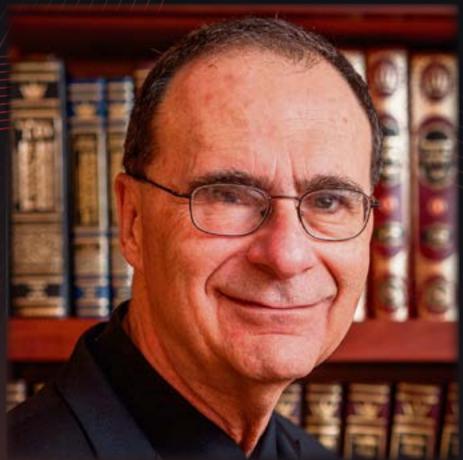
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Shabbat is a taste of paradise. Talmud, Berachot 57a

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-Mitzvah Service

Our b-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.

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Sacred Connections

Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

As I write this missive, I feel engulfed in waters of uncertainty. Hamas has massacred Israelis in an unprecedented attack for which Israel was woefully unprepared. Israeli troops are amassed on the border of Gaza and in the North of Israel. A temple president has just been stabbed to death outside her home in Detroit. We are reeling, destabilized and suffering. Just as at the beginning of the Pandemic in April of 2020, when we had absolutely no idea how our world would be impacted by Covid-19, so too, I believe we are at an inflection point in Israel's history and therefore, Jewish history. We have no idea what the long-term multifaceted impact of what was unleashed on October 7th will be. As Israeli commentator Yossi Klein Halevi recently wrote: "A new, as yet unimagined, Israel has just been born."

There is so much that we don't know (although much of it will be revealed between the time of this writing and you reading it). Will Israel invade Gaza? Will hostages be released (please God)? Will the conflict expand to the North? Will Israel be unfairly blamed for defending herself or will Israel retain much of the world's support? Will Netanyahu be ousted as Prime Minister? How will diaspora Jewry be affected by this trauma?

But here are some things we do know:

- 1. The carnage inflicted upon Israel has (mostly) united Israel against the common enemy of Hamas. The pilots who led protests against the right-wing Israeli government for months on end, who had announced they would not serve an anti-democratic government, are now flying sorties over Gaza. The Brothers in Arms movement, with whom I marched this past summer in protest, is helping traumatized residents along the Gaza border with food, clothing and counseling. For now, there is a unity government in Israel inspired by suffering and rage. After the urgency of the moment passes, whenever that may be, there will be time for reckoning and blame.
- Though this horrific event exposed Israel's vulnerabilities, we are no longer stateless, and we are no longer defenseless. Israel will address this failure and a new era of security will unfold.
- I hope and pray that the increasing rift between American and Israeli Jews will dissipate as we come together to support Israel. The same can be said for American Jews on the left and right.

- 4. The status quo of the Palestinian situation is untenable and can no longer be put on the back burner. Both Israelis and Palestinians deserve to live in safety and peace.
- 5. Antisemitism was already on the rise before this attack. At the beginning of September. I got a text from my young adult son in school at Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida. "Can you believe there was a big, organized march of masked Nazis near me?! Right down the street from a Holocaust Memorial! So disgusting!" He couldn't believe that such a demonstration could take place in broad daylight in an American city. It turns out there were actually two antisemitic extremist demonstrations that day in the Orlando area. One of them was organized by the Goyim Defense League, the group that dropped baggies on many of our front lawns during Covid, accusing Jews of proliferating Covid.
- 6. There are also many righteous gentiles who stand with Jews and Israel. I have been overwhelmed by those who are demonstrating their support for Israel around the world. I just got off the phone with Mayor Gelber who shared that a group of twelve non-Jewish firefighters from Miami Beach wish to go to Israel for two weeks with an organization called Emergency Volunteers Project, to temporarily replace Israeli's firefighters who have been called up to serve. I am humbled by their service and selflessness, along with others like them.

Despite all the uncertainty of this moment, I am heartened by the kindness and generosity so many have shown Israel. I am also inspired to hope by the victory of the Maccabees we celebrate this month. Over two thousand years ago, a small ragtag group of fighters united against a Syrian Army to fight for religious freedom. Their victory was improbable and miraculous, just as Israel's very existence is today. May we remember their courage when we kindle the lights of our Chanukiot and may the lights we ignite this season remind us that there is always a reason to hope for a better world, a world of peace.

Hayle Somerartz



Innovative School

Margie Zeskind Head of School



Dear Temple Beth Sholom Community,

I am excited to share that a team of ten Innovative School professionals are joining Jewish educators from around the country and Israel on a study tour in Reggio Emilia, Italy this December. This will be the fourth trip to Reggio Emilia that our Temple Beth Sholom educational team has taken since our first opportunity in 2014. It is especially meaningful for us to be in Reggio Emilia during Chanukah this year as the municipality of Reggio was re-dedicated and rebuilt by the people of Reggio following the complete destruction of this region during World War II. Just as the Maccabees rebuilt the temple brick by brick, the people of Reggio Emilia built the very first school out of the rubble and debris. Celebrating Chanukah in a community setting that lived its rebuilding physically and emotionally can only deepen our appreciation of what it means to rebuild and rededicate ourselves as Jewish educators.



Feeling no boundaries

This will be my fourth trip and I am dedicating it to supporting my team as they work to deepen their understandings on this pedagogical journey to grow the highest level of sustainable learning pathways

for our learners. For this reason, I invited Adam Trautenberg, Director of Logistics and Technology, to be a part of our collaborative dialogue. Adam has worked closely with us over the last couple of years supporting our technology and communication development. He has worked with our two studio and environment specialist, Liset Leyva and Miriam Cruz, in developing digital learning encounters weaving together nature landscapes and fixed materials to break down barriers to meaning making and understanding. This approach involves breaking down fixed barriers to engaging with contextual content in learner centered ways. This means building border crossings from the typical one- or two-dimensional ways of engaging with materials into three dimensional and poly-sensorial ways of experiencing the content.

As we all know, children know and express themselves not only through verbal language but in many ways. This is why it is essential to provide a rich environment equipped with meaningful, open-ended materials that enable and encourage children to



Innovative Studio

use rich and elaborate languages of expression in their inquiry and creative processes. When we as educators understand that children know and come to knowledge in a multiple of sensory related ways, then we know that the learning experiences we offer need to be filled with and built around opportunities for sensory experiential possibilities. These sensory focused "ways of knowing" present the myriad sources and shapes of children's and adults' knowledge and language of expression. These multiple forms of language are ways of organizing the world and exchanging what is known through interactions within the learning environment and beyond. The schools of Reggio Emilia offer authentic examples of environments and approaches of rich possibilities for inquiry that give shape, body, and language to the work of children, educators, and families too. We must aim to create a culture of inquiry that leads our children to theories, discoveries, dreams, and design.

As professionals in a Reggio Emilia Inspired Jewish School, we understand that Jewish education and our Reggio Emilia inspired work both ground us as educators in a strong and rich image of the child. All children have the potential, although in different ways, to learn and to develop their own ideas, theories, and strategies. Every child has the right to be supported by the adults in their lives in reaching his, her, or their potential spiritually, cognitively, affectively, and physically.

I wish for each and every one a beautiful and joyous *Chanukah* and winter holiday season! May the holy light of the *Chanukiah* guide your souls and nourish your spirits during our beautiful "Festival of Lights!"

B'Shalom,

Margie







As we approach the "winter" season here in Miami, I want to take an opportunity to reflect on the importance of *kavanah*, or intention. In the north, this is the time of year when we would typically retreat inside to escape the extreme cold, which would give us plenty of time to look inward and recalibrate before spring. While this indoor escape is not what we do here in south Florida during this time of year, we can still take the time to pause and take an accounting of ourselves.

Kavanah is the act of bringing our full attention and awareness to what we are doing. In Judaism, kavanah is essential for connecting with the deeper meaning of our actions. When we pray with kavanah, we are not just reciting words, but we are opening our hearts and minds to connect in a spiritual way. When we study with kavanah, we are not just learning facts, but we are seeking to understand the wisdom of our tradition.

How can we make the time to connect in this way amidst the hustle and bustle of our daily lives? Shabbat is an excellent time to rest, recharge, and reconnect with ourselves, our families, and our community. When we observe Shabbat in whatever way

feels meaningful for each of us individually, we are not just taking a break from the everyday, but we are also allowing ourselves a chance to take a break from the constant chatter of our minds and just be. We can use Shabbat as a built-in place in the calendar to create space for stillness and for listening to the quiet voice within.

Chanukah is the Festival of Lights. It is a time to celebrate the triumph of hope over despair, of light over darkness. When we light the Chanukah candles with *kavanah*, we are not just performing a ritual, but we are also reaffirming our commitment to bring light into the world.

As we enter this season of darker days, let us remember the importance of *kavanah*. Let us bring our full attention and awareness to our actions, our prayers, and our learning. Let us create space for stillness and for listening to the quiet voice within. And let us shine our lights brightly, so that it may dispel the darkness in the world.

L'shalom,

Barb

jLAB Winter Break:

Saturday, December 23 through Saturday, January 6. There are no classes during this time. jLAB will resume beginning on Monday, January 8.

jLAB Parents:

Join us for coffee and a bite to eat at our next Parent Breakfast on Saturday, December 9 at 10:00am (after Tefilah). Hosted by the jLAB Committee.



Membership

Craig Berko
Director of Membership

Where You Belong

The steadfast support of our members remains the bedrock of Temple Beth Sholom. Our sacred holy space has long served as a sanctuary for spiritual nourishment and communal solidarity, and your renewed membership is now more critical than ever.

Our congregation has stood as a testament to resilience and unity, providing unwavering support to those seeking solace and guidance. Your financial contributions through membership renewal are integral to sustaining our mission and fostering a nurturing environment. They enable us to continue outreach programs, support the vulnerable, and uphold Jewish traditions for your family and mine, binding us as one community, together.

With Chanukah only a few days away, we journey forward with determination and ask you to continue to stand with us in cultivating a world of compassion, understanding, and unity. Your support is not just a tax-deductible financial contribution; it signifies your belief in the enduring strength of our Jewish community and the values we cherish. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and continue to radiate as a guiding light for generations to come.

We invite you throughout the year to delicious community Shabbat dinners, meaningful music and prayer, insightful teachings from our clergy, engaging educational programming, and the list goes on. We have something for everyone to connect, pray and play!

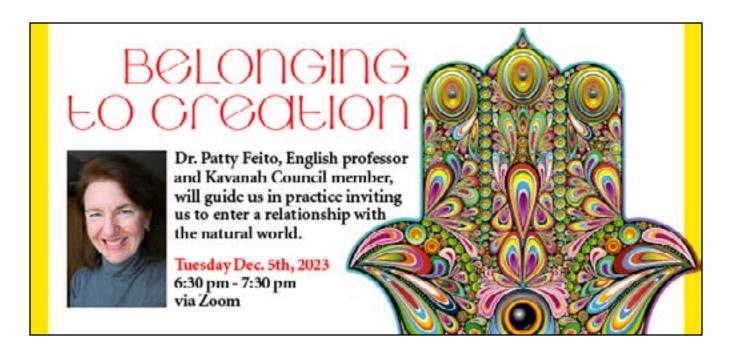
We urge those who have not yet renewed their 2023-2024 annual commitment to kindly reach out to me. We can renew your annual commitment with just a two-minute call or by email. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Be Inspired. Be Nurtured. Belong.

L'Shalom,

Craig

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Co-Presidents
Kim Haber & Phyllis Winston

Hello Sisters...

Wow! We had a fun and productive Saturday afternoon creating warm and fluffy blankets as gifts for the kids at Holtz Children's Hospital. Special thanks to Michaela Gutman for ordering and sewing the touching labels that were sewn into each blanket indicating they were made by Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood and to Debbie Leibowitz for making sure the event came together so flawlessly andhere are a few photos.

Please make sure to join us on December 13 at 5:30 pm in the Palm Plaza with the Brotherhood for a Chanukah Happy Hour. We'll light the candles to signify the holiday and enjoy some drinks, latkes, *sufganiyot* and just being together to celebrate.

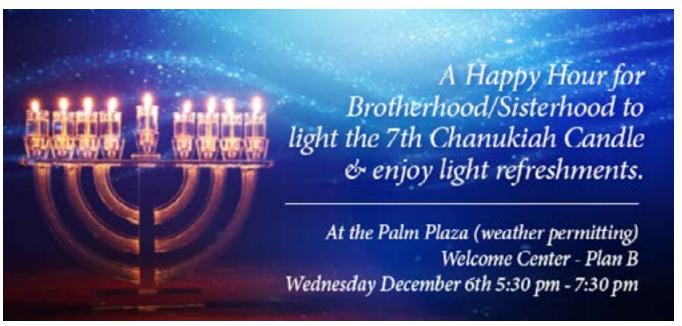
Mark your calendar for January 17 at 7:00 pm for a discussion with Dr. Abbe Rosenbaum on being heart healthy for women. We are also in the planning stages for a teaching workshop on creating beautiful bouquets of flowers in January. More details to come.

Happy Holiday and Hugs,

Kim and Phyllis









Social Justice

Jeff Agron Social Justice Director

SAVE THE DATE FOR MITZVAH DAY AND THE SOUP CONTEST – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

We have a few projects that need captains. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Jeff Agron jagron@tbsmb.org

Reproductive Rights Update

We are only two months away from closing out our petition campaign to put reproductive rights on the ballot in 2024. This will give the people of Florida the ability to vote on what they want the abortion law to be for all Floridians. Temple Beth Sholom has been responsible for collecting over 1,000 petition signatures. Overall, the statewide coalition has collected more than 700,000 petitions out of a necessary 1 million. We are confident that we will meet our goal, but we can't let up now! If it has not already happened by the time you read this, we expect the Florida Supreme Court to uphold the 2022 15-week abortion ban, meaning that the 2023 6-week abortion ban will then become the law of the land in Florida. We must not allow this to stand.

Many of our congregants have already signed the petition as we have been collecting petitions at services, school and other events on the TBS campus. We are now going out into the local community to obtain petition signatures. Even if you have signed, we still need your help to collect petitions. There is still time to submit a petition. You can scan the QR code below, print out the petition, fill in all the information carefully and legibly, sign and return to the Temple Beth Sholom Welcome Center before the end of December.



Blessings in a Backpack

If you want to get involved and help us collect petitions in the final month, please reach out to **Barbara Gelber** barbaragelber2@gmail.com or **Myra Spindel** myraspindel@gmail.com. During 2024 we will be working hard to turn out the vote for election that year and educate people on the issues.



Bags of Happiness

Family Civil Rights Journey with TBS and Etgar 36 – Spring 2024

We are pleased to offer an amazing opportunity for adults and families (children 7th grade and up) to participate in a Civil Rights trip to the South. Our trip runs from **Sunday, March 24, 2024, through Tuesday, March 26**. These dates are during the public-school Spring Break. The goal of the journey is to empower participants to get involved politically and socially in order to create change in the world. We will meet with people, organizations, educators, politicians, activists, artists, and musicians, as well as community, business,

and religious leaders in order to better understand what we are experiencing and how it relates to the various themes and issues being debated today. For more information, contact Jeff Agron. Deadline to register is December 10.



Jeff Agron

Chanukah 5784

Its here and we have a lot going on at Temple Beth Sholom!!!!

Thursday, December 7

1st Night of Chanukah – Enjoy with your families and friends 5:15 p.m. – Light 1st Candle in Welcome Center with Blessings, songs, and Sufganiyot

Friday, December 8

5:00 p.m. – Chanukah Family Fun Activities including Art Projects, Photo Booth, Story Corner and Much more.

6:00 p.m. – Shabanukah Service – that's right Shabbat and Chanukah = Shabanukah. This an inter-active Service filled with Chanukah music and the beauty of Shabbat liturgy.

7:00 p.m. – Shabanukah Dinner – a fully- catered Shabbat dinner that will include Latkes and Sufganiyot. Bring your own Chanukiyah to light at your table as a family!

Please make reservations here: https://tbs.shulcloud.com/event/shabanukah-dinner1.html

Saturday, December 9

10:00 a.m. – ALUMNI Tot Shabbat. All of our "alumni" are welcome back to our Chanukah Tot Shabbat Service. All ages are welcome. Mason and Mark will be there. Join us for this festive event – Chanukah treats for everyone! It will be a lot of fun to see everyone

Monday, December 11

5:15 p.m. – Light 5th Candle in Welcome Center with Blessings, songs, and Sufganiyot!

Tuesday, December 12

5:15 p.m. – Light 6th Candle in Welcome Center with Blessings, songs, and Sufganiyot!

Wednesday, December 13

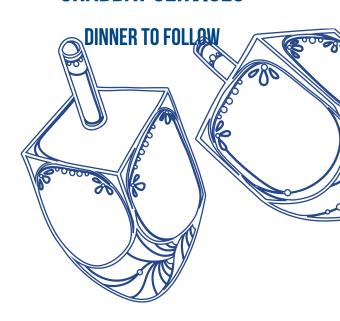
5:15 p.m. –light the 7th Candle in Welcome Center with Blessings, songs, and Sufganiyot!5:30 p.m. –Brotherhood and Sisterhood Happy Hour

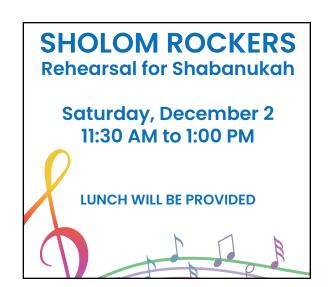
Thursday, December 14

5:15 p.m. – Light 8th Candle in Welcome Center with Blessings, songs, and Sufganiyot!

For more information on any of our Chanukah programs, please contact Mark Baranek, Director of Congregational Engagement at: Mark@tbsmb.org or call 305 538-7231

SHABANUKAH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 6:00 PM SHABBAT SERVICES







As of the writing of this article, Israel, and in many ways the entirety of the Jewish people, is at war. The war has been raging these many weeks since the horrific and brutal attack on Ha'aretz by Hamas. We have read about and have seen the unspeakable atrocities that occurred on October 7: we are devastated, we are horrified, and we are heartbroken for all of those lives that were lost and for all of those whose lives are irrevocably and deeply damaged. We have also witnessed a shocking increase of antisemitism in all of its various forms, here at home and across the globe. But know this: we are also resolute as Jews and Zionists in standing by Israel, as we have for the past 80 years. Temple Beth Sholom has and will steadfastly be one with the people, the land, and

The Israel Pillar Committee has been hard at work and has re-focused its efforts, closely aligned with temple leadership, in support of Israel and Israelis, and as well our congregants here at home. (I would be remiss without expressing a deep appreciation for the commitment and efforts of the old and new members of the Israel Pillar Committee (IPC), as well as our staff liaison Jeff Agron, and the unflagging support of Mark Baranek and our clergy.) Our Israel support is concentrated on the following areas: financial support, materials support, and information.

In summary: our financial support is focused on directing donations to the Miami Jewish Federation Israel Emergency Fund, the Magen David Adom, the IMPJ & IRAC Emergency Campaign, and to Israel Bonds. (Of special note, as of this writing TBS has committed to an institutional purchase of Israel Bonds in excess of \$100,000 via the Glickstein Foundation.) TBS also participated in a very special program with the City of Miami Beach, to send firefighters of the MBFD to Israel for two weeks to replace those Israeli firefighters who were called back into the IDF. All of these efforts will remain ongoing. While the central focus of TBS support is on monetary donations, the temple is now also getting involved with other congregations' efforts

at collecting much needed supplies for IDF units and displaced/impacted Israeli families. To aid in this area, we have set-up a collection bin for needed supplies and are also coordinating a weekly volunteer supplies drop-off at Skylake Synagogue in North Miami Beach, which has been a local leader in the collection, shipment, coordination and distribution of these supplies into Israel. Many of you may have noticed the ACT NOW for ISRAEL table in the Welcome Center, which affords opportunities for our children to fund-raise through sales of items they have made while at school, as well as opportunities for adult congregants to donate to the funding resources mentioned above. We are also aligning closely with AIPAC to aid in their efforts at supporting Israel here in the US through having a dedicated iPad at the ACT NOW table, enabling individuals to not just donate, but to participate in AIPAC's congressional and other governmental letter campaigns to our elected representatives. Our efforts in information/education are geared towards both, age-appropriate student learning opportunities and of course adult opportunities. These opportunities are focused on keeping congregants informed on news and news analysis, first-hand accounts of what has happened and what's happening now, and providing strategies for how to communicate about Israel with younger family members, and questioning friends and colleagues. Finally, know that our efforts are ongoing and new ways and opportunities to support and stand by Israel will continue to emerge, and anyone who is interested in joining the IPC and engaging in this important work should reach out to me (Jonathan. sepsenwol@gmail.com) at any time.

I have deliberately kept this column brief (there is much more to share), because the committee also wishes to share with you a letter we received from Rabbi Ezzie Ende, the rabbinical leader of our sister shul in Jerusalem, Kehilat HaDror. Rabbi Ende's letter is a moving account of what he and his family experienced on October 7th and beyond, and also provides meaningful insights into what Israelis and Jews across the world are facing, in this new world we are now living in.



Message from our Sister Congregation in Israel

Dear Friends.

October 7--- A good many conceptions—even fundamental values—were impacted by the events of the past two weeks. All of us feel challenged on a variety of levels and are wrestling with our reactions

"I can only share my own story", writes our beloved poet Rachel (Rachel Blubstein). In a similar vein, writing to you is an opportunity for me to share what I've gone through as a father, an Israeli, a human being and a Jew.

On that "Black Shabbat" I was awakened by a siren. It felt surreal, and in my imagination, I heard shouts and screams of children (as was actually the case in a different part of the country). I was unwilling to accept the fact that a war had erupted, particularly in light of the fact that our younger son Itamar was on active duty in the same area. And I've always been good at denial...

I finally climbed out of bed and entered the living room, glued to the television. All Israelis have fears in time of war about Army officials knocking at the door to deliver the most horrendous news. I wasn't willing to consider such a personal scenario and the tension colored my interaction with others that day.

It wasn't clear what was going on. There were rumors about terrorists capturing kibbutzim but reports were nebulous. The powerful security wall between Israel and Gaza was one of the foundations of our national security. How on earth was it possible to penetrate it? But that is what happened and the terrorists swept through virtually all the villages in the "Gaza Envelope" in unbelievably large numbers, executing terrible war crimes. It appears that before Simchat Torah 5784 we were living in a different conceptual world, a world of fantasy.

We were fortunate that day. Itamar was only lightly injured while heroically engaged in battle for eight hours. He is now recuperating at home. We are coping.

The war has raised a number of existential questions here in Israel:

What will be the future of Israel? Is it as safe as we always assumed? How do we remain loyal to our morals while fighting an inhumane enemy, intent upon ensuring that he will not dare contemplate attacking us in the future?

The war has produced an unbelievable outpouring of volunteers and spontaneously formed voluntary organizations working for the common good, encompassing former political adversaries—but I fear that the basic political tensions remain dormant and continue to constitute a danger. Many Israelis feel helpless and are astounded at having been so disappointed by the government and the defense establishment.

The pogroms—yes, pogroms—that we experienced were devastating. We mourn for the lost lives of civilians and soldiers and are gripped by concern for our children who have been called up for duty.

About 220 of our brothers and sisters were forcibly taken to Gaza, included among whom are a large number of foreign workers. This is almost impossible for us to grasp. "Releasing the captives" is a major commandment, which we dare not ignore as we continue to attack the terrorist infrastructure in the Gaza Strip. Our Rabbis teach us that captivity is worse than hunger or a plague. We must not lose time!!

BRING THEM BACK NOW!!

I wish to add that your heartfelt messages of solidarity and concern mean a lot to me. They truly strengthen us. Thank you. Please continue to present the cause of Israel as strongly as possible to those around you. As a community we are immersed in pastoral care for bereaved families and support for the huge number of people that were evacuated from their homes in the

We Remain One People. All of Israel are responsible for one another.

Northern and southern borders.

Fondly,

Ezra Ende

Rabbi



Marte Singerman, leader

The Kavanah Council is thrilled to welcome Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, Ph.D. as our visiting scholar for the 6th Annual Kavanah Retreat on January 19 and 20. Rabbi Hoffman is a ground-breaking scholar in Jewish Spirituality. For almost forty years, he has enriched others with his passion for the spiritual renewal of North American Judaism. He taught classes in liturgy, ritual, spirituality theology and synagogue leadership from 1973 to 2019 at HUC-JIR/New York and was Rabbi Pomerantz' thesis advisor.

Rabbi Hoffman has written or edited over forty books and received two National Jewish Book Awards. The first was for My People's Prayer Book (Jewish Lights Publishing), and the second was for co-authoring Sacred Strategies: Transforming Synagogues from Functional to Visionary (Alban Institute). He has also written both popular and scholarly articles that have been published in eight languages and currently writes a blog entitled Life and a Little Liturgy. https://blog.lawrenceahoffman.com.

He co-founded "Synagogue 2000," a national transdenomination project envisioning synagogues as a "moral and spiritual center" for the 21st Century. Through Synagogue 2000 and its successor Synagogue 3000 he sought to engage the next generation through a relational approach featuring strong communities centered around transformed synagogues.

Rabbi Hoffman is the latest in a line of distinguished guests who have joined us for this yearly event. Our past scholars have included Rabbis Amichai Lau-Lavie, Naomi Levy, Josh Feigelson 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. Join us for this rare opportunity to learn from a master and be part of our unique and enriching TBS spiritual community.

FRIDAY

6:00 pm Shabbat Services: D'var Torah: Why Spirituality? And Why Now?

7:15 pm Enhanced Pot Luck Shabbat - reservations required

8:00 pm Coffee, dessert and conversation with Rabbi Hoffman: Authentic Jewish Spirituality – Even for Skeptics Who Think There Isn't Any

SATURDAY

9:30 am Torah Study: An Adult's Approach to Community Prayer; Why We Do It; and What We Can Expect from It

10:30 am Minyan Service with Rabbi Hoffman: A Deep-Dive Into Adon Olam; If It's Not Yet Your Favorite Prayer, Perhaps It Will Be.

12:00 pm Complimentary Lunch

1:00 pm Breathwork & Sound Healing with Cantor Juval Porat and Friends

2:15 pm God in Our Lives: A Conversational Dialogue

3:15 pm Soul Snack

3:30 pm The Spiritual Revolution and the Anxious

Search for Meaning

4:30 pm Closing Ceremony

The Kavanah Retreat is generously sponsored by Marte & Paul Singerman.

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Join us for a brand-new 8th grade program with Rabbi Loiben centered on Jewish learning, identity building, and leadership development. Through engaging discussions, immersive study sessions and interactive activities, students will deepen their understanding of Jewish culture and history while fostering a profound connection to their Jewish identity. This program will empower the **8th graders** to embrace their heritage with pride while instilling valuable leadership skills, encouraging them to be active and compassionate members of their communities. Under Rabbi Loiben's mentorship, these young individuals will gain a stronger sense of self and emerge as future Jewish leaders who will make a meaningful impact on the world. This program will bridge our middle school students' experience with their engagement in our high school programs.

Meeting information:

January 14, 6:30 pm dinner with teens, 7:00-8:00pm session

March 11, 6:30 pm dinner with teens, 7:00-8:00 pm session. Spring Trip TBD.

Contact Rabbi Loiben at rabbiloiben@tbsmb.org with any questions.



Mindful Tuesdays

Weekly Mindfulness Group: Would you like to be part of a community dedicated to improving our lives by increasing our self-awareness, calmness, and joy? Led by Marte Singerman.

6:30 pm via Zoom

Contact/registration: tbsmb.org/adult-study



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DECEMBER 2023

Viola Bruck will be called to the Torah as a minchah bat mitzvah on December 2, 2023. She is the daughter of Sofia and Darren Bruck and sister to Ruby, Kora and Marlon Bruck.

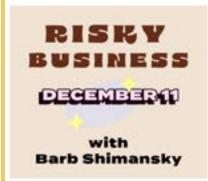




Owen Abe Nahmad will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on December 9, 2023. He is the son of Erica and AJ Nahmad and brother of Maggie and Claire Nahmad. His grandparents are Susan and Bill Shmerler and Janie and Albert Nahmad and his great-grandfather is Jack Berg. As part of his mitzvot, Owen is helping to raise money and awareness for Animal Angels, non-profit in Israel that brings together rehabilitated animals who have been mistreated with children and adults who themselves are suffering. Animal Angels provides pet therapy and animal assisted healing to people in need in Israel, ranging from children to Holocaust survivors. In light of the unspeakable tragedies that are occurring in Israel and the overwhelming amount of loss and suffering, the healing and joy provided by therapy pets is needed now more than ever. Owen wishes he could personally volunteer in Israel with Monty, his certified volunteer therapy dog, and help bring comfort to others, but he prays that the power of animal companionship will help others find peace and happiness. Visit: www.jgive.com/new/en/usd/donation-targets/110502/about

Maxwell Bickman will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on December 16, 2023. He is the son of Paula and Joshua Bickman and brother to Lillian and Jack Bickman. His Grandparents are Corinne and Leonard Bickman and Margarita and Edward Glab.





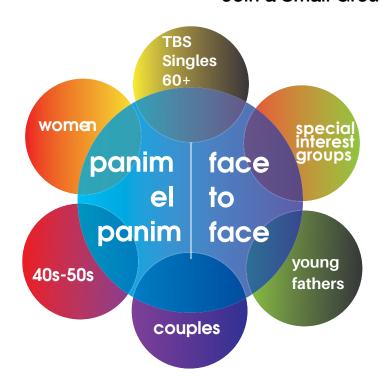
Risky Business: How Parents Can Help Teens Make Good Choices

Join Barb Shimansky, RJE, as we explore messages teens receive about risks and courage from media, society, and Judaism, and the developmental and evolutionary aspects of taking risk. Parents, you will consider where you want to draw the line between acceptable or unacceptable risk-taking behaviors and reflect on how you might help your teens make thoughtful, healthy, and safe decisions.

Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm, December 11.

In-Person | Register with Barb: barb@tbsmb.org

Looking for Community? Join a Small Group!



Find your small group!
Contact Jaleh Samway Bast: jaleh@tbsmb.org or 305.538.7231 ext. 301.

From the time I was a little girl, I have loved being Jewish. Being Jewish was not necessarily a religious experience but more of a feeling of community, of belonging to a group of people who knew me and who I knew cared for me as well simply because I showed up. Being Jewish was potato latkes, Purim costumes, love of Israel, and playing Jewish geography at camp. As I grew older and moved away from home, I felt myself in search of Jewish community. I never attended services growing up but gravitated towards them in college and in my first years in New York. Looking back, I think I was in search of community, of trying to recreate the safety and belonging I felt as a child. I think that my Panim group is an arrival in my ongoing quest of Jewish community and why I feel so dedicated to its continuity. Throughout the years it has become a safe and dependable landing. During COVID, it was a real lifeline. It feels good to know that every month, I have the support, friendship, identity and the community that I so crave all wrapped up in one. For that, I am especially grateful.

- **Susie London** (Panim member since 2018)

If you are interested in connecting with other congregants for thought provoking, inspiring and meaningful discussions, reach out and we will help you find your Panim community.

YOUNG FAMILY RETREAT

at Sandpiper Bay Resort Friday, January 19-Sunday, January 21, 2024

This event is for young families with kids in grades PreK through 5th. Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. The event takes place at an all-inclusive resort and includes meals, Shabbat, Havdalah, and other fun programs for families. TBS clergy and staff, including Rabbi Jacobs, Mason Duboff, Jen Katz Burk, and Seth Cohen, are thrilled to join you for this meaningful and restorative weekend. Come join the fun!

REGISTER at tbsmb.org/family-retreat



Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:30 to 11:00 pm

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- Recognition post-event in print and online, including HaKOL

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Am Yisrael Chai (The People of Israel Live) \$1,000

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How To Be A Jew

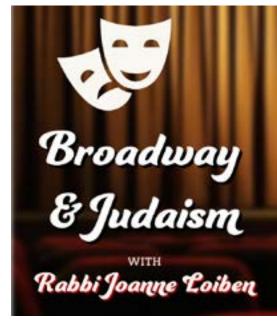
In The World Today?

Rabbi Pomerantz will explore the ethical demands of being a Jew in the world today through a curriculum created by the Shalom Hartman Institute.

> Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20.

In Person | Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org





SAVE THE DATE

Join Rabbi Loiben in exploring Broadway through the lens of Jewish texts. In each session we will explore a different show through the eyes of our ancient and modern commentaries. At least three of the shows that we study will be coming to the Arsht Center this year, which could be a great opportunity to study and enjoy! We will study the texts in English using Sefaria with Hebrew side-by-side for reference. All experience levels are welcome.

Mondays, 7:00–8:00 pm, January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 26; March 4. In Person | Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org



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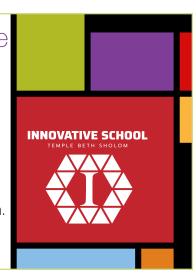
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