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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.

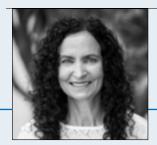
B'nei Mitzvah Service

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

This month will be our congregation's 28th Mitzvah Day! Thanks to the leadership of Jillian Barnett and Ashley Weissman, along with dozens of dynamic Captains, we will once again turn our attention out into the community in which we live to give of ourselves. Over the years, some folks have inquired why we would put so much energy into a program that is just one day of the year? Shouldn't every day be a "mitzvah day"? Indeed, as Jews we are meant to do mitzvot every day, many times a day! But the act of bringing our community together to give collectively elevates us as a holy congregation.

Mitzvah Day may be only one day, but its impact is ongoing. Many of our regular service projects got their start on Mitzvah Day. The now thriving Miami Diaper Bank was originally launched as a Mitzvah Day Project by one of our bar mitzvah students, Jonah Schaechter, and a Miami program to help foster teens transition into independent living was conceived of on Mitzvah Day by Judge Beth Bloom. Once, a TBS family even adopted a baby they met in foster care on Mitzvah Day! We hope that this year you, too, will be introduced to something you wish to participate in or support all year long.

This year's Mitzvah Day promises to be special in many ways. Join us Friday night for Shabbat Services when we feature a guest speaker, our very own congregant, best-selling author and award-winning journalist, Mike Grunwald, whose enlightening guest essay, "No One Wants to Say 'Put Down That Burger,' but We Really Should," was recently published in the New York Times (Dec. 15, 2022). This essay and Mike's remarks speak to our Social Justice focus on Climate Change and how the food we eat impacts our earth.

You won't want to miss out on a new feature of our Opening Ceremony on Sunday, February 26 – a pancake breakfast served by our clergy. The Ceremony will be followed by dozens of meaningful service opportunities for people of all ages. In the afternoon, come back for lunch and an ice cream truck, but leave room for all the delectable tastes of our 10th Annual Soup Contest, chaired by Karen Sepsenwol, Dana Grodin and Robin Rosenbaum. This year, all the proceeds of our Soup Contest will go to the local organization the Green Haven Project, who we are partnering with as we work to mitigate climate change through sustainable gardening and food justice.

When my daughter Hannah was 5 years old, she proclaimed Mitzvah Day as "God's favorite day of the year!" I don't doubt that she was right. It is the day that makes me most proud to be a leader of our synagogue community. We don't just pay lip service to the idea of service and commitment. We lead with our feet, hands and hearts, doing mitzvot to help transform our world into a kinder and more sustainable planet. Please lend your energy and ability to our Mitzvah Day. Sign up immediately, if you have not already, to avoid missing out on your preferred project.

When God called Abraham to service, Abraham responded, "Hineyni – I am here." Let us all respond "Hineyni" to each other and our community by showing up and participating in Mitzvah Day, 2023.







Innovative School

Stacy Penson
Director of Elementary Level



Research suggests that "When students feel teachers care about them, they work harder and engage in more challenging academic experiences."

At the Innovative School, learning how to live and become a morally conscious member of a community is a central concept for our children. We believe that academic growth rests upon a positive foundation of social and emotional development. There is often a misconception that the more we focus on relationship building and making students feel like they belong, we ignore rigor and achievement. That couldn't be further from the truth!



invasive species can affect the native ecosystems around them. They also participated in Sneaker Seekers to benefit a local organization called Sneaker Impact. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn about recycling, conservation and helping others.

Learners in fourth and fifth grade raised money and collected socks for "Socks for Sukkot." Through this initiative, they collected socks

for people who are unhoused/homeless. Socks are the least donated and most needed item in shelters. The socks were delivered to Chapman Partnership and Lotus House. We were also able to give each organization a monetary donation. When the learners heard of the destruction left after Hurricane lan, they were motivated to create food bags that were delivered to our local fire station and brought up to the Ft. Meyers area. The learners were directly connected to this, realizing that the storm could have affected them the way it did our neighbors in Ft. Meyers. The learners continued their path of understanding food insecurity and created bagged lunches to be placed in Buddy System Mia's community fridge in Overtown. This initiative was experienced during Chanukah as a reminder that the light within each of us can shine as we give to others.

We are also very excited to work with environmental artist and University of Miami Professor of Practice Xavier Cortada and his socially-charged Plan(T) project to generate a consciousness around the importance of environmental advocacy, especially on a climate-vulnerable island like Miami Beach. Our learners understand that innovative solutions are an important part of their education.

Each February, the elementary level of the Innovative School collaborates with members of our temple to participate in Mitzvah Day. This year's Mitzvah Day will be held on Sunday, February 26, and will mark the 28th year that Temple Beth Sholom has coordinated this impactful and meaningful day of service. This year's theme about Climate Change is "Save the Planet, Serve Our Community." We will be working to make our temple and our school a more sustainable and green organization, and the learners will work with local non-profits involved in climate change and environmental protection.

To ensure meaningful learning, we must know the learners, help them understand and leverage their strengths, identify and work towards goals that matter to them, and ensure they persist through challenges and setbacks. In a 2022 study that examined teaching practices in 285 districts, researchers found that the most effective teachers build their classrooms by getting to know their students—and then deftly translate emotional capital into academic capital. There's no conflict between relationships and rigor!

Learners are exposed to our KEHILLA values of Kindness, Empathy, Honesty, Integrity, Lifelong Learning and Acceptance. Our learners are immersed in social justice work all throughout the year. Through learning and reflection, we gain awareness of community issues and the experiences of others that help inform our role and responsibility. We use this learning to spark action and engage in social justice work.

Social justice is a fundamental value of our school that is infused within all aspects of our culture and curriculum. Social justice at the Innovative School moves beyond awareness. Instead of only identifying where injustice occurs, our learners are empowered to address important social issues by taking action to make the world a more equitable place.

This year, so far, learners in first grade decided to raise money for children that are food insecure by hosting a cookie and lemonade sale. With the money they raised, the class went grocery shopping and created healthy snack-packs for the children at the Lotus House. There are over 1,500 women and children housed at Lotus House.

Our second-grade learners joined the Surfrider Foundation for a beach cleanup. They removed invasive species from the sand dunes with their class. They learned about how





Barb Shimansky, RJE Director of School for Living Judaism

I was saddened recently to hear about the death of Bob McGrath. Though I did not know him personally, I certainly felt like I did, and I am sure many others felt the same way.

So many of us grew up on the street called Sesame, because that street was right in our living rooms every day. Sesame Street was a cornerstone of my childhood. My mother tells a story about me at the age of two or three, singing a song about pickles. When she asked where I learned it, I told her that I had made it up. She was astounded at the raw songwriting talents of her young daughter—until she heard the song on Sesame Street while we were watching together a few days later. Though I do not remember this story myself, I recognize that Sesame Street instilled in me, among other things, a love of music. In fact, it was Bob McGrath whose voice will forever be connected to this classic:

Sing, sing a song
Sing out loud
Sing out strong
Sing of good things not bad
Sing of happy not sad

Sing, sing a song
Make it simple to last
Your whole life long
Don't worry that it's not
Good enough for anyone
Else to hear
Just sing, sing a song

This month, we celebrate Shabbat *Shirah*—the Shabbat of Song, when the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, and Miriam took our her timbrel and led the women in dancing and singing. It always strikes me that in this moment of joy and freedom, our people burst out into song. Music has an incredible way to inspire us and to allow us to express our feelings. So much of our modern worship experience is enhanced by music. We chant our blessings, the Torah, and the Haftarah to bring a little extra something to those experiences. It is difficult for me to imagine my Judaism without music, as the two are so intricately intertwined.

Music helps us to learn, as well. This was the origin of Torah trope—so the readers could remember the words. How many people still recall the letters of the Alef-Bet by singing Debbie Friedman's melody? I recall the names of the biblical Jacob's children because of Andrew Lloyd Webber's song, "Jacob and Sons," from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Countless phrases of Jewish wisdom from Pirkei Avot have been taught through song: "Mitzvah goreret mitzvah, averah goreret averah" ("One good deed will bring another good deed, one transgression will bring another transgression"); "Lo alecha ham'lacha ligmor, V'lo ata ben chorim l'hibatil mimena" ("It is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it"); and "Im ein ani li, mi li? U'kh'she'ani le'atzmi, mah ani? V'im lo 'akhshav, eimatai?" ("If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And when I am for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?"), to mention just a few.

I am certain that I knew who Big Bird was before I knew who Moses was. But I suspect that, consciously or not, *Sesame Street* took this lesson from our Jewish tradition and used it to great effect: music is a fantastic teacher. It is joyous, and it fuels connections in the brain that make ideas and concepts stick. So in the beloved memory of Bob, and Miriam, and all the great musical voices in between, we will keep singing our songs. These songs will be good enough for everyone else to hear—because all the songs of our hearts should be sung so that they can be heard and shared, and we can learn from them.

Join us for a Shabbat Family Pre-Neg! Friday, February 10 | 5:00 pm

Participate in a Tu BiShvat themed project, enjoy some great snacks, and join us for Shabbat!

There is no jLAB on: Saturday, February 18 Monday, February 20 Tuesday, February 21



Membership

Craig Berko
Director of Membership

February 2023 - When did that happen? And Passover—beginning on April 5—is almost around the corner! Our goal at Temple Beth Sholom is to create connections with each other, our clergy, and with Judaism. Whether it's enriching spiritual life through prayer and study, volunteering for a committee, attending an adult education class, becoming active in one of our Panim groups, getting involved in social justice activities or participating in our numerous direct outreach community projects, Temple Beth Sholom offers something for everyone.

Keeping Jewish traditions and values alive for our future generations means a great deal to my family as I'm sure it does to yours as well. Your membership helps strengthen our precious Jewish traditions, values, and customs for ourselves and for future generations. Like Jews in congregations around the world, we pray in plural, invoking "we" and "our" in our prayers because our spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth is stronger when we are together, as one community. We share each other's joys and sorrows, knowing that life's inevitable transitions are made sweeter or more bearable as members of a sacred and caring temple family. Maintaining your continued affiliation through your annual commitment to Temple Beth Sholom affirms that Judaism has a valued place in society, that a Jewish voice is important not only in the Miami Beach community, but well beyond the walls of our temple.

We are now past the half-way mark of our temple's fiscal membership year that began June 1, 2022. If you've not yet renewed your annual commitment, we hope your family continues its affiliation. To renew or discuss your annual commitment, please call me at 305.538.7231 ext. 230 or email me at craig@tbsmb.org.

Craig Craig@tbsmb.org





Social Justice

Jeff Agron
Social Justice Director

Mitzvah Day 2023 Is Almost Here!

We are excited to announce that you may now sign up for Mitzvah Day 2023 projects and the Soup Contest! Please visit the Mitzvah Day page under Social Justice tab: **tbsmb.org/mitzvahday/**.

Mitzvah Day will be held on Sunday, February 26, and will mark the 28th year that Temple Beth Sholom has coordinated this impactful and meaningful day of service. This year's theme is "Save Our Planet, Serve Our Community." In 2023, we as a Temple Beth Sholom Community will continue to work to serve our great Miami community through our many Direct Service Projects, our work with PACT Miami and RAC-FL, and through our Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. We will also in 2023 embark on our theme of Climate Change. We will be working to make TBS a more sustainable and green organization and work with local non-profits involved in climate change and environmental protection.

Mitzvah Day is only possible because of everyone's desire and commitment to give back. The day will consist of over thirty individual activities designed to support our community. Special thanks go to my partners and our Mitzvah Day co-chairs, Jillian Barnett and Ashley Weissman.

We will be starting with a pancake breakfast served by our very own TBS clergy and then having our opening ceremonies. After completing your activities on Mitzvah Day, make sure to return to campus, where we will have food trucks for lunch and a surprise for entertainment. Our world famous annual Mitzvah Day Soup Contest will begin at 1:30 pm. All proceeds will benefit The Green Haven Project, a non-profit focused on creating community gardens in food deserts. Their mission is to empower residents to live a healthy, sustainable life, through freshly grown food. https://www.greenhavenproject.org/

Join us on Friday, February 24 as we kick-off the weekend with our Social Justice Climate speaker Michael Grunwald at Shabbat Service. Read more about Michael at right.

All of us at Temple Beth Sholom appreciate the opportunity on Mitzvah Day and throughout the year to give back to our community, help those in need, and to be grateful for what we have. The smallest amount of kindness can make a huge difference, and together we can move mountains.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mitzvah Day!

Jeff Agron



Michael Grunwald is a best-selling author and award-winning journalist who is currently working on a book for Simon & Schuster about how to feed the world without frying the world. He is also the co-host of the Climavores podcast and a columnist who writes about food and climate change for Canary Media. He previously spent three decades as a staff writer for The Boston Globe. The Washington Post, Time Magazine and Politico Magazine. He has won the George Polk Award for national reporting, the Worth Bingham Prize for investigative reporting, and many other journalism honors.

Mike is the author of two critically acclaimed books, The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise (Simon & Schuster, 2006), which was adapted for a PBS documentary, and The New New Deal: The Hidden Story of Change in the Obama Era (Simon & Schuster, 2012), which spent four weeks on the New York Times bestseller list. They both won the gold medal for non-fiction at the Florida Book Awards.

Mike grew up on Long Island and attended Harvard College. He now lives in Miami with his wife, Cristina Dominguez, an attorney and Aryuvedic counselor; their son Max; their daughter Lina; and their extremely annoying dogs Cookie and Wags.



Co-Presidents Kim Haber & Phyllis Winston

Dear Congregants,

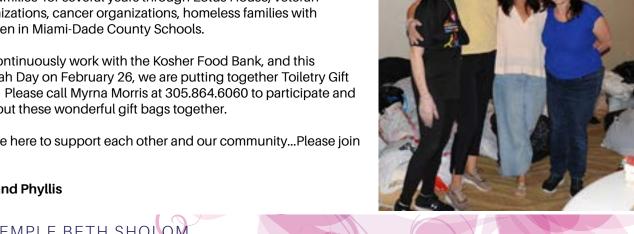
Here is an opportunity to give to those in need without leaving your home. How? By Spring Cleaning your closets.

Our "New 2 You" Clothing Drive is back again! With your generous donations we have been able to help countless individuals and families for several years through Lotus House, veteran organizations, cancer organizations, homeless families with children in Miami-Dade County Schools.

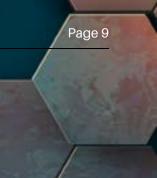
We continuously work with the Kosher Food Bank, and this Mitzvah Day on February 26, we are putting together Toiletry Gift Bags. Please call Myrna Morris at 305.864.6060 to participate and help put these wonderful gift bags together.

We are here to support each other and our community...Please join us!

Kim and Phyllis









TBS Brotherhood Is Thriving!

We have had several successful events so far, including our Kick-Off Dinner at Battubelin Restaurant, Mojitos and Mesquite Sukkot, and our outing to see the Florida Panthers. There is a lot more planned for the rest of the year, including our February 21 program with NYU Professor David Hollander and our outing to the see Team Israel play in the World Baseball Classic.

It's never too late to join Brotherhood. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Josh Laurence and **Joseph Pardo**Brotherhood Co-Chairs

For more information on upcoming events or to join, contact Mark Baranek at Mark@tbsmb.org









LIBERAL JUDAISM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

February 21 at 7:00 p.m. | Chapel | Free of charge

Please join the Israel Committee for an open discussion on the relationship between Liberal Judaism and Israel's New Government. We will analyze a number of issues, including the relationship between Liberal Judaism in the Diaspora and the newlyinstalled Government in Israel. The evening will be moderated by Rabbi Josh Weinberg, Vice President of the URJ for Israel and Reform Zionism. He is also the Executive Director of ARZA. Come with questions and hopefully you will receive the answers.

Israeli Snacks and Coffee will follow. RSVP to tbs@tbsmb.org



ADULT EDUCATION February



FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 AT 5:30 PM Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz **A Taste of Podcast**

Join Rabbi Pomerantz to listen to excerpts from six of her favorite podcasts to address: Spirituality, Israel, Purpose, Love and Being a Jew in the 21st Century.

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm. Also: March 7.

Via Zoom. This class is for TBS members only.

Registration and Access Information: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org.



FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00 PM Rabbi Gary Glickstein **Honoring the Memory of Rabbi Leon Kronish**

Rabbi Leon Kronish, the Founding Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom, was born on February 21, 1917. This year marks what would have been his 106th birthday. In honor of Rabbi Kronish, Rabbi Gary Glickstein will conduct a discussion around the role of HaRav, the Rabbi in Jewish Tradition.

Thursday, February 16, 2022, 7:00 pm

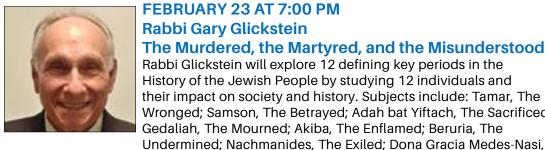
Zoom Only | Registration and the Zoom link: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org

FEBRUARY 21 AT 6:30 PM From the Kavanah Council

Mindfulness with Thich Nhat Hanh (special Tuesday session)

Miriam Steinberg, Ph.D. in body, soul, and body wisdom and Kavanah Council member, was blessed to study extensively with Thich Nhat Hanh and Marian Woodman, a Jungian analyst and his teaching partner. Both of them have recently passed away. Miriam will share some of their wisdom and practices and educate us about the interconnections between Buddhism and Judaism.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:30 pm | registration link: https://tinyurl.com/4987hedf After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

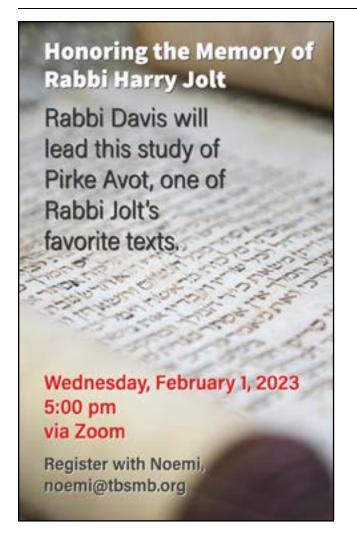


FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 PM Rabbi Gary Glickstein The Murdered, the Martyred, and the Misunderstood Rabbi Glickstein will explore 12 defining key periods in the History of the Jewish People by studying 12 individuals and their impact on society and history. Subjects include: Tamar, The Wronged; Samson, The Betrayed; Adah bat Yiftach, The Sacrificed; Gedaliah, The Mourned; Akiba, The Enflamed; Beruria, The

The Underestimated; Jacob Frank, The Fixated; Emma Goldman, The Radicalized; Haim Arlosoroff, The Assassinated; and Regina Jonas, The Overlooked.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Also: March 2 for Haim Arlosoroff and March 9 for Regina Jonas, Zoom Only | Registration and the Zoom link: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org











DEATH 02 DESSERT 23

Saturday, February 11 • 12:30 pm • Board Room

Join us for an unusual way to spend Shabbat. Over coffee and cake, we will have an open and an honest discussion about death. Talking openly about end-of-life issues is probably the most important and costly conversation Americans are NOT having.

In a safe and congenial setting, we will share our fears, concerns, and hopes over what will happen at the end of our lives. And, just as important, we will take the time to explore what we want our lives to look like before we get there. This is a chance to lean into our fears, rid ourselves of inhibitions, connect to others, and find a safe place to talk about issues you may not have been comfortable sharing with partners, families, and friends.

The session will be led by Rabbi Ruth Mayer. Rabbi Ruth is a psychologist and meditation teacher who has spent time working with people around issues of death and dying.

Join us before Death over Dessert for Torah Study at 9:30 am, Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 am, followed by a lite Shabbat Kiddush.

To learn more, visit deathoverdinner.org



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PURIM

March 6, 2023

Mandatory Rehearsal February 25 Pizza lunch provided at rehearsals.

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save the Date for Shushan State of Mind



Purim Shpiel

4:30-6:00 pm

Purim Carnival Social Hall and Palm Plaza with games, food, activities, and drinks.

6:00-7:00 pm

Spiel in the Sanctuary.

7:00-8:00 pm

Pizza in the Palm Plaza

8:00 pm

Adult 21+ Pouring Purim Party with DJ, drinks and food. Social Hall Cohosted by The Tribe. Palm Plaza, Sanctuary, Social Hall

RSVP: tbsmb.org/purim

RECENT & NOTEWORTHY





Our teens had an inspiring Civil Rights trip through Birmingham and Atlanta. Three of the teens spoke about what the trip meant to them at our MLK Shabbat.









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B'nei Mitzvah

FEBRUARY 2023

Noah Cantor will be called to the Torah as a *minchah* bar mitzvah on February 11, 2023. He is the son of Lauren and Lorne Cantor and sister of Chloe Cantor. His grandparents are Donna and Hal Young and Hedia and Jerry Cantor. In honor of his bar mitzvah, Noah took on two special mitzvah projects. He partnered with JAFCO and with the help of friends and family, provided all 48 members of the teen village with two nights of Chanukah presents of their choosing. Noah also partnered with the Young Lions, a committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, and was paired with a Holocaust survivor who never had the chance to become a bar mitzvah. Noah spent time with the survivor learning his story so that he can retell the stories of the Holocaust to make sure that it never happens again.





Melanie Nudel will be called to the Torah as a *minchah* bat mitzvah on February 18, 2023. She is the daughter of Dalia Katz and Ariel Nudel and sister of Matias Nudel. Her proud grandparents are Dov Katz and the late Nina Bursztyn (z"l) and Anita Browner and the late Carlos Nudel (z"l). For her bat mitzvah Project Melu will participate in the Adopt-A-Meal program at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida, where she will be preparing food, playing games, and connecting with the families while their children seek treatment for life-threatening illnesses. For more information, please visit the website www.RMHCSouthFlorida.org

Mash Manes will be called to the Torah as a *minchah* bar mitzvah on February 25, 2023. He is the son of Tasha and Matt Manes and brother to Moss Manes. His grandparents are Michael Manes, Barbara Gould, Carol Freedman, Mary Kempski, Sonny Kempski. As part of his *mitzvot*, Mash will be donating to the JCS Kosher Food Bank.







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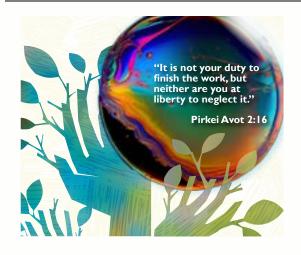
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Bob Lehner, husband of Lisa Lehner, father of Isabelle Lehner.



Schedule of Events

Friday, February 24

6:00 pm

Shabbat Service

Guest Speaker: Michael Grunwald

7:15 pm

Environmentally Friendly Israel Oreg

Sunday, February 26

8:15 am

Registration and Pancake Breakfast served by Temple Beth Sholom Clergy (Prepared by Nava Regev and staff)

9:15 am

Opening Ceremony at TBS Palm Plaza

9:30 am

Mitzvah Projects Commence

12:00 pm

Lunch at Temple Beth Sholom with the Monster Burger and Dragon Ice Cream Treats Food Trucks

1:30 pm

Soup Contest to benefit the Green Haven Project

All Day at TBS:

Blood and Platelets Drive Booths at Temple Beth Sholom Donation Collections Magen David Adom



Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs: Jillian Barnett and Ashley Weissman

Soup Contest Co-Chairs: Karen Sepsenwol, Dana Grodin, and Robin Rosenbaum

Soup contest proceeds benefit





All Ages - Family Friendly

- · Friends with Firetrucks
- Rachel Fitness x Dawn Feinberg POP-UP Kid's Workout
- Kosher Foodbank Scavenger Hunt
- Community Refrigerator with Buddy System MIA
- · Honor a Volunteer with Magen David Adom

Family Friendly

- · Blessings in a Backpack
- Mischloach Manot (Purim Baskets) for Holocaust Survivors
- Lentils and Love: Lentil Soup Project with the Kosher Food Bank
- Pack a Preemie Pack
- · Awesome Book Drive
- Playdate at Lotus House
- Tzedekah on the Water: Paddleboarding/Kayak for a cause
- jLAB Mitzvah Day Project for Miami Rescue Mission
- · Food Rescue
- Mom Packs for Lotus House
- The Sweetest Gift Cupcakes for Ronald McDonald House
- · The Phoenix Reading Project Book Collection
- · Food Distribution with Commissioner Richardson
- Bullets 4 Life Workshop with the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Shoreline Clean-up with Surfrider Foundation
- Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom Mitzvah Day Project

Teens and Up

- · Imagine, Learn, Play Create for Miami Children's Museum
- · TBS Sisterhood Birthday Baskets for the Elderly
- Justice League and BESHTY Project at Chapman Partnership
- · Sports and Games at Gibson Park
- · Blood and Platelets Drive

Adults

Flower Arrangements with Yodeah

Additional Collections

- New to You
- · Read to Learn Children's Trust Books for Free
- B'ne Mitzvah preloved swag (sweatshirts/sweatpants)
 and B'ne Mitzvah dresses, slacks, dress shirts, suits, ties, etc.

Booths

- PACT People Acting for Community Together
- Yodeah Hereditary Cancers in Ashkenazi Jews
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Please bring these items to TBS before or on Mitzvah Day. In addition to collecting items in the Welcome Center, project captains will also be accepting Amazon delivery items to their homes or offices. You now have the option of making purchases directly through Amazon wish lists purchases! Look for the link in Temple Talk in the upcoming weeks.

- School supplies, books, and magazines for children and adults at Chapman Partnership Homeless Shelter
- **New and gently used books** for the Children's Trust
- New and gently used clothing (must be sorted into men's, women's, children's, and teenagers' clothing) for a variety of shelters
- · Toiletries, baby supplies (diapers, wipes, pacifiers, lotion and body wash, etc.), feminine hygiene products, coloring books, crayons, and pencils for Lotus House
- · B'nei Mitzvah preloved swag (sweatshirts/sweatpants) and B'ne Mitzvah dresses, slacks, dress shirts, suits, ties, etc. for JAFCO
- **Books** for The Children's Trust "Books for Free" program



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Dawn Rattner Lauri Kassewitz Liam Guejman Margaret Tolkin Samuel Rubell

February 2

Levi Newman Melissa Rappaport Drew Tobin Matthew Vander Werff

February 3

Hader Baez Ava Issenberg Mariana Krym

February 4

Ethan Budowsky Jonas Gordon Sari Libbin Jacob Rosenfeld Parker Schimel Lily Spoont Zia Stowe

February 5

Julian Alcus
Natasha Caraballo
Natan Ellenbogen
Alexander Kane
Matthew Kaplan
Alexandra Lichtenberg
Brian Saplicki
Eli Simkins
Steven Simon
Stella Spoont
David Wilson

February 6

Rose Davis
Kari Dermer
Alexander Fryd
Michelle Leve Pardo
Lindsay Lyon
Solomon Newman
Douglas Paley
Cathy RadunsSilverstein
Poppy Zalaznick

February 7

James Diamond Jennifer Elegant Jonathan Jerome Karen Rivo Albert Tapper

February 8

Hailey Cannon
Diana Golden
Harper Harris
Emma Horev
Emily Mayer
Jonathan Sandelman
Nate Shapiro
Jeffrey Zeskind

February 9

Sebastian Calmet Harvey Chaplin Jeffrey Dickstein Sissy Echevarria Wende Gelb Bridget Harris Amanda Maxwell Terrence Segall Mackenzie Warren Ariel Zadok

February 10

Noa Fund
Grace Lindenauer
Annelisa Machado
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Scott Rogers
Sarah Steen

February 11

Helen Ansin Oleva Benrey Holland Issenberg Matthew Levenson Jacob Rosenberg

February 12

Amit Barel Porat Nadine Bloch Jane Extein Birdie Magnin Lori Maltz Nancy Ratzan Judy Schaechter

February 13
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February 16

Charles Bergwin Sonya Gelb Choeff Katie Green Selma Newman Alex Shack

February 17

Abra Adrabi Mia Ancikovsky Melissa Chaykin Cole Fisher Doris Galindo Aimee Heller Aliyah Kamenetzky Jordan Kleiner Melissa Lazarus Kristin Mandel Todd Rosen Romy Sebag Ethan Shimansky Max Zaiac

February 18

John Blumenthal
Drew Chanin
Dylan Cohen
Brandon Dinter
Cristina Dominguez
Louis Dryfoos
Terry Jove
Sophie Koonin
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Robert Kweller
Adam Laufer
Wendy Squire
Eileen Swaye
Paul Swaye
Robert Warren

February 19

David Abrams
Jill Adler
Sandra Cohen
Liliana Diego
Barbara Goldsmith
Ruth-Ellen Gordon
David Green
Flavia Koehler
Vicki Land
Mash Manes
Alexander Slezynger
Hannah Twist

February 20

David Block Nellie Chachkes Marcelle May Robert Newman Jeffrey Tenen

February 21

Anna Frusciante Savannah Gauntlett Samuel Greenwald Randy Kassewitz Debra Leibowitz Anna Liverman Sarah Nelson Daniel Rosenberg

February 22

Yoshai Friedman David Kaiserman Hallie Meland Aaron Naman Peter Oravitz Marley Rywell Charlie Salmanson Phillip Wigoda

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Samuel Sheldon
Jani Singer
Bonnie Sockel-Stone
Marcela Stern

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February 27

Camila Groesman Wagmaister Lily Karson Jordyn Kempler Roy Samuel Laurie Torban

February 28

Brenda Ćhemtov Gary Curson Mark Hildebrandt Ariel Joachimowicz Ryder Meshberg Reid Rosenberg Nicholas Werner



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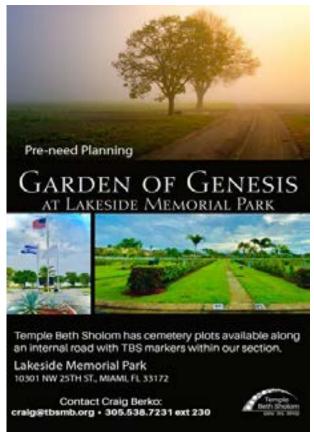


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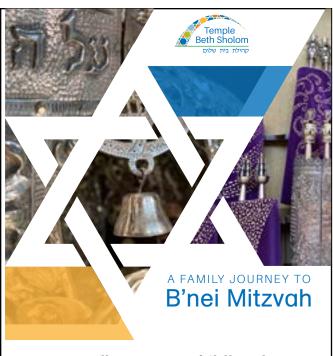
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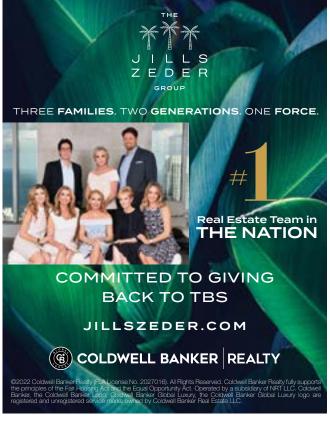
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