

SUNDAY
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JOSEPH

& the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

A Temple Beth Shalom Production



Vanessa Ressler
Narrator



Nili Ressler
Narrator



Matthew Bial
Joseph



Gary Ressler
Pharaoh



Charles Citrin
Jacob



Jordan Kleiner
Benjamin & Baker



Orli Ressler
Potiphar's Wife



Dean Rotbart
Potiphar



Greg Horowitz
Reuben



Evan Marks
Simeon



Andrea Wagner
Judah



Hannah Umlas
Butler



Aidan Shimansky
Dan



Oleva Benrey
Gad



Sharon Ellis
Zebulun



Puppet



Judith Clein
Naphtali



Ethan Horowitz
Levi



Olivia McDonell
Issachar



Camel



Jules Alhadeff
Children's Chorus



Jordan Bial
Children's Chorus



Max Foger
Children's Chorus



Lily Palmer
Children's Chorus



Jacob Palmer
Children's Chorus



Nicholas Aguilera
Children's Chorus

MUSICAL NUMBERS FOR JOSEPH

Prologue	Narrators
Any Dream Will Do	Joseph, Children's Ensemble
Jacob and Sons.....	Narrators, Brothers, Children's Ensemble
Joseph's Coat	Jacob, Narrators, Joseph, Brothers, Children's Ensemble
Joseph's Dreams	Narrators, Brothers, Joseph
Poor, Poor Joseph	Narrators, Joseph, Brothers
One More Angel in Heaven	Reuben, Jacob, Levi, Brothers, Children's Ensemble
Potiphar.....	Narrators, Potiphar, Mrs. Potiphar, Joseph
Close Every Door.....	Joseph, Children's Ensemble
Go, Go, Go Joseph.....	Narrators, Joseph, Butler, Baker, Ensemble
Pharaoh's Story.....	Narrators, Ensemble
Poor, Poor Pharaoh.....	Narrators, Butler, Pharaoh, Women
Song of the King.....	Pharaoh, Ensemble
Pharaoh's Dream Explained.....	Joseph, Ensemble
Stone the Crows.....	Narrators, Pharaoh, Joseph, Children's Ensemble
Those Canaan Days.....	Simeon, Jacob, Brothers
The Brothers Come To Egypt/Grovel, Grovel.....	Narrators, Brothers, Joseph, Children's Ensemble
Who's the Thief?.....	Narrators, Joseph, Brothers
Benjamin Calypso.....	Judah, Brothers, Children's Ensemble
Joseph All the Time	Narrators, Joseph, Brothers, Children's Ensemble
Jacob in Egypt	Full Cast
Any Dream Will Do (Reprise)	Full Cast

Dear TBS Family,



The Torah tells us that Joseph was a dreamer. Dreaming big is one of the ways we realize our goals and vision. One of my dreams has long been to bring people of all ages together to collaborate on a TBS Jewish production, make new friends and entertain and enliven our community. Thanks to so many people, this dream has come true. I am grateful to Stacy Penson and Barb Shimansky who embraced the dream, put the wheels in motion and have shepherded it to life. Thanks to our uber talented, indefatigable, temple president Vanessa Ressler, for not only performing, but truly stepping in to direct our performance midstream. Thank you to our musical director Alan Caves, art director Luu Eixarch and props manager Rachel Umlas for their help and support. We are grateful to the Marc Umlas Memorial Music Fund and Forward Fund for underwriting this enrichment opportunity. And finally, THANK YOU to the exceptionally talented cast of Joseph who devoted countless hours for this dream to come true. Contrary to the lyrics of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat, not any dream will do. This dream of a magical performance is a worthy one. Thank you to everyone for making it happen.

Happy Passover!
Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz



OUR CAST & CREW

Vanessa Ressler

Narrator

Vanessa Ressler (Director/Choreographer, Narrator), is thrilled to be returning to community theater with her TBS (and actual) family after a very long hiatus! She is a marketer by trade, and currently a full-time volunteer, serving as the TBS President, and incoming chair of Jewish Community Services. Past roles include Audrey in *Little Shop*, Bonnie in *Anything Goes*, and Donna in *The Taffetas*.

Nili Ressler

Narrator

Nili Ressler is a 4th grader at the Innovative School of Temple Beth Shalom. This is her first production, and she is so happy to be doing the show with her mom, dad, oldest sister, and friends. Nili loves laughing and being silly, music, math, being creative, and making new friends.

Matthew Bial

Joseph

Matthew Bial is honored to be playing the role of Joseph. It's been nearly 25 years since stepping on the stage, but Matthew loves musical theater and appeared in various shows including *Tommy*, *42nd Street*, *Once on This Island*, and of course, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. It's also a dream of Matthew's to share the spotlight with his oldest daughter, Jordan, in her musical debut. He wishes a special thanks to his wife Wendy, and youngest daughter Dylan.

Charles Citrin

Jacob

Charles is glad to be returning to the stage, having last performed as the book doctor in 1958 in my fifth grade play at South Beach Elementary.

"Much credit goes to our director, Vanessa Ressler, and musical director Alan Caves. Rehearsals have been fun, especially with our children performers. Thanks to Jon Dalton, my theatre teacher, and my classmates at Quayside for their support. Special thanks to my favorite teacher, Hannah Kathleen Citrin Candiotti, my daughter. Hi Jon & Jet!!"

Gary Ressler

Pharaoh

Gary is thrilled to join Vanessa, Nili, & Orli on stage for one show only! A Theater Arts major in college, Gary is excited to play with an audience again. Enjoy the show!

Dean Rotbart

Potiphar & Children's Chorus

"Big Man" Dean Rotbart is 7 years old. He loves being Jewish, eating Kosher food, going to JLab, and all things Temple Beth Shalom. He also loves his sister Ruthie, and his mommy and daddy. When not acting, he goes to North Beach Elementary, Muss Park, and to visit his grandparents.

Greg Horowitz

Reuben

Greg Horowitz's appearance in *Joseph* is literally the realization of a lifelong dream. As a child, he spent countless hours listening to a vinyl recording of the original West End cast. His freshman year of college, he auditioned for

a campus production, and was crushed when he didn't make the cut. So he was thrilled when Temple Beth Shalom, announced plans to put on his favorite show. He is especially proud of the fact that he has the opportunity to perform alongside one of his two favorite sons, Ethan. He is also grateful to his wife, Aimee, and other favorite son, Andrew, and to his dad, Herb, for passing on the theater gene.

Evan Marks

Simeon

Evan Marks is excited to return to the Temple Beth Shalom Stage after an approximately 55-year hiatus following his performance in the original Judy Drucker production of *Milk and Honey!*

By day Evan and his wife Carolyn have a family law practice, four children ranging in age from 19 to 33, and one granddaughter.

Evan's past theater and television roles include Tom Sawyer in *Tom Sawyer*, the Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, Howie Newsome in *Our Town* and most recently as a featured extra in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.

Andrea Wagner

Judah

Andrea is a Public Defender at the Miami Dade Public Defenders Office. In her spare time she loves hanging with her family, cooking, exercising and contributing to her Temple Community. Andrea is very excited to be in this musical with her daughter Jules.

Hannah Umlas

Baker

Hannah Umlas has been a member of TBS since birth and was the first baby named in the chapel in 2007! Hannah is now a 16 year old student at Miami's own New World School of the Arts. They've always had a passion for performance and started in the Shalom Rockets at TBS before graduating on to further pursuits. Their interest mainly lies in classical singing, although they thoroughly enjoy musicals and are very happy to finally take part in a musical theatre production!

Aidan Shimansky

Dan

Aidan Shimansky is excited to be performing for Temple Beth Shalom. He is currently a senior in high school, and has hopeful ambitions to enter the music industry as a performer and/or producer. He was interested in the arts from a young age and has participated in multiple different areas of art, including music, acting and drawing. His love for acting is particular within comedy, as he loves to make a fool of himself when given the chance.

Oleva Benrey

Gad

Oleva is happy to have the opportunity to act, sing, and dance in "Joseph" with the Temple Beth Shalom's acting group. This is her debut performance. She is so grateful to Vanessa Ressler, Matt Bial, and Barb Shimansky for encouraging her to be part of the production. Oleva was born and raised in Miami Beach. She currently sings with the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami. She previously sang with the South Florida Jewish Chorale and the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center Community Choir, and with Temple Beth Shalom's Chai Notes.

Sharon Ellis

Zebulun

Sharon Ellis makes her debut with Temple Beth Shalom's acting ensemble in *Joseph*. Sharon danced tap, jazz, and ballet from age four through college, and at the World's Fair in Seville, Spain in 1992. She was in the Thespian Society in high school, and performed in *Guys and Dolls* and *Crazy for You*. Sharon is a Camp Coleman alumna. Most of all, Sharon is thrilled to be in this show with her two children, Lily and Jacob Palmer!

Jordan Kleiner

Benjamin & Baker

Jordan Kleiner is thrilled to be in this production.. He was born and raised in Miami, FL. Credits include: the role of Beast in the 2023 KO Voice Studio production of *Beauty and the Beast*, the role of Warner in *Legally Blonde*, and he is currently in the KO Voice Studio production of *Mean Girls* (Aaron Samuels). He would like to thank his parents, Vanessa Ressler and the creative team, as well as his mentor, Richard Jay-Alexander.

Gabraham Sethary Puppetta

(the puppet) Asher

Gabraham Sethary Puppetta (Asher) is grateful to be acting for Temple Beth Shalom. He has led a prestigious career in his 27 years. He has a MFA from Juilliard and has a Ph.D.s in Pure Mathematics, Theoretical Physics, Engineering, Molecular Biology. He has performed over five hundred times on Broadway and over two hundred times at The Globe in London.

Judith Clein

Naphtali

Judith is pleased to be a part of a fantastic production of *Joseph*. Her theatrical experience has been in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Music Man*, *Carousel*, *Sweet Charity*, *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma* and *Mame*. She's also proud of the fundraising success of *Star Crazy* at the Knight Center, and would like to thank her supportive family and friends in this endeavor.

Ethan Horowitz

Levi

Ethan Horowitz is an eighth grader making his theatrical debut, alongside his father. He is very grateful to his father for passing on his singing genes, his mother for not passing on hers, and his brother for being very unique in his own special way.

Olivia McDonell

Issachar

Olivia McDonnell is currently a 3rd grade learner at TBS innovation school, where she was encouraged to play a role in *Joseph*. Olivia is also known for her musical passions and is a talent musician & student of the *School of Rock*. Going every weekend, she loves nothing more than jamming with her band and singing in several live concerts.

OUR CAST & CREW

Orli Ressler

Potiphar's Wife

Orli Ressler (Mrs. Potiphar) is a sophomore at Miami Country Day School. She loves music, plays the piano and guitar, and creating complex harmonies. Past roles include Cinderella, Ms. Cratchet, Megan Jones, and Ms. Strict. She is grateful to be here with her community.

Jules Alhadeff

Children's Chorus

Jules is in third grade at North Beach Elementary. She loves sushi, pasta, Barbie, Broadway, and gymnastics. You can find her swimming on the swim team at the JCC, singing at TBS with Sholom Rockers or doing cartwheels wherever she finds space. This is her first musical and she is very excited about it.

Jordan Bial

Children's Chorus

Jordan Bial is a first-time musical theater performer. She attends North Beach Elementary School and is currently in second grade. Jordan's performance experience includes *The Lion King* as Scar and as a member of the TBS Sholom Rockers choir. Jordan is also excited to appear alongside her father, Matthew, who plays the role of Joseph. Jordan would like to thank her family for all their support leading up to the performance. Go, go, Jo!

Max Foger

Children's Chorus

Max is 7 years old and in the 2nd grade at The Cushman School. He was born in New York City and relocated to Miami 3.5 years ago. Debuting a breakout rendition of Bruno Mars' *Count on Me* at his grandfather's 70th birthday celebration this past summer, he knew he had to take the stage. Max is very excited to be part of the Joseph cast and thanks his Mom, Dad, and most of all his sister, Ella ("she's so cute!").

Lily Palmer

Children's Chorus

Lily Palmer is making her theatrical debut in *Joseph* at Temple Beth Sholom. Lily loves music and can remember a melody she hears once and repeat it perfectly, and loves to sing. Lily participated in Tot Shabbat, the TBS Sholom Rockers, and now jLAB. She is passionate about Reform Jewish culture and enjoys partaking in it through music, art, and JLab. Lily loves to play baseball with her Miami Beach league, swim, cook, and do art projects.

Jacob Palmer

Children's Chorus

Jacob Palmer is making his theatrical debut in *Joseph* at Temple Beth Sholom. Jacob participated in Tot Shabbat, the Temple Chorus, and now JLab, and enjoys Reform Jewish culture through music, art, jLAB, and Hebrew school. He is a chess champion, and plays coach pitch Little League with Miami Beach and is amazing at all sports. Jacob loves to swim, play board games, and geography activities.

Nicholas Aguilera

Children's Chorus

Nicholas Aguilera is making his debut in musical theater in this production of *Joseph*. He enjoys playing guitar, practicing karate and biking. He enjoys all of the Joseph practices, He wishes to thank his mom, dad and Yoshi!

Zoila Camel

Zoila was born in Cuba in 1974. She has appeared in many movies in her illustrious career including *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome*, *Ishtar*, *The English Patient*, *The Scorpion King*, and *Jumanji: The Next Level*. Her biggest acting inspiration is all the camels who acted in the movie *Laurence of Arabia*. This is her first appearance in a production at Temple Beth Sholom and she is very grateful for the opportunity. In her free time she loves water skiing and crocheting.

CREW

Len Briggs

Projection Artist

Len Briggs is a retired medical device engineer who has worked in many fields including angioplasty, diabetes research, brain implants, etc. An avid photographer, award-winning painter, and amateur poet, he has always taken his photography and art very seriously and loves these kinds of projects. His works were last enjoyed at the SholomFest 2023, when he created all the spoof film posters for our Past Presidents. He has enjoyed working on this project with his daughter Vanessa!

Stacy Penson

This is Stacy's first experience with community theater. She fell into the role of Co-Producer by chance through an opportunity that came up and a conversation with Rabbi Pomerantz. Although Stacy doesn't have prior experience in theater, she is very community minded, organized and a self-proclaimed problem solver. In fact, her catch phrase is "everything is figuroutable!" Stacy is the Director of the Elementary Level at the Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom. She enjoys singing (when she is by herself), exercising and spending time with her family.

Barbara Shimansky

Barb Shimansky has loved the theater since she debuted as Baby Bear in her kindergarten production of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Barb currently serves as the Director of jLAB at Temple Beth Sholom and has the blessing of spending two weeks each summer on the faculty of the URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy, where she usually works with the Musical Theater major and has the fortune of combining her three favorite things: Judaism, the arts, and camp. Being a co-producer of *Joseph* allows her to bring two of those three to TBS, and it has been such a joy to work with this talented group!

Rachel Umlas

Since she was a very little girl, Rachel has loved musical theater! She has also always been fascinated with the props used in these shows. As a new chapter of her life begins, she decided she would like to try managing the props in a show and here we are! Rachel thanks her parents for exposing her to all kinds of arts; her husband for accompanying her on so many arts adventures with her all around the world and her three children for continuing to expose her to new shows, songs, experiences. Go, go, go, Jo!

Alan Caves

Alan Caves is pleased to join the amazing cast of *Joseph* for this performance. He has performed and conducted numerous productions throughout the United States and Europe. His background includes a Bachelors in Piano Performance as well as a Masters in Piano Accompanying from the University of Miami. Alan is beginning his 9th year as Music Director at Temple Beth Sholom as well and is delighted to be part of the TBS community.

Special thanks to Adam Trautenberg, Luu Eixarch, and Jenny Lowhar for technical, logistical, and creative assistance for this show. Thanks to Executive Director Jeff Graff and Membership Director Craig Berko for "box-office" assistance. Thank you to Michael Svayg and his team for the set up and organizational help. Thank you to Clergy and staff who assisted in big and small ways, along the way. And thank YOU for being here!