to non-orthodox movements began to question whether all mitzvot did indeed lead to moral behavior, and whether such behavior was necessary. The result of such thinking led to the emergence of non-halachic movements which distanced their members from the performance of traditional mitzvot.

Now that we find ourselves in a movement where mitzvah performance is optional, where the individual is autonomous, it is reasonable to ask if we still view ourselves as commanded by a divine authority. And if so, how does this relationship manifest in our daily lives? What I hear many rabbis talk about today is how the modern Jew experiences Judaism. Research indicates that a very large majority of Jews in the US are proud of their Jewish identity and would involve themselves in Jewish experiences that spoke to them. However, they would be far

less interested in attending an event, service or program just because they felt commanded to perform a mitzvah. In other words, the way many of us relate to our Jewishness has entered an entirely new phase. Judaism should be interesting, spiritual and speak clearly to our values systems. We prefer to ask Judaism to adjust to our schedules and sensibilities, rather than ask of ourselves to accommodate our daily lives to traditional Jewish demands.

I think that synagogues and Jewish centers that do not realize this fundamental change in the modern Jewish mindset will have trouble relating to its members. However, at the same time, I wonder what aspects of our tradition are at risk of extinction if we are not willing to offer a bit more of ourselves for the purpose of fulfilling the meaningful dictums of our faith. It is one thing to jettison traditions which one doesn't identify. Yet, it is something else entirely to let go of traditions that one never understood in the first place. To do so could lead us down a road to where we no longer recognize where we have come from, and where we are meant to go. To that end, our decisions must be informed. As reform Jews, we are committed to seeking out experiences that heighten our spirituality and guide our behavior. As we continue that search, let us keep an open mind. Judaism will adjust to us. It always does. But it would be worthwhile for us to occasionally adjust as well, making room for the grandeur of our tradition in our lives.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Barras
Tuesday, June 6 at 12:00 PM in the Chapel

Remembering the Holocaust
in a World Without Survivors:
Some Reflections from my Trip to Poland

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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In the same way we believe Rosh Hashanah comes too early or too late, we believe the summer ends too quickly. In fact, Rosh Hashanah is always the first day of Tishri, and there are a consistent number of days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. What makes us feel time differently? It depends on how we use our time and if we perceive it as well spent. Naturally, time well spent means different things to different people. For some, a vacation filled with activity from morning to night is time well spent. One might experience a feeling of accomplishment for items checked off a bucket list. For others, a vacation reading or resting, cleaning or organizing, having lists to complete, or no list at all, is time well spent. No matter how we use our time, days turn into weeks and weeks into months. How do we make the time count?

Rebbe Nachman, the 18th-century Chasidic leader who is still revered today, taught: *“Every day you must view yourself as if you had been born just on that day. You should feel as though you have nothing in the world but that day alone. Do not burden yourself by thinking about either the past or the future. Even if you do engage in business and the demands of your livelihood—and these do relate to the future—your main concern must still be for today. For who knows what tomorrow will bring?”*

In popular culture when one hears “live for today,” one might think it is a proposition to simply have fun and enjoy

oneself because, in truth, we do not know what tomorrow brings. The idea is not a superficial one. Rather, it means we should endow each day with meaning and value. And this holds true for vacation days as well as work/school/regular life days. Bringing meaning to our days is a life-long journey that could include reading a book, whitewater rafting, and teaching a child how to swim.

Summer is my favorite season. I have always loved spending time in the sun and the water. (Although nowadays I’m well protected from the sun’s rays.) At the same time, I can feel anxious when summer approaches. I’m afraid I’ll let the time slip away without doing enough—classic *FOMO* (*fear of missing out*). Summer is not a competitive team sport, it is an individual event, and we try to reach our individual best.

The *parshiot* of the Torah during the summer describe the traveling and encampments of the Israelites in the Wilderness. They overcome some challenges and fall short of others. They are moving forward on their journey toward the Land of Israel. Over the summer, we, too, can move forward; our journeys, too, can bring us challenges. Yet, from these challenges comes growth. May every day be a time of meaning and growth, and may we not have any “summertime blues.”

Rabbi Jaime Aklepi

There are still some spaces available on our Jewish Heritage River Cruise from October 20-29, 2023.

Four countries, private touring for our group.

Come learn more with our AMA Waterways Expert
And meet and greet fellow Beth Am travelers.

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 PM

Light dinner served.





RICH SIEGEL

PRESIDENT
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It is with great honor and humility that I write to you today as the new president of our beloved Temple Beth Am. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and look forward to working with our amazing clergy, incredible staff, committed lay leaders, and each of you as we embark on this journey together.

My TBAM journey began over two decades ago when my wife Jackie and I “popped into” TBAM during a house-hunting trip to find a preschool for our daughters Allison and Abby (then one and three years old). Fast forward 21 years, and while it would be a challenge to find a structure that still exists on campus from that day, what we fell in love with during that visit very much still exists—a warm, caring, and committed community that loves and respects our people, our faith, and each other.

As we embark on a new (Temple fiscal) year, I want to take a moment to express my deep admiration and appreciation for the leadership of my predecessor, friend, and confidant, **David Young**, who worked tirelessly to build and strengthen our congregation. With his guidance and leadership, our congregation has grown and flourished, and I am excited to continue his legacy in hopes of taking our community to new heights.

Our congregation is a place where people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs come together to learn, pray, and grow in our Jewish traditions. It is a place where we find support and comfort in times of joy and sorrow and celebrate the milestones of our lives. As we move forward together, I am committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive community for all members. Of course, this will not be a solo effort! We are blessed to have **Shelley Jacoby** as Executive Vice President, **Jason Haim** as Treasurer, and a team of lay leaders whose commitment to our community inspires us all. Most importantly, our lofty goals would not be achievable without a clergy and professional staff that is second to none. I believe an integral part of my presidency is empowering them and staying out of their way!

One of my priorities as president will be to ensure that our congregation remains a vibrant and thriving center of Jewish life. This means we must continue to provide meaningful and inspiring worship experiences, educational programs that engage and challenge us, and opportunities for social action and tikkun olam. I believe that our congregation has been, and will continue to be, a powerful force for good in the world, and I am eager to work with

our community to continue to make that vision a reality. As we look to the future, many exciting opportunities and challenges are ahead. We live in a rapidly changing world, and our congregation must be nimble and adaptive in order to meet the needs of our members and the wider community. I believe that we are up to this task and that together we can build a congregation that is both deeply rooted in our traditions and responsive to the needs of the modern world.

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting with many of you to hear your thoughts and ideas about how we can continue to grow and evolve as a congregation. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you may have. Together, we can build a stronger and more vibrant community that truly reflects our shared values and beliefs. In closing, I want to express my gratitude for the trust that you have placed in me as your new president. I am honored to serve our congregation and look forward to the journey ahead. Let us go forward together with a sense of purpose, optimism, and determination to build a community that is worthy of our highest aspirations.

Rich Siegel

Temple Beth Am
& Rambam Day School



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO HELP US
CROSS THE FINISH LINE

The Beyond the Curve Capital Campaign has been an **INCREDIBLE** community effort. We have gifts from over 500 donor families. We want everyone's participation.

We invite you to make a gift before the end of our fiscal year deadline of June 30, 2023. All gifts are valued and appreciated. Please take a moment to donate online so you too can be counted as part of this historic effort.

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\$3,600	\$72
\$1,800	\$54
\$360	\$36
\$118	Other

MULTI-YEAR GIVING OPTIONS

\$1,200/ year for 3 years	(\$3,600 TOTAL)
\$600/ year for 3 years	(\$1,800 TOTAL)
\$360/ year for 3 years	(\$1,080 TOTAL)
\$118/ year for 3 years	(\$354 TOTAL)
\$72/ year for 3 years	(\$216 TOTAL)
Other	

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If you are interested in this opportunity,
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RITA DIAZ
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Dear Temple Beth Am Community,

This is one of our most exciting years and we are thrilled you have chosen to share it with us. The Hub has opened and that will bring an array of programs and events that will exceed your expectations. If you haven't stopped by, please take a few minutes and drop in or better yet, attend the next event or program.

We have the most incredible clergy team, professional staff and lay leaders who work tirelessly to bring you enjoyable and innovative services and events.

I am so very grateful for these past 24 years getting to know you and your extended families. You have helped make Temple Beth Am a second home for me. If you haven't been here very long, please stick around, I promise you, the magic will happen. We have many different ways to help you find your special place here at Temple Beth Am, whether you've been a member here for 65 years or if this is your first year with us.

It has always been important for our members to feel comfortable with their level of giving to this community. For that reason, we have maintained low annual membership contribution increases, and our Fair Share program allows for multiple membership choices. This year has been a trying year for all of us, and for your Temple. If you are able, please consider giving within one of our Committee of 100 levels. Doing this makes it possible for families that have financial challenges to remain a part of our congregation. It is a wonderful act of tzedakah to help those less fortunate and it will help us to recuperate from the past two years. You will also help us to meet the financial obligations connected with maintaining consistent superior service by joining or re-joining one of our Committee of 100 levels this year. We are counting on you now more than ever!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you soon. Thank you for your continued commitment, your generosity, and support.

With gratitude and love,

Rita Diaz
Membership Director

HOW 'BOUT SHABBBAT

**TEMPLE BETH AM,
THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH!**

Our kids had a blast, parents and grandparents also! Thank you to **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass** and **Cantor Tifani Coyot** for a special, fun filled and interactive Shabbat service. The music was sensational (thank you Cantor) and the story so clever (thank you Rabbi Greengrass) Just look at the group of happy faces below...

Thank you to **Merle Banguela** for her help, our amazing custodial staff led by **Luis Arango** and to **Valentina Iglesias** and **Sarah Bacigalupi** for working with the children on their ceramic projects.



BREAKFAST AND TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



**SUNDAY
JULY 9TH**

**11:00-12:00 PM
SANCTUARY LOBBY**

Please invite your unaffiliated friends or family members to join us for a light breakfast in our Sanctuary Lobby. They will have the opportunity to tour our beautiful campus, learn about our many membership incentives, from our complimentary young adult memberships to our "Get To Know Us" campaign and for those families that would love to rejoin our community, we offer our "Get To Know Us All Over Again" incentive.

If you know someone interested in learning more about Temple Beth Am, please tell them about this event.
Better yet, bring them and have breakfast with us!

RSVP A MUST - Rita 786-364-9434 | rdiaz@tbam.org

COMMITTEE OF 100

Reception

APRIL 11, 2023

What an incredible evening...filled with so many of you, in Temple Beth Am's newest building, The Hub.

The night was filled with warmth and love. It was wonderful to see so many members here, catching up with each other and enjoying the delicious "cocktail hour," catered by Michael Meltzer.

Mazel Tov to our Committee of 100, Family of the Year, **Kate Lampen-Sachar and Dan Sachar** and their daughters **Isabelle and Sophia**.

A special thank you to VP of Membership, **Carolina Gurland**, to **Michelle Sarason** for donating the florals and our very own photographer extraordinaire, **Claudia Storper**.

Tzedakah is one of our most important traditions - an obligation to give, each in our own way, to help others. It is what makes us a united and a just people.

Thank you for supporting Temple Beth Am on the Committee of 100 levels and making membership available to all.

Please contact Rita Diaz to join our Committee of 100 at 786.364.9434 | rdiaz@tbam.org

The GRAND Opening OF THE HUB



On April 2, 2023, we marked an important milestone in the history of Temple Beth Am and Rambam Day School. We opened The Hub...our cultural and athletic center, completing our campus renewal project!

The Hub, dedicated by Colleen and Richard Fain, is home to so many incredible spaces including:

- The Poyastro Family Athletic Center
- The Frankel Family Performing Arts Center
- The Lampen Sechar Outdoor Cultural Life Center
- The Havenick Family Outdoor Basketball Court

We have so many incredible leaders that we are thankful for, including our Campaign and Steering Committee Chair Lily Serviasky, our Steering Committee, Building Committee, Clergy and Directors. A special thank you to our Grand Opening Chairs and Host Committee.

We couldn't have done this without the incredible generosity of our donors.

Thank you!



To see all the photos of the Grand Opening visit Tbam.org/grandopening





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MAY-JUNE 2023



The Hub
TEMPLE BETH AM

ELERI WARD

BRINGS SONDHEIM TO THE HUB



SATURDAY
JUNE 10
8:00 PM

THE FRANKEL FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE HUB

► For more information and tickets visit tbam.org/thehub

ELERI WARD, a New York City-based actor, singer, and musician, **makes her Miami debut at The Hub this June following sold-out performances at Sony Hall in New York and The Kennedy Center's KC Cabaret.**

Hailed for her critically-acclaimed indie-folk Sondheim album, "A Perfect Little Death," as "a harmonious marriage of musical theater and indie folk music, with hauntingly beautiful arrangements" by Forbes and "an incandescent new record" from American Theater Magazine. According to The New York Times, "Ward plumbs this deep well in a way that feels so intuitively right, it's remarkable no one has done it before."

Coming off a triumphant national summer tour opening for global superstar Josh Groban, Ward released "Keep A Tender Distance," the sublimely introspective follow-up to "A Perfect Little Death," on September 16th, 2022.

Ward will perform from both albums in an intimate evening performance at The Hub.

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PETER PAN

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THURSDAY
JUNE 1ST
7:30PM

SUNDAY
JUNE 4TH
10:30AM

SUNDAY
JUNE 4TH
2:30PM

◆ TICKETS: \$25 ◆
◆ FAMILY OF 4: \$85 ◆

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TAMARA DONNENFELD

DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING
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Another successful Religious School year has come to a close. Over three hundred and twenty-five students, from pre-k to high school seniors, have been touched! It is no small task!

Our department is small; two full-time professionals supported by two dedicated office staff prepare, plan, and execute a myriad of programs and activities that serve a wide range of needs in our community. Jewish content, as well as social and leadership skills, are key ingredients to all our programs, but let's not forget about the human resources: the YERS board and volunteers and our dedicated teachers and clergy who, week after week, deliver a thought-out lesson to help discover our children's potential as a Jew in the 21st century.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for being a part of this vibrant community and entrusting us with the education and growth of your children. It has been an incredible journey filled with joy, learning, and spiritual exploration.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed your dedication to fostering a strong Jewish identity within your families, and we commend your commitment to living Jewishly. Whether attending family education programs or Shabbat services, participating in holiday celebrations, or engaging in meaningful discussions, your presence and active

We are proud of the progress students have made in their Hebrew studies. We hope their continued practice over the summer will strengthen their skills and deepen their connection to our rich Jewish heritage. Remember, there are various online resources, Hebrew learning apps (i.e. wordwall.net, aleph-bet wheel app), and interactive programs that can make the learning experience enjoyable and accessible from anywhere.

As we bid farewell to the school year, we also want to remind you of the importance of finding time for relaxation and rejuvenation. Summer is a time for exploration, creating lasting memories with loved ones, and nourishing our souls. Whether you embark on a family vacation, engage in outdoor activities, or simply enjoy the sun's warmth, we hope you have a fabulous and fulfilling summer break.

While we will miss seeing each of you during the summer months, we eagerly anticipate the start of the new academic year. Please mark your calendars, as our back-to-school day is scheduled for September 10. We cannot wait to welcome you back with open arms, renewed energy, and exciting programs to enrich your Jewish journey further.

With deep appreciation,
Tamara

2023-2024

YERS

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

UNTIL JUNE 30TH*

*Discounted rate for Religious School, Monday Night CHAI and Confirmation.

You must be a Temple Beth Am member to enroll your child in Religious School

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SUMIKO ZAYON
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“The Vital Role of Jewish Young Leadership in Securing the Community’s Future”

Jewish young leadership holds a critical role in the development and future of the Jewish community. This is especially important in today’s world, where many young people are disconnected from their religious and cultural roots and may not see the value of maintaining Jewish traditions and customs. By working together toward a common goal, young Jewish leaders can foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity that can help to strengthen the bonds between different groups within the community.

Jewish young leadership is essential because it can help address some of the challenges and issues facing the Jewish community today. These may include antisemitism, assimilation, interfaith relations, Israel, and Jewish continuity.

These challenges and issues require the Jewish community to work together and develop innovative solutions to ensure Judaism’s continued success and relevance in the modern world.

Last month, the Beth Am Federation of Temple Youth (BAFTY) board was elected through a secret ballot. This group of wonderful leaders will be responsible for bringing success to our youth group the next academic year. Jewish young leaders can help shape the community’s future and ensure that it remains vibrant, dynamic, and relevant in a rapidly changing world. Our BAFTY board is up to the task! Together, we are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to create a meaningful impact in the generations to come.

Register for BAFTY if you haven’t done so yet: www.tbam.org/BAFTY then click on enrollment.



MEET THE BAFTY BOARD 2023/2024

- President:** Shayna Karmin
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- Membership Vice President:** Logan Mondell
- 9th Grade Members at Large:** Gaby Kushner & Leo Krislav
- 10th Grade Members at Large:** Patrick Mizrahi, Ilana Damski & Ellie Rosenwald
- 11th Grade Member at Large:** Anya Krislav

FEATURING OUR YOUNG LEADERS

OUR SUCCESS AS EDUCATORS IS INTERTWINED WITH THEIRS

My name is Jocelyn Rimland. I’m in 9th grade and I am a part of the Madrichim Program as well as BAFTY. When I was younger, I didn’t like religious school very much. The topics confused me, and I wasn’t very in touch with the Jewish part of my life. Now the Madrichim and BAFTY programs have opened many opportunities for me to experience why being Jewish is something to be proud of. I’ve made many valuable friendships by becoming so involved at the temple.

Recently, I was lucky enough to have my bat mitzvah in Israel. The trip was incredible on its own, but all the times I had learned about Israel during Monday Night CHAI and Sunday school elevated the experience so much more than it would have been otherwise. I am so glad that these programs are available at Temple Beth Am and that I have had the chance to participate in them.



Jocelyn Rimland
 Madricha & BAFTY member



March 25 - April 02, 2024

DISCOVER THE GIFT OF A WEEK-LONG, IMMERSIVE TRIP TO ISRAEL FOR JEWISH 8TH GRADERS.

During Miami-Dade Spring Break



DISCOVER THE BEST OF ISRAEL



GROW YOUR JEWISH IDENTITY



MAKE NEW MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS



IsraelNow mission is to help teens experience Israel, the culture and its people in ways that will nurture and strengthen their commitment to Jewish life going forward.



IsraelNow trips are packed with opportunities to dive deeper into Jewish culture and history. Participants will form a special bond with Israel, making friends along the way.



Participants will:

- Explore modern and ancient Israel
- Engage in social justice projects
- Discover Israeli culture



Who is eligible for IsraelNow?

Any 8th grade student who is enrolled in public school or non-Jewish private school and who identifies as Jewish is able to apply.

"The experiences were so meaningful to me and since the trip, I feel like I have a much stronger bond with Israel and our culture."
IsraelNow participant

"I told my daughter prior to the trip, "There is life before Israel and life after your first visit to Israel." When my teen returned, she told me how correct that statement is."
IsraelNow parent



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TEMPLE BETH AM STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN MNC AND ATTEND THE ISRAEL CLASS FOR THE SECOND HOUR



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- INTRODUCING -

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FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 3, 2024
Details to come

✦ INTERESTED?

Contact Andrea Kay at
akay@tbam.org

HELP US GET KIDS IN FOSTER CARE READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!

In partnership with Voices For Children Foundation



Backpack Stuffing

Tuesday, August 1, 2023
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Chapel,
Lewis Family Religious Life Complex

Not able to make the stuffing event?
Join Voices on August 2nd
to help with our distribution event at
Old Navy at Shoppes of Dadeland.

Registration Required:
tbam.org/backpacks





DAY SCHOOL

NORA ANDERSON, M.S., M.Ed.
 HEAD OF SCHOOL
 NANDERSON@TBAM.ORG

We have reached the end of another school year, and I wanted to reflect on all we have accomplished together. This year has been filled with so many beautiful moments, both in the classroom and beyond.

In the classroom, our students have continued to excel academically. They have challenged themselves to learn new things and grown in their understanding of the world around them. They have also developed strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Throughout the year, our students have shown that they are compassionate, caring, and responsible individuals. They are proud to be Jewish, and they are committed to making a difference in the world. I am so proud of all that our students have accomplished this year. They have made me proud to be their head of school. I want to thank our faculty and staff for their dedication and hard work this year. They have gone above and beyond to provide our students with a world-class education. I am grateful for their commitment to our school and our students.

We completed the final phase of our new campus, opening The Hub in April. Our campus now boasts a cultural center, a new state-of-the-art performing arts venue, and a premier basketball facility. We have already enjoyed our morning havdalah services, school plays, PE classes, and many other activities in The Hub's new facilities. It is truly a place for us all to call home.

We also now have our first in-house after-school program, currently offering 67 distinct enrichment classes and daily aftercare for students from junior pre-nursery through fifth grade. After only one year, Blue J's After School has been a resounding success. We are thrilled to offer so many exhilarating opportunities, and we can't wait to expand on our already diverse catalog.

Enrollment continues to be incredibly strong. We are at capacity for a record number of grades and will even need to add kindergarten classes next year!

I was also blessed to work with a supportive and thoughtful school board and PATIO team this year. Their unconditional support and flexibility have allowed

our students and staff to enjoy so many activities, both on and off campus. And our fabulous auction chairs once again organized an extraordinary and successful Annual Auction. Thank you to all the volunteers who make our school the special place it is.

As we look ahead to the next school year, I am excited to see what our students will achieve. I know that they will continue to grow and learn, and I am confident that they will make a positive impact on the world.

Thank you to our parents, teachers, and staff for your support this year. We could not have done it without you. It is a privilege to be your head of school and partner with each of our families to nurture our world's future Jewish leaders.

Nora Anderson



AFTER SCHOOL

IS BACK FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Be on the lookout for 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.

Over 90% of Blue J's After School classes are taught by our very own faculty!

- NEW CLASSES -



Book Club



eSports



Online Student Newspaper



Street Hockey



Volleyball

AND MANY MORE!

FALL REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1, 2023 AND FALL CLASSES BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

Have questions?

Contact Craig Mankoff at cmankoff@tbam.org or visit tbam.org/afterschool

SCAN THE QR CODE

to view course catalog and descriptions available on June 15



MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH



BLAKE KANDELL
June 3, 2023

Blake is currently in 7th grade at Palmetto Middle School. He is a hardworking and involved student as an active member of the student government and NJHS. Blake's passion outside of school is baseball as he plays on multiple teams and is counting the days until he goes to Cooperstown, NY this summer. He gives 110% to everyone and everything in his life and his Bar Mitzvah preparation has been no different. His dad, **Brett**, mom, **Jenny**, sister, **Syvie**, and brother, **Cory**, admire, support and cheer him on every step of the way. The family is elated for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah and to travel to Israel this summer with friends and family to explore and celebrate.

NEW MEMBERS

Colin & Michelle Fichman
Ian & Gabriela James
Alon Rehany & Mark Kingdom
Ivan & Sara Mladenovic
Wilner Bryan & Jordyn Cavayero

Jean-David & Sophie Sebaoun
Leon & Irina Shaulov
David Wilf & Carolyn Wheeler
Arie Zoldan & Lian Florsheim

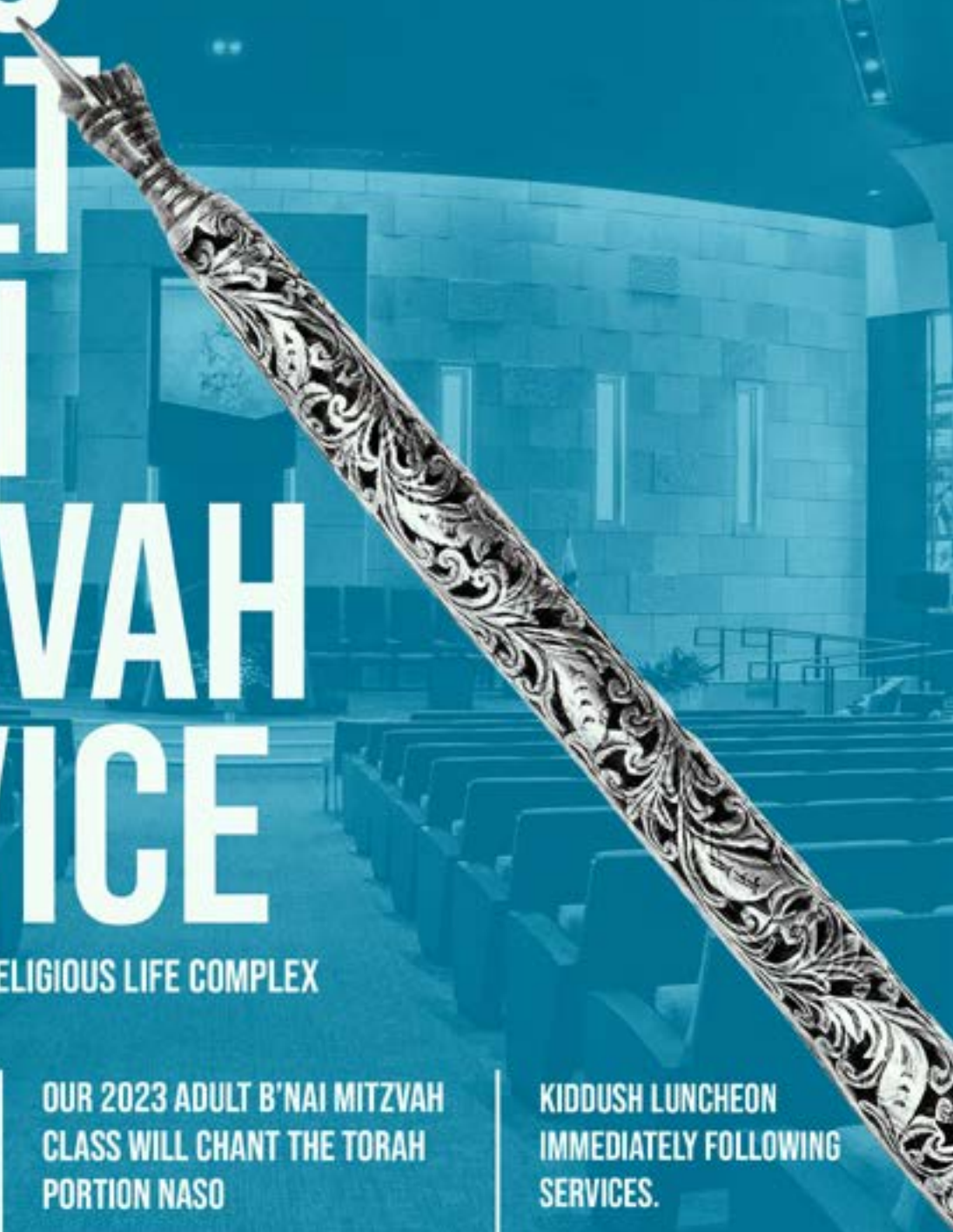
TO OUR DEAR MEMBERS, YOUR CLERGY IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU

*Please let us know if you or a family member is
hospitalized or ill at home.
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*

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE

2023 ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH SERVICE



SANCTUARY, LEWIS FAMILY RELIGIOUS LIFE COMPLEX

**SATURDAY
JUNE 3
10:30 AM**

OUR 2023 ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS WILL CHANT THE TORAH PORTION NASO

ELIZABETH GARCIA BAEZ
JULIAN OSPINA
DEANNA WHITMAN

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES.

RSVP TO JANICE BAISMAN AT JBAISMAN@TBAM.ORG

tikkun olam

The Big Impact of Small Acts

Tikkun olam is the Jewish concept of practicing actions intended to repair or improve the world. These actions can take many forms and for this month's Commentator, I'd like to highlight two of our congregants who humbly embody the spirit of tikkun olam in plain sight.

Janice Baisman is Rabbi Greengrass and Andrea Kay's assistant. Besides being a wonderful member of our Temple, a mom, a former teacher and bookstore owner, and a great friend to so many of us, for the past four years, Janice has taken it upon herself to organize and facilitate the many book donations we receive here at TBAM. As of 2022, Janice, who enlisted the invaluable support of our fellow congregant and former librarian, Brenda Kilmer, has facilitated the donation of thousands of books, including a recent donation of hundreds of volumes to the following programs and organizations: Children's Trust Books for Free, One More Child, Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged at Douglas Gardens, and (with the support of TBAM's Brotherhood and Sisterhood organizations) the Homestead Women's Correctional Facility Library and Everglades Men's Correctional Facility Library.

Although donating books may seem like an easy enough proposition, the work involved often is pretty grimy, time-consuming, and labor intensive. Janice and Brenda go through each book donated to "ensure that our recipients receive quality books that we can be proud of donating," as

Janice wrote in her latest email update to me on what was happening. Incredibly, however, Janice and Brenda's under-the-radar acts of tikkun olam are not unique within the TBAM community. So many of our members quietly serve day-in and day-out, asking nothing in return, but leaving an indelible, positive impact on the community.

As I have mentioned before, Tikkun Olam (the committee) is diligently working to launch a revamped webpage with the start of the next school year. Apart from offering easily accessible info on what we're doing and how to be involved, we also plan to feature our congregants' acts of service to help spread awareness of and cultivate tikkun olam in our community in all its forms.

Whether you feel inspired to help an existing effort like Janice and Brenda's book donations, or want to start something new, it is these actions, large and small, that repair and improve our world. And it is in their accumulated impact that we truly witness the power of tikkun olam.

Thank you all, have a great summer, and let's talk soon,

Rebecca Holljes
Tikkun Olam Chair



Friends of the TEMPLE BETH AM GARDEN SANCTUARY

Summer is here and our garden lays fallow, but the Garden Committee is still hard at work preparing for the Fall season.

Do you dig nice people, family friendly gardening and outdoor activities?

Do you see the value in children having first-hand experience with nature and learning from where food comes?

Join the TBAM Garden Committee and help our vegetable and native pollinator butterfly garden!

For more info or to chat contact us at garden@tbam.org



COMING UP

Tikkun Olam is focused on getting us ready to involve the broader TBAM community in the many service and social-action efforts we already have going on. These engagements include, but aren't limited to:

- Gun violence awareness and prevention
- Reproductive rights and women's health
- A reinvigorated Caring Committee
- Climate change awareness and activism
- Children's literacy education
- Fighting food waste and hunger
- Supporting families who need help accessing medical care

If you want to find out how you can get in on the ground floor with any of the above (and there's more!), email us at toctbam@gmail.com

We want and need your help!

Fighting for Reproductive Rights in Florida



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

On April 17, I was in Tallahassee as part of a group representing RAC-FL and our reform congregations to participate in an interfaith press conference, awareness rally, and lobby visits in support of reproductive rights for all Floridians. We were joined by the National Council of Jewish Women, Catholics for Choice, the Florida Interfaith Coalition for Reproductive Health and Justice, Faith in Public Life, New Journey Ministries, American Atheists, Southern Birth Justice Network, Black in Repro, and other people of faith. Most of you know that Florida recently passed a six-week abortion ban. The law will take effect only after a decision by the Florida Supreme Court on last year's 15-week abortion ban. In the meantime, we have a 15-week ban in effect.

I am pleased to announce that there will now be a statewide ballot initiative to approve a constitutional amendment enshrining reproductive rights protection in the Florida Constitution. This initiative will be led by a broad coalition of diverse groups, both religious and secular; RAC-FL and Temple Beth Am will be a part of the coalition. Many of you may remember the work we did in 2018 to pass Amendment 4 in Florida, the Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Initiative, ensuring the right to vote for returning felons. This will be a similar grassroots campaign. I hope you will join me and fellow Beth Am members in this work.

To learn more about the ballot initiative and the work we will be called to do, please attend the RAC-FL statewide campaign kick-off on **Tuesday, June 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Zoom.**

All the best,
Jeff Agron,
RAC-FL



Register by scanning the QR code

Dear Sisters & Friends



I know that you are reading this June/July Commentator in real-time. However, I am writing my letter to you on April 25, as much lead time is needed to publish a Commentator. Thank you to the marvelous TBAM Marketing Team: Favi Budyszewick, Nancy Levy, Marian Lopez, and Janice Baisman for their creativity, patience, and support in helping Sisterhood advertise and articulate our numerous programs throughout the year. Additionally, a great deal of gratitude to Andrea Levine Kay and Ellen Rusconi, Program Team extraordinaire, and our Administrative Assistants Aida Littauer and Susan Rolnick for their input and unconditional support of our Sisterhood.

Rabbi Jaime Aklepi, Sisterhood's clergy liaison, and the entire clergy team have stood with us and guided us throughout the year; thank you to all.

Thank you to our dynamic Sisterhood board and membership for their leadership, friendship, and expertise as we worked together to provide our TBAM community with relevant and innovative programs. Our work requires a team with a generous spirit and love for Sisterhood's mission. We are carrying forward the leadership of Past President Lynn Cromer TM.

Our end-of-the-year event was a delightful evening. Thank you to our chairs, Daniela Zanzuri-Beiner and Monica Warman, and committee members Judy Cowan, Sheri Lieberman, and Bobbye Shearer.

Sisterhood Past President Susan Golinsky has worked diligently and masterfully to produce our gorgeous "not so" MMM. Susan's artistic skills and impeccable organization has made this mailer a joy to put together and share with all of you. Thank you, Susan.

Thank you to all of you who attended our many programs!! We are looking forward to a new year of stimulating and creative offerings that will enrich us all. Our partnership with other TBAM committees has been very successful, and we will continue to collaborate.

Our 2023-2024 Sisterhood programs have yet to be solidified at this time, but we do have some information to share with you. Please read below and put our opening event on your calendar. More information will follow in our Mid-Month Mailer and August Commentator. Enjoy the pictures from Mitzvah Day at Casa Valentina, Hamsa Mosaic Class, and Let's Dine, Drink and Dance Y'all.

Most importantly, please renew your Sisterhood membership for 2023-2024 (tbam.org/sisterhood), as Sisterhood membership is separate from TBAM membership. Your Sisterhood membership will include attending our opening event on October 11 at no cost.

Wishing everyone a restful, peaceful, and enjoyable Summer.

Warmly,

Susan Lampen

Sisterhood President



Save the Date

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

2023-24 OPENING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
6:30 PM

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings will begin in August 2023.
Date, time and place TBD. All are invited!

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Presently, members are deciding on their book choices. The titles will be posted in the August 2023 Commentator. Sisterhood book club will meet in September, November, January, March and May.

Please contact Lori Fabry lpfabry@gmail.com or Angela Durand gingerdurand@yahoo.com for more information.

HELP US FOR BACKPACK STUFFING

We're joining forces with the Tikkun Olam committee and Voices for Children to stuff school backpacks for foster children in need of school supplies. Join us and lend a hand for this event on Tuesday, August 1.

Details and registration information on page 22.



Sisterhood is about forging connections, finding common interests, and working with other women to create a sense of community that matters. Your membership is the key to our thriving organization. Each of you makes a difference. We gauge our success by looking at the sense of camaraderie, learning, and goodwill that is created by our programs and opportunities to be involved.

As a part of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism), we strengthen the voice of Jewish women worldwide and are empowered to create caring communities, nurture our congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and promote Jewish values.



JOIN US AT
tbam.org/sisterhood

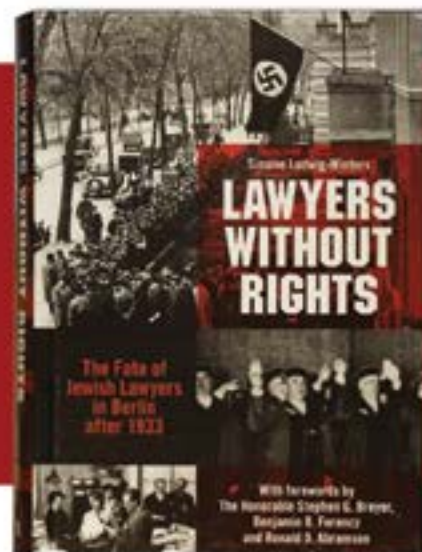


Sisterhood Events

IMPACT PROGRAM:

LAWYERS WITHOUT RIGHTS

Erosion of rights from the Nazi regime to present:
Can it happen here?



On April 13, 2023 *Lawyers Without Rights* was featured as the third dedicated program in Temple Beth Am's unBIASed Initiative.

unBIASed is a long-term project created to address the insidious rise in antisemitism along with additional biases and the hate speech that exists in our communities.



Edith Osman,
Executive V.P. on the Temple Beth Am Board and former President of the Florida Bar, brought the exhibit to Beth Am, while also creating and moderating the panel discussion with the esteemed speakers named below. As Edith stated in her remarks, the presentation that evening was "designed to focus on what happened in Nazi

Germany, whether it can happen here, and what we must do to halt that possibility."

The distinguished panelists included Andreas Siegel, Consul General of Germany in Miami; Brian Siegal, Director, Miami/ Broward AJC; The Honorable Scott Bernstein, Miami Dade Circuit Court Judge and Holocaust Educator; and Temple Beth Am's Senior Rabbi Jeremy Barras.

This program was held in our synagogue's new space, The Hub, along with the opening night of a 25-panel exhibit entitled ***Lawyers Without Rights: The Fate of Jewish Lawyers in Berlin after 1933.*** Produced jointly by the American Bar Association and the German Federal Bar Association, this traveling exhibit profiles specific attorney's experiences during the early years of Nazi rule through their expulsion from the profession and for many, their ultimate murder. The entire exhibit was featured for three weeks on the Temple Beth Am campus.

The panel discussion profoundly moved the audience members, with conversation about:

- Overarching lessons we can take from history
- Parallels we see between the events in Germany in the 1930's and what is happening in our country today
- How the Torah addresses our ethical responsibility to speak out against injustice
- What we can and must do when people don't speak up
- The most effective ways to educate our children



A video replay of the entire evening's discussion is available at tbam.org/lawyerswithoutrights and we encourage you to watch that video at your convenience.



Lawyers Without Rights Exhibit

unBIASed

a TEMPLE BETH AM initiative

What is unBIASed?

Undoing Bias through | Education | Community Dialogue | Building Relationships

AJC REPORT: STATE OF ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA

Earlier this year, we briefly shared information from the Anti-Defamation League's report, and this month we share information from the American Jewish Committee's latest survey findings.

One of the most discouraging categories of survey results related to how many Americans in general, and also American Jews, were unaware of issues that are newsworthy. Of the Jews interviewed, 35% were unfamiliar with the BDS movement that advocates for Boycotting, Divesting, and Sanctioning Israel.

The five key takeaways from the AJC survey are as follows:

1. More Jews feel less secure in America.
2. American Jews are proud, but altering behavior out of fear.
3. Antisemitism online and on social media is a continuing threat. But young American Jews experience it differently.
4. American Jews pursuing higher education are experiencing some lows.
5. Americans know antisemitism is a problem for society, but more can be done.

The most encouraging statistic from the report may be that 99% of Jews and 89% of the general public consider antisemitism a problem for everyone; it affects society as a whole.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The most common question posed by Jews and other U.S. citizens regarding antisemitism is "What can we do to make a difference?"

Writing for *The Atlantic* in May 2023, Dara Horn argued that *Holocaust museums in the U.S.* "rarely explain or investigate who Jews are in the present day."

The article, entitled *Holocaust Education Making Anti-Semitism Worse: Using dead Jews as symbols isn't helping living ones*, Horn points out that teachers are using Holocaust education to serve as a stand-in for public moral education and that the "uncomfortable truth is that the structures of a democratic society could not really prevent and could even empower, dangerous and irrational rage."

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY OF THE FOUR JEWBELONG BILLBOARDS AROUND SOUTH FLORIDA?



With the rise in anti-Semitism across the United States, JewBelong, an online resource created to welcome and inspire Jewish people, put four billboards up in 2022 throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties as part of their #EndtheHate campaign. Bold white letters on a bright pink background certainly gets attention and makes a statement.

THESE POSTERS ARE JUST ONE OF THE MANY REMINDERS THAT WE NEED TO BE COURAGEOUS AND TO STAND UP AGAINST HATE.

We would love to hear your comments on anything represented here. Please share at dialogue@tbam.org and we will contact you about incorporating your thoughts into a future program and possibly about sharing your comment in future Commentator pages. (Note that no comments will ever be shared without the writer's express written permission.)

BROTHERHOOD



Brotherhood of Temple Beth Am,
As we head into June and July, the Brotherhood Board is busy planning for next year. In the meantime, here is a summary of the events of the past few months:

- We had our annual Men's Seder in late March using the Men of Reform Judaism Haggadah. But what makes this Seder different from other Seders? The wit, wisdom, and humor of Rabbi Barras! He always makes it fun and entertaining, and, of course, we learn something new and interesting. You have to be there to get it.
- In late April, we partnered with Sunday Salon and the University of Miami's "All of Us" program, a research initiative from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). They are collecting data from more than one million people across the US, hoping to speed up medical research one day. We also watched a documentary called "The Human Trial" about finding a cure for Type-1 diabetes.
- In May, we had our annual meeting to end the year.

In late June, Jeff Agron and Jeff Rosenberg will attend the Men of Reform Judaism's 100-year celebration and conference in Providence, RI. We will hear from Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, Congressman David Cicilline and Governor Daniel McKee of RI, Providence Mayor Brett Smily, and other teachers and dignitaries.

We invite everyone to join Brotherhood for 2023-24. We have fun events, and you meet a great group of men. You can join online at tbam.org/brotherhood or with your membership renewal packet. In August, we will be able to share information about our opening event in the fall.

Thank you to Jeff Agron for writing this article while I was in Israel.

Wishing you a safe and wonderful summer.

Yours in Brotherhood,

JEFF ROSENBERG

President

jeffreyrosenberg@gmail.com



ADULT READING ROOM



As a representative of the Temple Beth Am congregation, I will be attending the AJL 2023 Digital Conference.

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL), the leading authority on Judaic librarianship, is an international, professional organization that fosters access to information and research in all forms of media relating to all things Jewish.

While AJL provides professional development opportunities and resources throughout the year, the annual conference offers members and bibliophiles of all stripes a special opportunity to network, share knowledge informally, and hear from experts and authors. And now AJL is pleased to announce its upcoming Digital Conference 2023



A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES Monday, June 19–Thursday, June 22, 2023

The theme of the 2023 Digital Conference is "A World of Possibilities." The conference will feature an array of presentations highlighting new ideas, programs, and systems that emerged from the challenges and adaptation of services in recent years, including:

- Digital humanities projects
- Metadata collections and standards
- New discoveries in the history of books and libraries
- New Judaica programming or collection areas in Jewish studies
- International collaborations possible in the virtual era.

The conference will feature a keynote address by Dr. Christopher Silver, founder of Gharaphone.com, a website dedicated to preserving North Africa's Jewish musical past, and the Feinberg Lecture by Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich, author of *Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism* (2018), which received the 2019 AJL Judaica Reference Honor Award.

We look forward to sharing much of our newly acquired knowledge as our library re-opens in the fall.

Etta Gold
Temple Beth Am Librarian



A MESSAGE FROM Our Sister Congregation

In my last article for the April 2023 *Commentator*, I mentioned seeing your senior rabbi at the CCAR convention. Well, surprise, surprise, Rabbi Barras was here again(!), attending services two days ago at Har-El on the morning of Shabbat T'kumah (the Shabbat of "Rebirth"), which falls between Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) and Yom HaZikaron/Yom HaAtzma-ut (Memorial Day and Independence Day). How wonderful to welcome him back to Har-El, together with Rabbi Jaime Aklepi, outgoing president David Young, Har-El overseas member Ed Schwartz, and other members of Beth Am.

In addition to Purim, Pesach, Yom Hashoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Independence Day, the past two months included ten b'nai mitzvah, a wedding, and participating in at least ten mass protests to protect Israeli democracy, including often leading our movement's evening service or havdalah before the regular Saturday night protests (it's what happens when you don't need a megaphone; just ask my wife and daughters who have to remind me not to use my cantor voice when I speak at home). It's been a whirlwind of activity, sometimes almost literally running from bar/bat mitzvah ceremonies to demonstrations and then back to the synagogue for a rehearsal with a different family. But being out in the street, "praying with our feet," is now the new normal. Last Saturday night, we marked the 16th consecutive Saturday evening of mass protests against the current government's plan to overhaul the judicial system. Throughout our movement, all 50-plus Reform congregations share the same goals for Saturday evening: make our voices heard and ensure that Israel remains both a Jewish and democratic state.

One of the unique parts of the protests, particularly as someone who is an "Israeli by choice," is the difference between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Indeed, the main objection is in Tel Aviv, but now that we're in daylight savings time, the Saturday evening protest in Tel Aviv began last week about a half hour before Shabbat was



Above: From left to right: Rabbi Ada Zavidov (Kehilat Har-El), Rabbi Jaime Aklepi, David Young, Ed Schwartz, Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Evan Cohen.

Below: Cantor Evan Cohen and Rabbi Ada protesting in Jerusalem, Saturday night, April 22.



over. Being a very secular city, the time when Shabbat technically ends was never a major issue; rather, what time would be best for a Saturday evening protest that would bring out crowds that regularly number over 100,000 people (and be right on time for the 8:00 pm nightly newscast). In Jerusalem, however, things are quite different. The organization leading the protests is a local organization called "Habayit Hameshutaf" (the shared home). The group's mission is to emphasize here in Jerusalem what we have in common and what we all agree upon, regardless of how we define ourselves politically or religiously. It's a difficult balancing act, and one of the keys to the success of the protests in Jerusalem has been the timing: protests beginning after Shabbat is over. Meaning last week, with Shabbat ending in Jerusalem at 7:45 pm, the protest didn't start till 8:15 pm. And that was only when people were invited to assemble. To enable Shabbat-observant Jews to participate, in the early weeks (when Shabbat ended earlier) we began with speeches and ended with marches. Last Saturday night, it was decided to reverse the order. Gather at 8:15 pm,

march at 8:45 pm, and then hear speeches at the end of the march at 9:15 pm. And despite the late hour (we didn't sing "Hatikvah" till 10:15 pm!), thousands upon thousands still participated, despite the fact that Sunday is a regular workday/school day in Israel as the first day of the Jewish week. I'll be honest: it's nice spending all of Shabbat afternoon at home with family and only stepping out of the house to go to the protest when Shabbat is over. It's part of the unique Jerusalem groove and why I made aliyah to Jerusalem as much as I did to Israel.

Looking forward to welcoming you here in Jerusalem at your sister congregation, Kehilat Har-El,

Cantor Evan Cohen



OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

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



Journey to Israel 75: Pioneers, Leaders, Builders

I have introduced you to significant personalities in the creation of Israel and its development leading up to the 75th Anniversary. There is so much more to learn about each military and political leader. One of the most unique leaders during this journey was Shimon Peres. From the time his family made Aliyah from Poland in 1934 to his death in 2016, he was involved in many aspects of leadership in the government.

Shimon Peres, 1923-2016

Peres was the longest serving member of the Knesset, 48 years. He was considered the last link to Israel's founding generation. His biography is extensive and I can only focus on some highlights of his life. I learned many new things about him as I did my research for this article. From an early age he was renowned for his oratorical brilliance and was chosen by David ben Gurion for leadership positions in the Labor Party. Peres was a cabinet minister to many Prime Ministers. During his political career he served as Minister of Immigration, Defense, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Finance, and many other positions. He was identified with the Labor Party, and eventually became Prime Minister and then in his later years, President of Israel. For all the major decisions that Israel has had to engage in, Peres was always a part of the negotiating team. He was a primary leader in the Oslo Accords, with Rabin and Arafat, and President Clinton. He always believed that negotiations with Jordan and other Arab nations would be beneficial economically to all parties. He established positive relations with the Bedouin tribes who honored him in June 2011.

When he was elected President of Israel, 2007-2014, he wrote the following:

"Israel must not only be an asset but a value. A moral, cultural and scientific call for the promotion of all groups. It must be a good and warm home for Jews who are not Israelis, as well as for Israelis who are not Jews. It must create equal opportunities for all, without discriminating between religion, nationality, community or sex...I have seen Israel in its most difficult hours and also in moments of achievement and spiritual uplifting. My years place me at an observation point from which can be viewed the scene of our reviving nation, spread out in all its glory...Permit me to remain an optimist. Permit me to be a dreamer of his people. If sometimes the atmosphere is autumnal, and also if today the day seems suddenly grey, the president Israel has chosen will never tire of encouraging,

awakening and reminding because spring is waiting for us. The spring will definitely come."

In 2016, Peres founded the Israel Innovation Center in the Arab neighborhood of Jaffa, aiming to encourage young people to be inspired by technology. He was one of the promoters of bringing high-tech companies to establish centers for development in Israel. He is credited with having laid the economic foundations for Israel's start-up economy.

Peres was the author of eleven books, a speaker of many languages, a poet, and a leader who was a negotiator with many countries. When he died, tributes came from leaders across the world; Russia, China, England, India, the United States and others. He was described by the New York Times as having done more than anyone to build up his country's military strength, then worked as hard to establish lasting peace with Israel's Arab neighbors. About 4,000 people and world leaders from 75 countries attended the funeral, including Barack Obama who gave one of the eulogies.

Peres spoke the following words about the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan:

"It was not back to a fiery past, but into the light of the future. Not back to hatred, but forward to understanding. The treaty was declared, and the seeds were planted."

"Where there was suspicion, there is now cooperation...our children and grandchildren shall see the brown of the desert being pushed back and emerging as fertile green. We shall see the barren rift valley we share, becoming a valley of shared happiness."

L'shalom,

Lenore Kipper

From the TBAM Archives: Highlights from the 1982 Commentators

The first guest speaker in the series this year was Al Vorspan. He was the Vice-President of the UAHC (now URJ) for many years. His special responsibility was to advocate for the role of social justice and action that has always been an important goal of Reform Judaism. He was the author of many books related to this topic.

Another guest speaker was Rabbi Gunther Plaut, from Toronto. His topic was related to finding Torah study exciting and relevant. He was the editor of the Torah Commentary published by the CCAR that we continue to use for Torah study. His research and references renewed the custom of Torah study in many Reform congregations. Cliff and Betty Suchman received the Family of the Year Award for their continuing contributions and support of the Temple

for over 20 years. The original Social Hall was named for them. They also served on many committees, and their children were very active in the life of the congregation.

Rabbi Morris Kipper was honored at the Temple for his leadership in establishing the High School in Israel Program. Many Beth Am students and adults have attended this significant program to connect American Jews to the history of the Jewish People and the land of Israel.

The High Holiday Youth Choir, under the direction of Jackie Berney, participated in the family morning services for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. The photo in the *Commentator* shows that there were 30 students. Susan Shane Linder assisted Mrs. Berney. This has become a tradition at Beth Am. Thank you, Mrs. Berney.

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mother, Pauline Pesa Binstock. May she rest in peace.
With all our love, we miss you, Ma.
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Liam, Zachary and Oliver Binstock in loving memory of
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Brenda Kilmer in memory of Bettye Slaminsky
Ruth Krieger in honor of Rabbi Greengrass' son, Henry,
on his Bar Mitzvah
Linda and Howard Landy in honor of Henry Greengrass'
Bar Mitzvah
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Terry and Marcia Reisman in loving memory of
Albert U. Reisman
Janet Roston in honor of Henry Greengrass' Bar Mitzvah -
with best wishes.
Laura Sharp in honor of Henry Greengrass' Bar Mitzvah.
Mazel tov!
Sara Dorison and Allen Singer in appreciation for
everything you did for Miriam and Chinmay. The
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your efforts.
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Marlene and Richard Kohn in loving memory of Roberta
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Donna Levine in loving memory of my mother Beatrice
Rabinovitz
Donna Levine in loving memory of beloved father and
grandfather Morris Rabinovitz
Cheryl Perl in memory of Marcia Weinstein. So sorry for
your loss!
Margery Schwartz in loving memory of Judy and Herman
Isis
Bonnie Webman in memory of Dr. Paul Gustman, a loving
and kind person to all
Bruce and Mindy Wilner in memory of Howard Gross.
May the memories you have be a blessing. Our sincerest
condolences.
Meredith and Carlos Wolf in memory of Howard Gross.
With deepest sympathy and love! May Howard's memory
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Donna and John Shepard on the marriage of daughter
Jillian to Edward Mudzinski.

Cantor Rachelle Nelson on her daughter, **Rebecca
 (Saunders) Yaras**, completing her residency and
 exams, and becoming a board-certified family medicine
 physician.

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Judy Gilbert-Gould mother of Bobby (Nancy) Gilbert,
 Carolyn Epstein, Mark (Belinda) Gilbert; grandmother
 of Geoffrey Gilbert, Stuart Gilbert, Evan Gilbert, Lee
 Epstein, Anabel Epstein, Brett Gilbert, Grace Gilbert
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Shirley Golen mother of Sharon (Joe) Glick, Ken
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 Laila and Novalee Golen, Sienna Woods and sister of
 Betty Davitz.

Howard Gross husband of Lynn; father of Jennifer
 Gross and Jeffrey (Katherine) Gross; grandfather of
 Jackson Alan Gross.

Dr. Paul M. Gustman husband of Marilyn; father
 of Shara (Charles) Cole and Benjamin (Nicole);
 grandfather of Maia and Levi Cole, Kyle, Cameron,
 Jeremy and Jack Gustman; brother of Alan Gustman,
 Ilene Silver (Gabby Nelson) and Eve (Monroe)
 Scheiner.

Dr. Jeffrey Hertz husband of Lorie Kovas, son of
 Barbara Hertz; brother of Christy (Richard Schurr)
 Hertz; uncle of Jessica Friedman and Alexa Schurr
 and Matthew Friedman.

Debby G. Sandberg wife of Mel; mother of Tami
 (Didi) Oron, Leora (David) Srauss; grandmother and
 great grandmother; sister of Donald (Janet) Douglas
 and their sons; and sister-in-law of Penny Markovitz
 and her sons.

Stanley Warhaft father of Dean (Jennifer) Warhaft,
 Chad (Amy) Warhaft and Kevin Warhaft; grandfather
 of Pierce, Piper, Peyton, Jordyn, Jonah, Bryce and
 Griffin Warhaft.

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