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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

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Shabbat is a taste of paradise. Talmud, Berachot 57a

Shabbat Evening Services 6:00 pm | Friday

Our Shabbat evening service will embrace you. Fresh and familiar music will enable you to give voice to your own spirit. Special occasions in the lives of our congregants, Jewish teachings, sermons from our rabbis, and special music will enhance "Shabbat-our sanctuary in time."

Torah Study on Shabbat Morning 9:30 am | Saturday

Start your Saturday with Torah study and a bagel with a shmear of cream cheese. Each Shabbat morning before our Shabbat Morning Minyan (10:30 am), you will study Parashat HaShavua, the weekly Torah portion. The rabbis will lead a discussion of ancient commentaries and teachings and reveal the Torah's modern and relevant lessons.

Tot Shabbat

10:00 am | Saturday

Join us Saturday morning at 10:00 am for a wonderful young family Shabbat experience. This interactive program is geared for families with children up to the age of five years old. Prayer, music, stories, movement, activities, snacks and much more will be featured. Following Tot Shabbat, families stay and enjoy time together in our beautiful playground. This is a great way for you to celebrate Shabbat with other families with young children. tbsmb.school/programs/family

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am | Saturday

Join us Saturday mornings at 10:30 am in our beautiful chapel or sanctuary. Our clergy and members of our congregation help to lead the prayers and read the Torah. Kiddush lunch follows.

jLAB Family Shabbat

Each Saturday morning, jLAB students in grades K-5 and their parents (and other significant grown-ups) gather together in the chapel from 9:30-10:00 am for a lively Shabbat morning t'filah experience. This is a great opportunity to learn the prayers of our liturgy and connect with the words of our prayer service. All those with children in this age group are welcome to join us! For more information or to RSVP contact Kimberly Hyde at kimberly@tbsmb.org.

B'nei Mitzvah Service

Our b'nei mitzvah services are at 10:30 am and 4:30 pm. These services occur only when a member of the Temple is celebrating the occasion of becoming bar or bat mitzvah. See above (table of contents) or tbsmb.org/calendar for current schedule.

Live Streaming

Watch Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services on your computer at www.tbsmb.org/watch.

Visit TBSMB.ORG for up-to-the-minute viewing platforms by service



Sacred Connections

Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

At the end of this month, we will celebrate a most beloved holiday, Chanukah. There are many reasons to love Chanukah – the lights, latkes, dreidels, chocolate gelt, presents, family fun and more. For me, the spiritual messages of the holiday, the victory of light over darkness and religious freedom are acutely relevant today. There is an element to Chanukah which is unique among Jewish holidays, and that is "pirsum ha-nes" – publicizing the "miracle" of the small cruse of oil found in the ancient Temple, which should have lasted only one day but lasted a full eight days. We are instructed by the sages of old to light our candles in a doorway that opens to the street or in a window facing the street in order to publicize the miracle.

Throughout our precarious history, there have been many times when Jews could not fulfill this mitzvah, when declaring oneself a Jew in public would be to invite disaster. When my family and I lived in Italy several years ago, we spent the Chanukah of 2005 in Paris. This was long before the days of Airbnb, but we rented a quaint apartment with creaky wood floors overlooking the sparkling city. Each night as we lit our candles in the window, publicizing both the miracle and our religious identity as Jews, it felt like a spiritual triumph. Just over sixty years before, Paris was seized by Nazis and Jews were deported, imprisoned, and murdered simply because they were Jews. Here we were, proudly lighting our chanukiah, singing blessings and dancing together.

Today, several years later, antisemitism once again is rearing its ugly head around the world and here in America. As I'm writing this article, Kanye West, who now identifies as Ye, declares his intention to go "death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE" with few consequences. Scholar Deborah Lipstadt, the United States' newly appointed Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, teaches that antisemitism is interconnected with other forms of hatred, associated with conspiracy theories and that while antisemites from the right and the left cannot agree on much of anything, what unifies them is hating Jews. Antisemitism and anti-Zionism is so rampant on

college campuses that some of our college students have expressed reluctance to publicly identify as Jews for fear of discrimination or mistreatment.

Hearing this breaks my heart. Are we, God forbid, to return to a time when we must close the curtains before lighting our Chanukah candles? Without question, the answer is a resounding NO. We cannot allow those filled with senseless hate to force us to hide who we are. We must continue to show up with pride for the richness of our values and heritage, and to show up for others who are senselessly victimized. More than that, we must demand that our political, academic, and corporate leaders decry all forms of hate, without regard for losing votes, tenure, or business. And we must demand the same of our neighbors, friends, and religious leaders of all faiths.

On Chanukah, we celebrate the courage of the Maccabees, who refused to submit to religious coercion and fought for their freedom. So too, must we follow proudly in their footsteps, wearing our Jewish identity with pride. As I kindle my Chanukah lights this year, I will think of Jews around the world publicizing the miracle of the oil, the miracle of our survival, and the miracle of our courage to keep the flame burning no matter what. I hope that you, too, will fight the darkness with light – the light of mutual respect, pride, and hope for a future without fear. May your Chanukah be bright and meaningful.

Hayle Lonerartz

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President's Message

Vanessa N. Ressler President

Let's set the scene: It's 168 B.C.E., and the Jews are living a Hellenistic lifestyle and, for the most part, enjoying it. They are assimilated in their culture, their dress, their language... and are allowed their religious freedom. (It seems to me that they were not unlike us, actually.)

Then...evil Antiochus comes into the picture, and by 167 B.C.E. he is imposing great restrictions on the Jews, making them sacrifice pigs on their altars and other injustices.

The legend of what happens next we all know: The Maccabees, Judah at the helm, lead a revolt against oppression and succeed. It's a three-year, bloody campaign, with much destruction and defilement, that culminates in the rededication of the Temple, and the miracle of one night's worth of oil lasting eight.

Chanukah means dedication, or in this case, rededication.

As we celebrate by lighting candles for eight consecutive nights, the amount of light produced by our Chanukiah increases. This, to me, is a beautiful metaphor for the power of our spiritual community. As we show up, grow closer together, pray together, perform mitzvot together, learn together, the light we generate in our world increases.

So many of us have started coming back to Beth Sholom in person, ready to dedicate—or rededicate—ourselves to our Jewish identity and nurture our Jewish souls. It is an exciting chapter in our shul's long history.

In this spirit of increasing light, I am pleased to announce that our Temple Board recently adopted a new code on congregational ethics, which can be read in part on the facing page, or in its

entirety by scanning the QR code with your phone. Within this policy you will see that we hold ourselves and one another to the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and social responsibility. It mirrors our core Jewish values, and is dedicated to ensuring that TBS is a safe, welcoming, and sacred environment for all. In codifying these standards, we have created a formal structure for reporting any ethical complaints or accusations, and resolving them in a serious and respectful manner. I'd like to give a special shout out to Myra Spindel, who will serve as our first ethics officer, Marjorie Baron, TBS past president, and Shelley Niceley Groff, TBS past president and current vice chair, URJ North American Board and chair, URJ Ethics Accountability Task Force, for making this happen.

It is my wish for us that we all continue to feed the light in the darkness, that we strive to do better, and to be better. We are all busy—sometimes exhausted—and it is easy to feel our lights flicker. May our own inner flames be fanned by the dedication we show to our families, our community, and our lives.

Thank you all for being part of my own personal miracle, the miracle of building community together with you.

Happy Chanukah!

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Vanessa Ressler

President



Does your child like to sing and perform?

Join the Sholom Rockers Children's Choir Grades K-5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabanukah

December 23, 2022 Mandatory Rehearsals December 3, 10 and 17 Il:30 am to 12:30 pm

Purim

March 6, 2023 Mandatory Rehearsal February 25

Pizza lunch provided at rehearsals.

Register with Vanessa Ressler at vanessaressler@me.com.



Code of Ethics

Our Jewish values ensure that we are a safe, welcoming, and sacred community for all. To codify those values, our Board of Trustees adopted a Code of Ethics to establish the principles and expectations for interacting with respect, compassion and dignity, among clergy, congregants, staff, visitors, and guests.

By participating in our community you agree to adhere to this Code.

We are all created in the image of God.

We respect everyone who engages with our community equally, without regard to sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, parental or marital status, disability, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, age, class or social background and religious or political belief. We endeavor to create a community where all who participate feel a sense of belonging.

We are all responsible for one another.

We strive to ensure that all engaging with our community feel safe and respected. We treat one another without bias. We do not tolerate harassment, discrimination, acts or behaviors that exploit the vulnerability of another, take advantage of power imbalance, compromise one's moral integrity, or create an intimidating or hostile environment.

We are thoughtful with our words and actions.

We strive to be honest and respectful in our interactions with one another.

We oppose bullying, including cyberbullying, any unwanted behavior that degrades, humiliates, or oppresses another. We limit disagreements to principles and priorities, never personalities.

We are a sacred community.

We endeavor to act in fulfillment of our sacred Jewish values of Kehilah, (community), K'dushah (holiness), Yosher (honesty), and Tzedek (justice).

Any complaint or accusation of a violation of this Code will be confidential and promptly investigated by the Ethics Committee.



For more information please visit tbsmb.org/ethics

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Membership

Craig Berko
Director of Membership

In the midst of increasing incidents of hate across the world, keeping Jewish traditions and values alive for future generations is more important than ever. Antisemitism is unacceptable and creates consequences. Now is the time to remain affiliated and strengthen our temple community. We are hopeful your family continues to do so through your annual commitment. If you've not yet renewed your 22-23 annual commitment that began June 1, 2022, I ask you to please contact me at (305) 538-7231 extension 230 or craig@tbsmb.org. Your annual membership dues are tax deductible. Together, we ensure that Temple Beth Sholom, both within and beyond our walls, remains a welcoming place of Jewish living and learning, fully accessible to all who seek it. These ever-growing incidents of antisemitism should help remind us of the importance of continuing to remain part of a wider community such as Temple Beth Sholom, which gives us the chance to unite with others—together.

There are meaningful opportunities for you to remain connected and actively participate: Adult Education, Panim el Panim groups, various committees—Israel to Social Justice—and many direct service community projects all year round. We are doing everything possible to ensure that Temple Beth Sholom, your temple, continues to be a vibrant and inclusive home for Reform Judaism in Miami Beach now and in the future.

As we move through the year, we invite you to attend worship services in person, programs, and special events such as Shabanukah on December 23, and the community gatherings we offer during a new, fulfilling Jewish calendar year.

Craig

Craig@tbsmb.org





Innovative School

Liset Leyva Studio/Materials and Jewish Resource Specialist



In the Spirit of Light and Innovation

This year is a year of transformation, a metamorphosis for the former "Deep Studies Studio" into the newly named "Innovation Studio/Lab." This has been a dream for a long time. A seed was planted in the school in the Bereshit studio and Reggio Inspired Foundation Level. So many people, past and present, have created the conditions for such a sacred space in our school. The children, especially with their inquiry, curiosity, and discoveries, have brought us to this moment. We all stand in awe of the shoulders of future giants. As a science lab we incorporate botany, geology, biology, earth sciences, and astronomy. We will incorporate systems design thinking, design principles, and digital and 3D printing technology. As a studio, we will bring the language and abundance of materials to explore and express what our learners will be examining. As a result, the learners will access an examination of life on a whole other dimensional level. They can cultivate the artist's courage and heart, the scientist's transcendent rigor, and the designer's future-forward vision. Through encounters with the natural world, they will nurture a love of nature, informed by the sensitivity of indigenous people and Judaic perspectives about the intelligence and sentience of our precious earth.

But the new Innovation Lab and the Bereshit Studio do not stand alone in the midst of the wonderful creative environments in our school. Connecting them is what we now call the Transformation Space. The space, just as the name suggests, changes and morphs into recognizable versions of diverse narratives.

The same space that last year housed Abraham's Tent,







this year is embracing the slogan of "Let there be Light!" And like Abraham's tent, the expression of "Let there be Light" originated in Miss Liset's class some 15 years ago, when she would introduce the biblical Creation story in an immersive way by spreading black and white torn paper all over the classroom and playing with tiny lights inside a large cardboard box. This year's version of that primordial moment of Creation when God spoke the Universe into existence includes aspects of the original interpretation. However, the full-scale installation pushes boundaries and invites its visitors to explore "Light" as a material itself. With the aid of projectors, computers, and diverse light-producing objects, including golf balls that light when bounced, the learners have the opportunity, as they manipulate and step into an extravaganza of light, to formulate observations and wonders about the importance and relationship of light in the natural world and Judaism.

The space was the definite catalyst of the collage and line drawings that were projected onto a backdrop of light-refracting objects and materials in the Innovation Lab, and also led to the playful inquiry pondering of,

"How do you think trees and the sun sing/dance/talk/communicate/influence each other?"

The Transformation Space is more than the connector of two studios. It is a passageway where past and present ideas frolic and travel to and from to serve as an inspiration to all learners and educators.

Written by Miriam Cruz(Studio/Specialist) and Liset Leyva(Environment/Studio/Jewish Resource Specialist)



Barb Shimansky, RJE

Director of School for Living Judaism

Even before the pandemic, the jLAB faculty spent significant time studying and implementing practices for incorporating social-emotional learning into our setting. We recognized that to best access the learning material, learners needed to feel emotionally safe and supported. Because we had already embarked on this work, we were well-equipped to expand upon this during the many months our program was online, and our learners were navigating a constantly-changing "new normal" – a time that social-emotional learning was more critical than ever.

We certainly have not abandoned these practices now that we are back in person; in fact, we continue to use this as a primary guiding principle in jLAB so that we can help our learners be the best versions of themselves as they develop emotionally, socially, and spiritually within our TBS community. The importance of social-emotional learning and growth is emphasized in our ancient texts and is right in line with our Jewish values and teachings.

During the month of December, much of the Torah narrative will focus on Jacob and his journey to becoming Israel. Jacob's is the quintessential adolescent story. Our first introduction sees Jacob as immature, jealous, and manipulative. Jacob is selfish and will do anything to get his way. His emotional compass is nonexistent. He does not consider the needs of others, nor does he adequately check in with himself to recognize his feelings or take responsibility for his actions. It is not until he flees from his parents' house (because his brother is literally going to kill him) that he is forced to turn inward and discover who he could truly be.

Although Jacob sets out on his journey alone, he has some teachers along his way. The first are the angels in Jacob's infamous dream; this image awakens Jacob to the realities of multiple perspectives, give-and-take with others, and the presence of the Divine. Jacob's mindset is completely different once he arrives at his Uncle Laban's home; he wants to marry Rachel and is willing to work honestly to earn this, rather than manipulate his way into it. After seven years, Jacob is the one who gets manipulated into marrying Leah

instead – but rather than throw an infantile tantrum about this, Jacob buckles down and works another seven years so he can finally marry the woman he genuinely loves. During this time, Jacob has many children, and when he leaves Laban's land, he takes his wives, maidservants, and children with him, prepared to take care of this very large tribe.

The seminal moment in Jacob's emotional growth occurs when he is to meet up with his brother, Esau, after many years apart. As noted, Esau was prepared to kill Jacob. Despite not knowing Esau's current intentions, Jacob prepares to face Esau and accept whatever consequences might befall him – even if it means death. The years that Jacob spent with people who expected him to work diligently, to take responsibility for his actions, and to check in with himself and others regularly led to this moment when Jacob felt able to handle unknown circumstances. It appears that Esau readily sees this growth within Jacob, allowing the brothers to reconcile and make peace with one another.

Following this example, one can see the inherent Jewish values in focusing on social-emotional learning and growth, and why this has become a cornerstone of the jLAB experience. Our goal is not only to impart Jewish knowledge, but to do so in a way that resonates with our learners and holds significant meaning in their everyday lives. Teaching our learners to focus on these areas allows them to develop emotionally, socially, and Jewishly, with skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Please join us for Olim (4th & 5th Grade) Shabbat on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 pm!

> jLAB Winter Break: December 24 – January 7



5ATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 12:00-2:00 PM JR BESHTY (6th-8th Grade) Service Project

50NDAY, DECEMBER 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM BESHTY (9th-12th Grade) Holiday Gift Project with Ronald McDonald House

5ATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Mini/Micro BESHTY Chanukah Themed Games and Activities





Social Justice

Jeff Agron
Social Justice Director

What a joyful High Holy Day season for the Social Justice Network. Our new Socks for Sukkot program raised \$1,000 from our community and we will be able to supply over 300 pairs of socks to residents of Chapman Partnership and the Lotus House. Many thanks and *kol haKavod* to our SJN Co-Chair and Innovative School 4th and 5th grade teacher, Rachel Unger, and her students. They organized and implemented this first-time mitzvah project. Many people donated money and new socks on erev Sukkot and throughout the entire holiday week. Thank you everyone. The students will be meeting with the leaders of Chapman Partnership and Lotus House to take the donations, give cards to the residents and learn more about the men, women and children experiencing homelessness in our community. At a time of the Jewish year where we sat in sukkahs and contemplated the fragility of our own lives, we are blessed to help others who are less secure in their living situations.

In October, we had a great group of volunteers at Chapman Partnership for Mazon (see photo on right). If you are interested in this project, we do it on the third Monday of the month. Please contact me for more information. Also in October, Hilary and Joan Feldman presented the Be SMART Gun Violence Prevention training to a group of 30 people in the community from the Police Citizen Academy. We do this work through our Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. If you are interested in being trained to present this program or otherwise getting involved, please let me know.

In October, the Social Justice Network met to work on our theme for the year, climate change. We are looking to work with Hazon, the Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition, on making Temple Beth Sholom a more sustainable and greener institution. We are also looking to partner with some local organizations doing climate change work. There will be opportunities over the next 9 -12 months for everyone in our community to get involved in ways that are meaningful to them. More information will be coming out soon.

Please check on all upcoming volunteer events on the Temple Beth Sholom website under the Social Justice, Direct Service tab.

Our group is doing amazing work. I would like to thank our Co-Chairs, Rachel Unger and Andrea Wagner, and all of our clergy, for their leadership.

SAVE THE DATE: **Sunday, February 26** for Mitzvah Day and the Soup Contest. If you want to get involved in Mitzvah Day, please email me: **jagron@tbsmb.org**

Jeff Agron



Above: Mazon Feeding Program volunteers. Below: Socks for Sukkot collection.







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tbsmb.org/highholydayappeal

Thank you for including Temple Beth Sholom in your philanthropy.

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Co-Presidents Kim Haber & Phyllis Winston

Sisterhood is off to an exciting year, and we have so much more planned for you....

Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 pm - Join us for Happy Hour and Chanukah Candle Lighting with Brotherhood! See page 20 for details.

January 2023 -- Embark on the new year with a lesson on yoga and meditation.

February -- For Mitzvah Day we'll need help with our Senior Toiletry Baskets assembly and for sorting clothing for the New 2 You clothing drive. Please drop off your gently used clothes on the days before Mitzvah Day and we'll be spreading them to needy families throughout South Florida.

March - Mark your calendar for a Sisterhood Favorite Event with Grace Sherman on **Wednesday, March 15** to create your own Passover Seder Plate, plus so much more...

Need a holiday gift? There are great choices at Holy Grounds. Sandy and Leslie can't wait to see you Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Let them help you find the perfect gift!

Kim and Phyllis



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Here are a few pictures of our many fabulous, beautiful, and interesting items that you can purchase with the help of Leslie Graff or Sandy Cohen. We love to hear from you! They'll help you purchase your next gift and items you need for your home. You can pick up at temple or we'll mail it to the destination.

For information about our upcoming events: **tbsmb.org/sisters**

Hugs,

Kim Haber and Phyllis Winston











ADULT EDUCATION December



DECEMBER 7
Rabbi Joanne Loiben
Feminism and Judaism

Join Rabbi Loiben in exploring texts related to feminism and Judaism. We will study a different topic each session through a feminist lens with modern commentaries. An example of a topic is family purity laws. We will study the texts in English using Sefaria with Hebrew/Aramaic side-by-side for reference. All experience levels welcome.

Wednesday, 12 noon - 1:00 pm, Dec 7.

Zoom Only | Registration and the Zoom link: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org



DECEMBER 1, 15
Rabbi Gary Glickstein
The Murdered, the Martyred, and the Misunderstood

Rabbi Glickstein will explore 12 defining key periods in the History of the Jewish People by studying 12 individuals and their impact on society and history. Subjects include: Tamar, The Wronged; Samson, The Betrayed; Adah bat Yiftach, The Sacrificed; Gedaliah, The Mourned; Akiba, The Enflamed; Beruria, The Undermined; Nachmanides, The Exiled; Dona Gracia Medes-Nasi, The Underestimated; Jacob Frank, The Fixated; Emma Goldman, The Radicalized; Haim Arlosoroff, The

Assassinated; and Regina Jonas, The Overlooked.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, December 1, 15; January 26; February 2, 9; April 20, 27; May 4. Zoom Only | Registration and the Zoom link: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org



DECEMBER 10
Rabbinic Intern Luisa Sinacor
Jewish Beauty: Changing the Narrative

"Beauty" is a complex social construct, fraught with questions of power and belonging. Come take a deep dive with Rabbinic Intern Luisa Sinacore into ancient and contemporary Jewish texts. We will explore different aspects of Beauty: What is Beauty? Who/what is Beautiful? Who/what is excluded? How might we create space - educationally, ritually, and pastorally - for all people to find

strength in beauty (however we choose to so define it)?

Saturdays, following services (lunch will be available), ~12 noon, December 10. In-person and Zoom | Registration and the Zoom link: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org



Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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RABBI JOSH FEIGELSON, PhD, is our KAVANAH RETREAT SCHOLAR

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The Kavanah Council is pleased to announce that Rabbi Josh Feigelson, PhD, will be our visiting scholar for the 5th Annual Kavanah Retreat on January 20 and 21. Josh was appointed Executive Director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality ("IJS") in January 2020 and became President & CEO in April 2022. Josh is a noted scholar who revolutionized IJS during Covid, transforming it from a small, cohort-based teaching institute into a dynamic, expansive, inclusive leader in the field of Jewish spirituality.

IJS offers programs and resources to "Cultivate Mindfulness, Deepen Connection, and Enliven Jewish Life." Its vision is of a world in which spiritual practice is a vital part of Jewish life, leading to compassion, justice, and peace. Its mission is to develop and teach Jewish spiritual practices so that individuals and communities may experience greater awareness, purpose, and interconnection.

Since the onset of the pandemic and under Josh's leadership, IJS developed a range of free online resources that have engaged spiritual seekers over 300,000 times. It partnered with organizations ranging from the JCC Association to PJ Library, to bring its programming to new, expanded, diverse audiences and modernized its delivery methods. IJS pioneered research into the spiritual lives of young American Jews to help them address the critical challenges and opportunities they face. IJS also broadened and deepened its tuition based courses to further its influence and reach.

Josh received ordination from *Yeshivat Chovevei Torah* Rabbinical School in 2005, and served for six years as the Hillel Rabbi at Northwestern University, where he also earned

Save The Date: Kavanah Retreat January 20 & 21 tbsmb.org/kavanah a PhD in Religious Studies. In 2011, Josh helped found and served as Executive Director of Ask Big Questions, an initiative of Hillel International, which won the inaugural Lippman-Kanfer Prize for Applied Jewish Wisdom. Josh has also been a consultant and Senior Fellow at The iCenter for Israel Education. Most recently he served as Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Josh is a Wexner Graduate Fellow and was the founding co-chair of the Wexner Fellowship Alumni Committee. He is the author of Eternal Questions: Reflections, Conversations, and Jewish Mindfulness Practices for the Weekly Torah Portion (Ben Yehuda Press, 2022). Josh lives with his wife Natalie and their three sons in Skokie, IL.

Josh is the latest in a line of distinguished guests who have joined us for this yearly event. Our past scholars have been Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg, Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, Rabbi Naomi Levy and writer Sarah Hurwitz. The Retreat gives both Temple Beth Sholom members and the general public the opportunity to pray with and to learn from luminaries in the field of Jewish spirituality. Don't miss this opportunity to study with Josh and to be part of TBS' spiritual community.

Habits of the Heart

FRIDAY

6:00 pm Shabbat Services - D'var Torah - Habits of the Heart

8:00 pm Salon: The Power of Eternal Questions

SATURDAY

9:30 am Torah Study: What Do We Mean?

1:00 pm Habits of the Heart - 1: A Listening Heart

2:15 pm Habits of the Heart - 2: Listening to Our Hearts

3:30 pm Habits of the Heart - 3: Creating a Society of Listening Hearts

4:30 pm Closing Ceremony



Jonah Bernstein will be called to the Torah on December 17, 2022 as a minchah bar mitzvah. He is the son of Jennie and Jeffrey Bernstein and brother of Julian and Jackie Bernstein. His grandparents are Rebecca and Michael Glinsky, Janet Bernstein and Stanley and Phyllis Bernstein. As part of his mitzvot, Jonah wants to help families from going hungry so he will participate with various food drives and make a donation to the Jewish Food Bank.





Chloe Isabella Fuller will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on December 26, 2022 in Jerusalem, Israel. She is the daughter of Shelby and Ari Kempler and sister to Asher and Jordyn. Her grandparents are Phyllis Sandler and the late Ira Sandler, Christine Taplin and the late Martin Taplin, Sandra Fuller and the late Victor Fuller. Her mitzvah project is to raise money for holocaust survivors through The Blue Card Fund for basic needs such as food and medicine. One hundred percent of their funding goes directly to the survivors. Chloe will also be working on creating *Mischloach Manot* that will be distributed to the local holocaust survivors through the support of the Blue Card Fund and Jewish Community Services. (For more information, www.bluecardfund.org)



Mazel Tov!

To **Richard Baron** on receiving the Dade County Bar Association's prestigious Dyer Award in October.

To **Lyla Sam Mordujovich** who will be called to the Torah December 3, 2022, at Temple Sinai, Los Angeles, CA. She is the daughter of Ellen and Danny Mordujovich, and sister of Ethan. Her proud grandparents are Malka and Jorge Mordujovich, and Willa Stone. Her Tallit was made by Temple Beth Shalom sixth graders.

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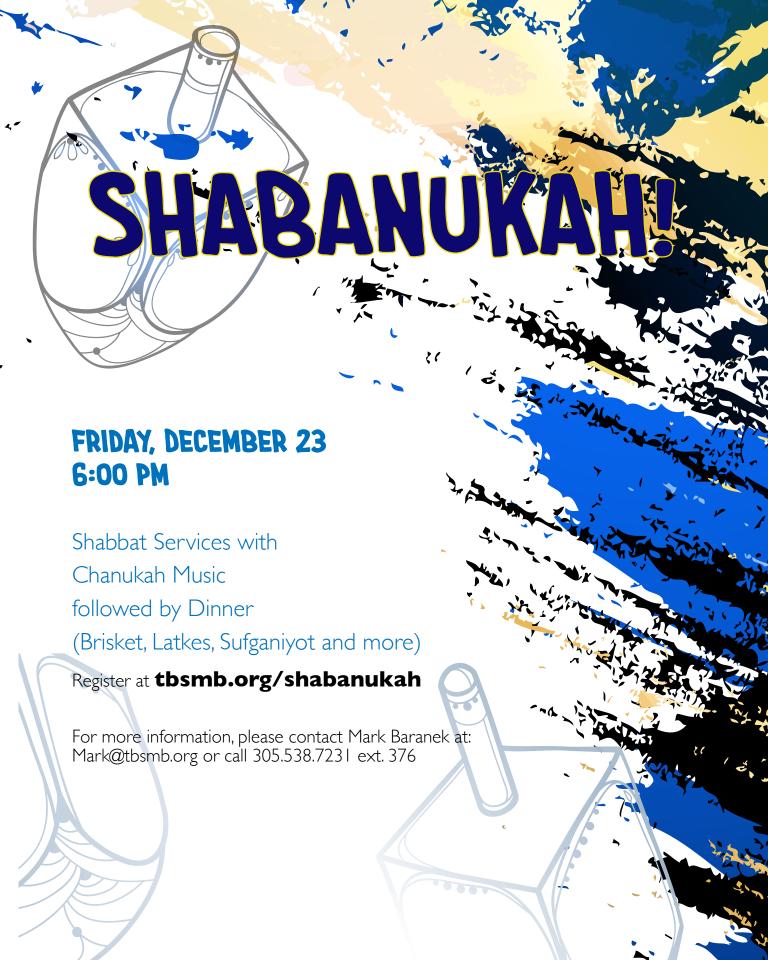




On Friday, October 21, we hosted a Generations shabbat (recognizing members who have been affiliated with TBS for 25+ years).

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Message from our Sister Congregation in Israel

Seeing the Voices

When our people received the Torah at Sinai, scripture says they "saw the voices." From then on our rabbis tried to understand the meaning of that... perhaps this is the order of the day!

The Israeli elections (fifth time in three years) are over and the outcome is far from encouraging. Extremist parties and politicians who were previously considered marginal—and

more significantly, "outside the camp"—will most likely play an important role in the government.

Israel is certainly not the only democratic country experiencing such a political shift. To the chagrin of many—myself included-- it appears to be a characteristic feature of western society in recent years.

Why is this the case? And what are the lessons to be learned?

ultra-nationalist demagogues.

A major factor seems to be that many people feel that their voices are not heard in the liberal community, that they are invisible to the traditional establishment. In their frustration, they become increasingly vulnerable to the messages of

There are those who feel that that the traditionally liberal and moderate nature of the Jewish State is in existential danger and that we must organize to fight back. I disagree with this position, fearing that it will only strengthen the extremists and make the divisions in our society more severe. We've got to tackle the challenge in a more positive and effective way.

Our rabbis teach that "Truth will rise up from the earth." (Psalms 85)

Truth is not necessarily gleaned from books—including the Words of God expressed in the Torah. A major source is the

voice of men and women who speak through their actions. We must see to these voices, the hidden ones as well as those expressed openly and vocally.

We must hear them as we hear the voices spoken in Courts of Law, in Parliaments, in places of worship, in the streets and the market...

We must try to understand the hardships that people confront and listen to their fears in order to enable us to better relate to one another and strive for meaningful

> change. This doesn't require us to show tolerance toward repugnant rhetoric and policies—but we must try nonetheless to understand where they are coming from.

And if I might add, I believe that our Reform Jewish communities and synagogues in Israel should feel open to everyone if we believe we are relevant to all.

(I've included a picture from our last egalitarian Simchat Torah celebration in the city square

where Israelis of different backgrounds and opinions were able to celebrate liberal Judaism together).

Ezra Ende

Rabbi

Kehilat HaDror, Jerusalem





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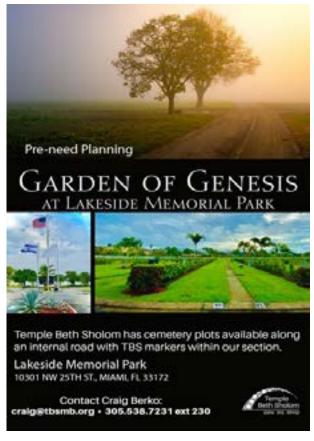
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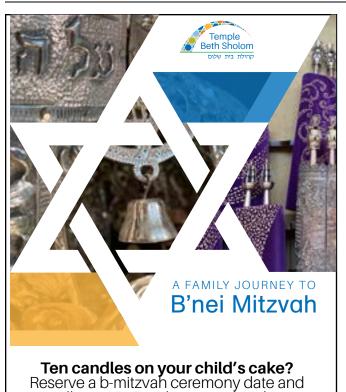
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