

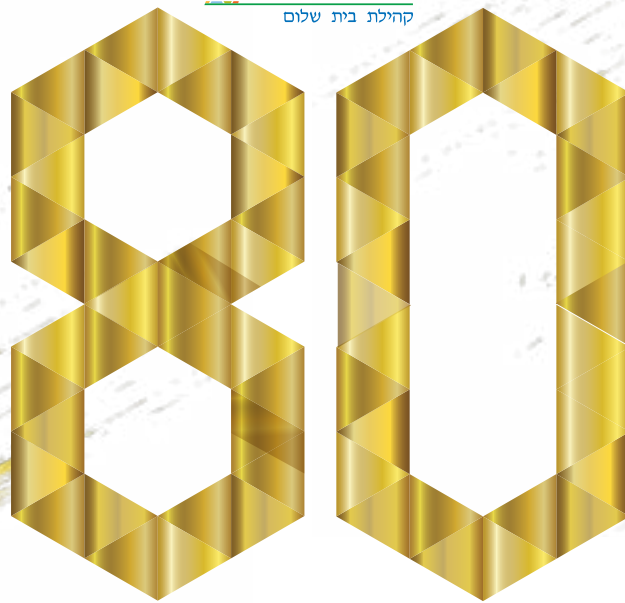
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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

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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

Welcome to 2023! As Jews, we are fortunate to celebrate two new years—Rosh HaShanah and January 1st—two opportunities to reflect, rejoice and begin again. Of course, the way we observe these two holidays is quite different, with the focus of Rosh HaShanah on the spiritual and January 1st with more of a fun party atmosphere. In light of this, the “resolutions” I tend to make reflect the different nature of these days. As I write this column in November, I’m recovering from foot surgery. As many of you know, I fractured my foot this summer when leading what I now know is a dangerous sport, Israeli dancing, in Israel. Unfortunately, my foot never healed properly, which is why I’m now laid up with screws and a plate holding my left foot together. For the next 6–8 weeks, I will be on crutches or a scooter, completely dependent on others for something as simple as carrying a glass of water.

My despondency at my current situation leads me to my very personal January 1st resolution, and that is to bring more levity and laughter into my life. As it turns out, this is a very Jewish response. For centuries, Jews have responded to difficult situations with humor as a profoundly life-affirming coping mechanism. As Mel Brooks put it: “If they’re laughing, how can they bludgeon you to death?” Laughter as a subversive response to authority dates all the way back to the Torah, when Sarah laughed after hearing that she would bear a child at the ripe old age of 90!

Laughter is the spigot that lets us blow off steam rather than explode. It provides solace when there is little to be had. From antisemitism to persecution to the threat of assimilation, Jews have good, if not ironic, reasons to laugh. And no one, not even God, is off limits when it comes to Jewish sarcasm and mockery.

For centuries, Jews have understood that lightening up through laughter is not only good for the soul, it’s good for our hearts and minds, too. When we are stressed out, as it is so easy to be in our hyper-polarized and angry world, our muscles are tense, our breathing is shallow, and our blood pressure may even rise. “Levity is our primary vehicle for restoring a relaxed state,”* says Emiliania Simon-Thomas, science director of the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley. It provides a buffer from the mental and physical stress that underpins so much of life today. It can deescalate a potentially explosive situation in an

instant and transform a fraught setting to one that is playful and light. In short, laughter costs nothing and helps us feel better instantly.

Best of all, laughing is social and contagious. A few weeks ago I was visiting my three-month-old grandson Yoshi in Sacramento. I sat on the couch with my daughter and her wife, and he was perched on my knees facing me. Suddenly, we were interrupted by a small explosion erupting from Yoshi’s backside. We burst out laughing in surprise. Yoshi, seeing our surprised and delighted faces, giggled in response. This was the first time I ever heard him laugh. His laughter deepened our joy, and for a moment or two, we all chortled together. It is a moment I cherish and savor, and even reflecting on it makes me smile.

As we navigate our way through the complicated alchemy of 2023, with a fraught political climate at home and in Israel, the lingering pandemic and whatever other personal challenges we may experience, may we each find a way to bring joy, laughter, light and hope into this new year of 2023. Join us for our special

Kavanah Retreat this month, led by Rabbi Josh Feigelson, President of the Institute of Jewish Spirituality, to learn more strategies for cultivating resilience and joy. Come pray and sing with us on Shabbat. Share a meal with a friend and find ways to make each other laugh. Let us look for reasons to be delighted, rather than disappointed in the world of 2023. Hopefully our laughter will bring us the strength we need to transcend any hardship in our way.



Gayle Pomerantz

*Carolyn Todd, “Hey, Lighten Up! It Can Be Good for Your Health,” *New York Times*, November 22, 2022.



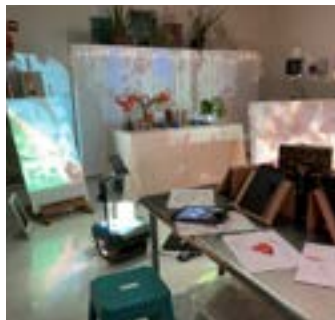
Innovative School

Margie Zeskind
Head of School



Dear Families,

It is enrollment time for the 2023 – 2024 school year for our Foundation and Elementary levels! As we are touring families, we are eager to share with them our practices, approaches, and philosophies which are inspired by what happens in Reggio Emilia. In this Italian and educationally forward thinking municipality, some of the best schools in the world are perfecting their practices around the social-constructivist theory of learning. Educators from around the world are studying these practices and looking to them to influence their thinking and practices within their own educational systems. Each year, as professionals, we work to deepen our understandings around best practices in order to bring higher levels of teaching and joyful learning to our community of learners. We want to grow morally competent, emotionally balanced, and academically strong humans.



In the municipal schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy, children's rights are respected. Children are considered full participants within the educational process along with their families and teachers. They are truly co-creators of their learning and the learning processes. Like the schools in Reggio Emilia, we pull out theories, thinking, wonders, and questions from our learners as opposed to relentlessly pushing in ideas, facts, and data for the goal of scoring high on tests. Within our approach, academic rigor is authentic and inspires academic excellence which results in high whole learner achievement. When you visit our



school, you will see evidence within our documentation of how thinking is visible, communication authentic, and reflective practice on-going. The environmental setting is constructed to be an interactive palate which takes shape in relation to the studies and learning experiences and you will see evidence of how materials are essential to the learning process. When our children graduate, we know our world will be blessed by their future contributions because their voices are empowered to create a system of change and growth.

Come and see our enchanted school, a welcoming home away from home for children and families. We hope you will visit us soon.

B'Shalom,

Margie



Barb Shimansky, RJE
Director of School for Living Judaism

Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
Five hundred, twenty five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets
In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles
In laughter, in strife

In five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in a life?

As one secular year ends and another begins, I always find myself reflecting on these lyrics from the song "Seasons of Love" from the musical *Rent*, written by the late Jonathan Larson. Anyone who really knows me knows that I love musical theater. I was in that group of teens in high school who would spontaneously burst into show tunes in the hallways because somebody unknowingly said a single word that provided our cue. On long solo drives, I will choose to listen to a Broadway soundtrack over an audio book every time. Beyond the pure joy I get from immersing myself in these musical worlds, I find there is so much truth to learn about life from these stories – not dissimilar to the lessons we learn from the stories of the Torah.

I have had many opportunities to connect the two worlds of Judaism and musical theater; this extends far beyond productions of *Fiddler on the Roof*. While serving on the faculty of the URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy each summer, I often work with the musical theater major and connect whatever the campers are working on with Jewish themes, values, and traditions. I have led text studies framed entirely by songs from *Hamilton*. For a *tefilah* experience at URJ Camp Coleman, I created "Broadway Bracha," and still maintain that playlist in my Spotify for times when I need a boost of spiritual enhancement from the world of theater.

While there are many ideas that overlap between these two worlds, there is one that consistently jumps out at me as a core component of each—that of community. In Judaism, there is very little that we are supposed to do on an individual basis; almost every tradition has a communal aspect to it. We are supposed to have at least 10 people for a prayer service, as this is the minimum number to be considered a community. As we read the opening chapters of Exodus this month, we quickly realize that this is not the story of

Moses, but rather the journey of the Jewish people as they move together toward the Promised Land. In fact, along the way, when some of the Israelites become selfish, they are severely punished by G-d, further reinforcing the importance of putting the needs of the community first. In *Pirkei Avot* 2:4, Hillel is quoted as saying, "*Al tifrosh min hatzibur*—Do not separate yourself from the community."

As for musical theater? Here is just a sampling of songs that resonate with the concept of community and surrounding oneself with others:

"You Are Not Alone" from *Into the Woods*

"You'll Never Walk Alone" from *Carousel*

"You Will be Found" from *Dear Evan Hansen*

"We Go Together" from *Grease*

"For Good" from *Wicked*

I would be remiss not to mention the entirety of *Come From Away*, an incredible show based on the true story of a small town in eastern Canada that welcomed in 38 planes full of strangers from around the world on September 11, 2001 – the very epitome of creating community and caring for others.

The lyrics above ask, "How do you measure a year?" This is answered in the next line: "How about love?" One of the seminal passages in the Torah reads, "*V'ahavta l'reiacha kamocha*—Love your neighbor as yourself." Seems that if we take our cues from both Jewish tradition and musical theater, and plan to spend our year both giving and accepting love, we might spend these five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes of 2023 surrounded in the meaning, beauty, and peace that can be found in community with one another.

*jLAB returns from Winter Break beginning on
Monday, January 9*

*There is no jLAB on:
Saturday, January 14 (MLK Weekend)
Monday, January 16 (MLK Day)
Saturday, January 21 (Teacher Professional
Development Day)
Monday, January 23 (Teacher Planning Day)*



Membership

Craig Berko

Director of Membership

As Membership Director, I am always happy to hear or read about our member *simchas*. This month, we are pleased to feature a member profile from *CPA Today Magazine* about Gary Gerson and the Gerson Preston firm.



...In South Florida, Gerson Preston Klein Lips Eisenberg Gelber (Gerson Preston) has executed a simple philosophy: to champion individuals and businesses in South Florida. Since 1959, when founder Gary R. Gerson first opened his door to clients, Gerson Preston has made giving back a priority in everything they do. Their ongoing efforts focus on improving financial literacy throughout local communities, with a concentration on students of all ages, women, small business owners and more.

"Over the past 60 years, we've redefined what it means to be a local accounting firm. We see the ever-growing need for enhanced financial literacy in our communities and we're proud to offer education and support to all the individuals and businesses that call South Florida home," said Gary Gerson, founding senior partner of Gerson Preston.

For Partners Stuart Rohatiner, CPA, JD, and Melisse N. Burstein, CPA, ABV, CFF, financial-literacy has been a calling in the community.

Rohatiner has partnered with the Overtown Youth Center

(Miami) for 10 years to present a series of financial-literacy classes providing young people with the tools to be successful and create a better future for themselves and their families. Rohatiner also works with Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School and Miami-Dade Academy to expand their financial programing. Through a series of online sessions, various community leaders touch on financial literacy topics such as budgeting, taxes, credit scores and more.

"The work that Rohatiner, and Gerson Preston, are doing at our local schools is incredible," said Alonzo Mourning, vice president of player programs and development for the Miami Heat and NBA Hall-of-Famer. "These courses aren't just helping high-school students - they're changing financial literacy in homes; educating parents, neighborhood partners and business associates; and expanding financial-literacy education throughout the community."

"People who are financially informed are better able to take control of their circumstances, improve the quality of their lives and ensure a more stable future for themselves and their families," said Gerson Preston Managing Partner Steven Klein. "The recent passing of the Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act in the State of Florida, requiring Florida high-school students to pass a financial literacy class to graduate, is a great achievement. It speaks to the importance of business leaders advocating for change in communities."

For Gerson Preston, the cause is financial literacy. For your firm, it can (and should) be whatever you're passionate about: education, gender equality and women's rights, poverty and food security, environmental issues...the list goes on. Community organizations and non-profits are short staffed and underfunded around the globe, so any assistance you and your firm can offer (volunteerism, food drives, fundraising etc.) is much appreciated.

Congratulations to Gary Gerson and his team for being recognized for the good they do in our community!

If you have news to share, we're happy to hear it. Please reach out and let me know. Looking forward to hearing from you,

Craig

Craig@tbsmb.org



Social Justice

Jeff Agron

Social Justice Director

Climate Change!

As we enter a new secular year, I want to tell you more about our Social Justice Network project for 2023 - Climate Change. You may have noticed the topic on the cover of our SJN brochure which you received during the High Holy Days. As the specifics of this work continue to evolve, there are some exciting developments that we can now share.

We will be partnering with the National Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition and Hazon (A Jewish Lab for Sustainability) to make Temple Beth Shalom a more sustainable, environmentally friendly, and "green" institution. As a community, we will create a climate action plan with concrete steps that we can take over a period of years. This will be a process. Some of the areas that we will be working on include investing in clean power for our facilities, reducing or offsetting our emissions, better managing our resources, and conserving waste through projects like composting. There will be aspects of this work for everyone in our community, from the youngest children and teens to adults. Some of these things can be reproduced in the home.

We look forward to having Justice Jams led by Rachel Unger and Andrea Wagner. We hope to have Rabbi Luisa Sinacore lead the Justice Jams too. These will be educational opportunities that will discuss climate change, action steps, and allow for making connections to Jewish values. Please reach out to Rachel Unger ungerita@yahoo.com for more information.

We will also be working with these local organizations on climate change projects:

- The CLEO Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan organization exclusively dedicated to climate crisis education and advocacy. They work with communities across Florida to build climate literacy and mobilize climate action for a just and resilient future.
- Miami Water Keepers, an organization that works to ensure swimmable, drinkable, fishable waters for all in Florida.
- Higher Ground Initiative, to bring awareness to sea level rise on Miami Beach and the barrier islands.
- Love the Everglades, which engages with our schools on Everglades education and awareness.
- Green Haven, an inner-city farm and food pantry in a Miami food desert.

- Surfrider Miami, which works to keep the beaches clean and to test water quality throughout Miami Beach and Key Biscayne.
- Food Rescue US for donation of excess food from TBS events.

We look forward to everyone being involved.

Calling all Chefs: Mitzvah Day and the Soup Contest are February 26. If you would like to enter the Soup Contest and be one of our amazing chefs this year, please be in touch with me at jagron@tbsmb.org. Please also be in touch if you have a Mitzvah Day project that you would like to captain. What is your passion? What do you care about? Share it with our community for Mitzvah Day.



Our Innovative School 4th and 5th Grade led our Socks for Sukkot drive, which provided over 500 pairs of socks and raised \$1,000 for Lotus House and Chapman Partnership. Thank you to the entire TBS community.

Jeff Agron



Co-Presidents

Kim Haber & Phyllis Winston

In November, Sisterhood delivered 15 No Sew blankets to Holtz Children's Hospital. We are grateful to the Sisters that helped us to create the blankets on a wonderful Saturday afternoon and even in their homes afterward (attached are photos highlighting the event).

Please join us on **Monday, January 23 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Temple Beth Sholom for Jewish Yoga by Elisa Spungen Bildner** who has been practicing yoga for over 20 years. Elisa teaches yoga at Cranwell Resort in Lenox, MA and has taught workshops on Yoga for Cyclists and Yoga for Weekend Warriors. Plus, our very own Marte Singerman from the *Kavanah* Council will also lead us in a spiritual meditation.

RSVP at tbsmb.org/sisters

Also remember to clean your closets and put aside your gently used clothes for the Sisterhood's New 2 You clothing drive. It will take place on **Mitzvah Day, Sunday, February 26, 2023**. Please sign up for this Mitzvah Project or the Sisterhood project that will provide Senior Birthday Toiletry Baskets for the Kosher Food Bank. RSVP at tbsmb.org/mitzvahday

Kim and Phyllis



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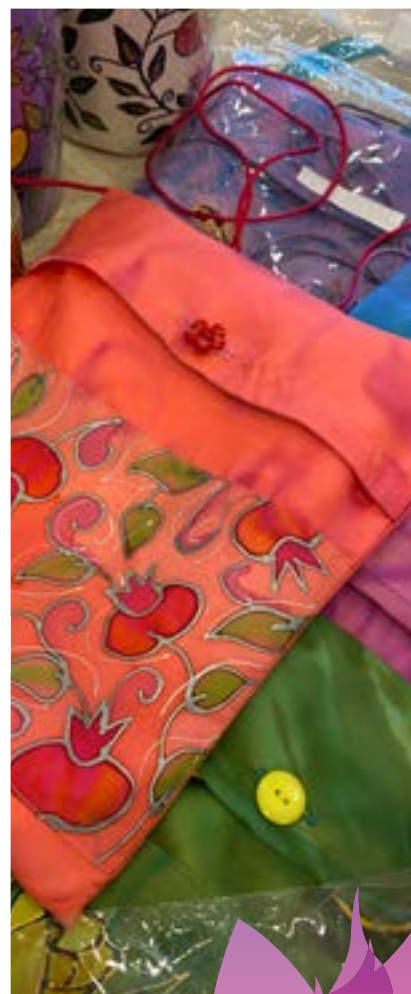
Opportunity is knocking... no parking problems... no crowds... fantastic items just waiting for you to purchase, so remember to **shop Holy Grounds!**

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



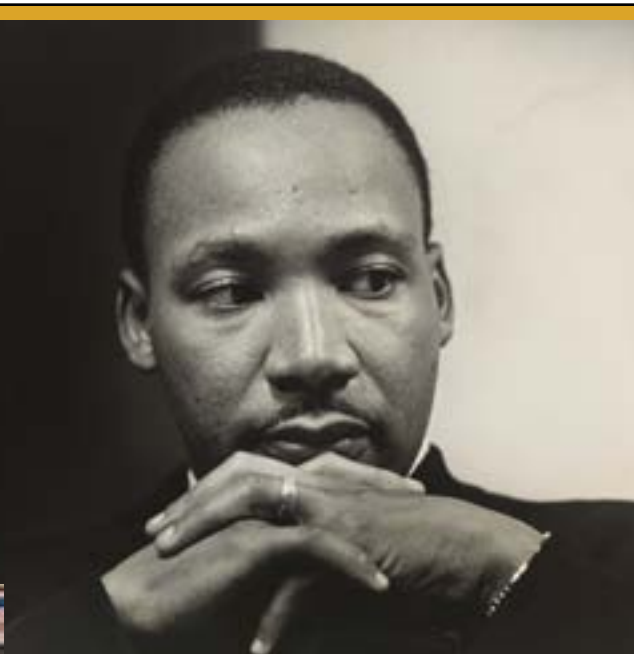
MLK Shabbat

Featuring the

**MIAMI
SOUND**
Choir

Friday, January 13, 2023 | 6:00 pm

Oneg following services.



Mark your calendars for this inspiring Shabbat!

We are pleased to welcome back the Miami Sound Choir to Temple Beth Shalom! They'll join us at our MLK Shabbat which will be followed by a festive oneg.



The Youth Campaign at Temple Beth Shalom seeks to:

- Renovate our outdoor spaces and playgrounds, which includes enhanced security features and conservation of our seawall.
- Replenish our scholarship funds for school, summer camp and Israel experiences for children of all ages.

The Youth Campaign benefits our tots through to teens.

To view the brochure and make a tax-deductible donation, visit tbsmb.org/youth-campaign

Contact: Director of Advancement Katy Boyask at katy@tbsmb.org 786.406.1375





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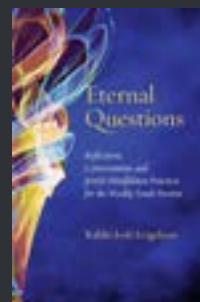
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AND HELPING OTHERS DO THE SAME



Habits of the Heart

Featuring

RABBI JOSH FEIGELSON, PHD



The Kavanah Council is pleased to welcome Rabbi Josh Feigelson, PhD, 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.

Schedule of Events (Suggested donation of \$36 for Saturday)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

- 6:00 pm** Shabbat Services
D'var Torah - Habits of the Heart
- 7:15 pm** Enhanced Pot Luck Shabbat
(RSVP to Mark Baranek: Mark@tbsmb.org)
- 8:00 pm** Salon: The Power of Eternal Questions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:30 am** Torah Study: What do we mean by Habits of the Heart?
- 12:00 pm** Complimentary Lunch
- 1:00 pm** Habits of the Heart - 1: A Listening Heart
- 2:15 pm** Habits of the Heart - 2: Listening to Our Hearts
- 3:15 pm** Soul Snack
- 3:30 pm** Habits of the Heart - 3: Creating a Society of Listening Hearts
- 4:30 pm** Closing Ceremony

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Angelica Berezin, Sandra Breiterman, Patty Feito,
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Ashleigh Lindenauer, Scott Rogers, Jani Singer,
Marte Singerman, Lorraine Steen and Miriam Steinberg.

ADULT EDUCATION

January

JANUARY 10

From the *Kavanah* Council

Compassion and Mindfulness (special Tuesday session) 6:30 pm. Via Zoom

The *Kavanah* Council presents a special one-hour class taught by Sandra Breiterman, a Naturopath and licensed Acupuncture Physician, and *Kavanah* council member, who has worked in the field of health and wellbeing for over 35 years. Spiritual and healing traditions, as well as modern psychology, teach that compassion is an essential tool needed for us to successfully overcome the challenges we face along our human journey. Join Sandra to learn concrete practices to access and cultivate your own compassion to live a more resilient, joyous, and wholehearted life. <https://tinyurl.com/4987hedf>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting



JANUARY 23

Mark Baranek

Book Discussion

Mark Baranek and guests will lead discussions on a variety of Jewish-themed books. Both fiction and non-fiction will be featured.

- **The Lost Shtetl** by Max Gross, 7:00 pm. Via Zoom



JANUARY 26

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, Also: February 2, 9; and three additional dates TBD.

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



JANUARY 31

A Taste of Podcast

Join with others and 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: February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7.

Via Zoom. This class is for TBS members only.

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



JOIN US!

January 26 at 7:00 pm

GableStage Theater

1200 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134

RSVP: tbsmb.org/sisters

WE WILL NOT BE SILENT



By David Meyers

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JANUARY 2023

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February 3

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Friday, February 10

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Celebrating Jewish Life Together

Message from our Sister Congregation in Israel

Mutual Responsibility

It has been about half-a-year since I visited with you in Miami and the memories are still vivid in my mind. The congregation hosted me very graciously and Rabbi Pomerantz and Mark Baranek invested personal efforts to make me feel as a special guest. During the course of my visit I learned just how significant the TBS commitment is to Israel in general and to the furthering of liberal Judaism in the Jewish homeland in particular. I hope that our relationship will continue to develop in the future and that TBS congregants will view Kehilat (Congregation) "HaDror" as an inseparable part of their home-base in Israel.

As the two major centers of Jewish life, American and Israeli Jews have many issues to ponder—certainly after our recent Israeli elections, which have brought to power a coalition inimical to liberal values, both religiously and politically. This leaves us with an assortment of questions:

Has there been a change in the feelings of American Jewry toward the state and the people of Israel? Do we still share solidarity?

If so, do we have the right—or the responsibility—to make our voices heard in matters of policy, even if this entails criticism? Should differences of opinion—even critical ones—have an effect upon basic support?

The incoming government will be forced to deal with many significant challenges. In addition to internal and external security concerns which pretty much unite the Israeli public, they are committed to a variety of positions which divide us. Some concern the democratic process. Others concern the status of liberal Judaism and that of Israeli Arabs and the veteran community of African Asylum Seekers.

The members of the coalition exult in the fact that this will be an "all Right" government (Conservative nationalists, "messianic" Religious Nationalists, Ultra-Orthodox parties). Others, including the bulk of liberal Jews and their rabbis, anticipate difficult days.

This is certainly an appropriate occasion for dialogue between our two communities.

In the face of many challenges please remember that we need your support and see our struggle for *Tikkun Olam* (Mending the world) as one!"

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Jenni Person
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January 4

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Maximilian Baumann
Laurie Blach
Charlotte Brodie
Ruby Goldenberg
Olivia Kaiserman
Jonathon Milanese
James Schwartz
Michael Wolk

January 5

Michele Burger
Charles Citrin
Michael Levinson
Alex Mendelson
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January 6

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Larry Hurwitz
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Elaine Silverstein

January 8

Matisse Georgi
Jeff Goldberg
Joanne Loiben
Jacob Narson
Ovidio Oxios
Jacob Sheppard
Ian Stern
Max Stern
Joey Weissman

January 9

Jacob Abramson
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Morey Moss
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Jordan Weinstein
Lucas Werner

January 10

Jessica Cook
Paul Feinsilver
Jaden Kaplan
Dustin Kushner
Lily Palmer
Miles Warren
Galit Zarco

January 11

Ben Dvir
Robert Fetell
Emily Frankel
Jonathan Hofman
Ryan Jove
Vanessa
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Mia Pasternack
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January 12

Alan Axelrod
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Jesse Glickstein
Zara Hurwitz
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Mark Polovin
Tina Price
Jason Pyle
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Jane Siegel
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January 13

Ruby Barten
Blake Karson
Richard Lesser
Carlo Pirari

January 14

Alamea Bitran
David Bloch
Jeffrey Cohn
Sally Kramer
Claire Mayer
Elizabeth Resnick
Maxine Sobel
Levi Tamuz
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January 15

Robin Cohen
Michelle D'Antuono
Lila Davidson
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January 16

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January 17

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January 18

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January 19

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Benjamin Vargas

January 20

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January 21

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January 22

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January 23

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January 24

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January 16

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January 19

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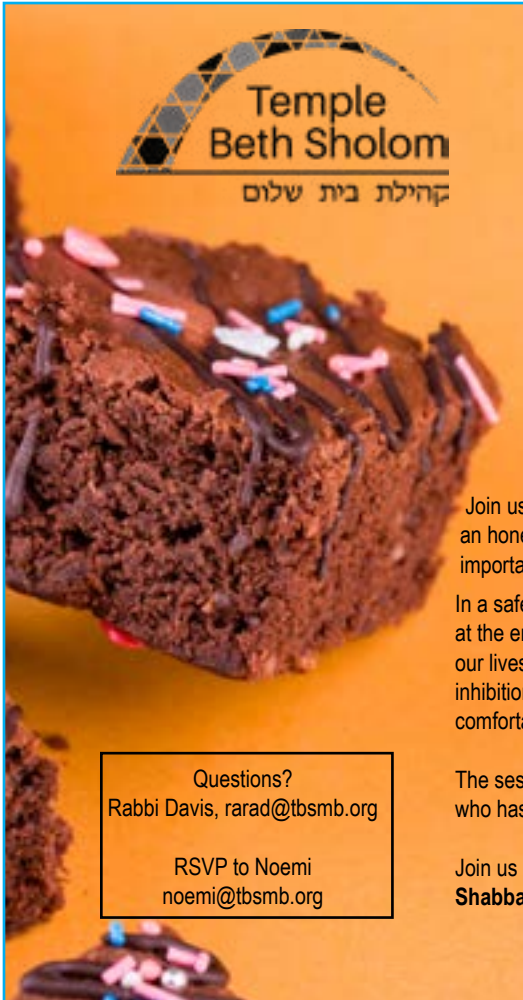
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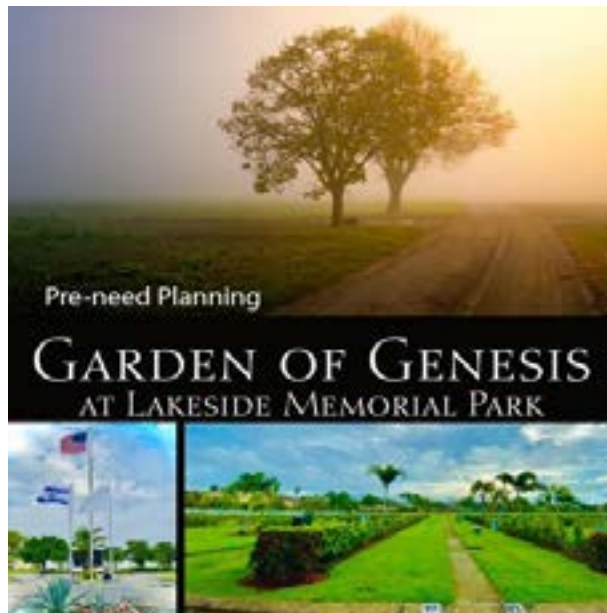
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