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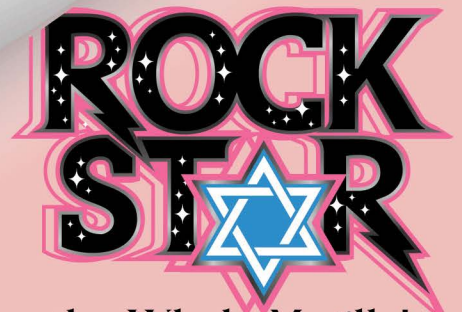
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SHABBAT SCHEDULE
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Shabbat is a taste of paradise. Talmud, Berachot 57a

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. 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/bat/b-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 marks the beginning of the critically important World Zionist Congress Elections which are held once every 5 years. Five years ago, I was privileged to be a member of the World Zionist Congress, although unfortunately we could not assemble in person in Israel because of Covid. I am proud to be nominated once again to be part of the Congress this year, along with other members of our clergy and staff team. The reason why this election is so important is the World Zionist Congress is a powerful way for Reform voices and values to have a real and impactful say in how Israel spends its money and treats its people. The WZC controls a \$1 billion budget that impacts religious pluralism, democracy and more in Israel.

Many thanks to Jose Fraga, Lauren Cantor and Ethan Grossman, along with Jeff Agron, who are all mobilizing our congregation to vote. Please stay tuned for information about an easy way to vote and make a big difference.

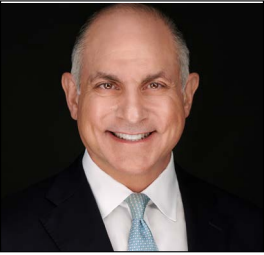
As we turn our focus to Israel, this month we are privileged to be welcoming the 10th **President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Andrew Rehfeld**. HUC-JIR is the alma mater of all our Rabbis and our Educators, Barb Shimansky and Margie Zeskind. Dr. Rehfeld will be speaking about the Reform Movement in Israel on **Friday night, March 14th**. There will be a special PRE-NEG at 5:00 to welcome Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, hosted by the TBS Israel Committee. As I have mentioned before, when I studied at HUC – JIR in Jerusalem there were only a handful of Reform congregations in Israel and most people had no idea what Reform Judaism was. In Israel, you were either “Dati/Religious” or “Lo Dati/not Religious”. Thanks to the heroic efforts of Reform pioneers in Israel, there are now 54 Reform congregations throughout the country.

I first met Dr. Rehfeld when he was a Professor of Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis, where my oldest daughter, Hannah, went to college. We met by chance when Dr. Rehfeld, who was chosen to speak at the Convocation assembly,

happened to mention his experience in NFTY as a songleader. Sharing that connection of Reform Jewish youth group brought us together, and he was kind enough to include Hannah at his Passover Seder each year. Later, he became President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis for several years before ascending to the Presidency of HUC – JIR. On Saturday, March 15th, Dr. Rehfeld will also lead Torah study for our congregation at 9:30 am.

Finally, I want to invite everyone to consider joining me on a **Service/Solidarity Mission to Israel on Monday, April 21 – Sunday, April 27**. We will be meeting with Israelis most affected by the past year’s trauma, visiting the sites scarred by October 7th and the monuments/graffiti that have marked this period for Israel, and doing meaningful “roll up your sleeves” volunteering in preparing food for those in need, planting or harvesting in a field, and helping to build furniture for those who lost everything in Gaza. For more information, please visit our website’s Israel section and register right away if you wish to be part of this profound experience.

Make March meaningful. Vote in the World Zionist elections. Meet Dr. Andrew Rehfeld. Learn more about joining our Service/Solidarity Mission. And don’t forget to make merry on Purim!



President's Message

Michael Weinberg
President

Dear Friends,

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring emerge, we are reminded of the beauty of transformation and renewal. This season invites us to reflect not only on the changes in nature but also on the opportunities for growth and connection within our community.

I am honored to be part of Project *Echad* (One), a temple initiative that centers on fostering a profound sense of oneness and belonging. This philosophy reminds us that community is not merely the setting for individual growth but the very fabric that shapes and nurtures each of us. Through this initiative, our goal is to integrate this interconnectedness into every facet of our temple life—ensuring that every member feels truly seen, valued, and embraced.

This philosophy of oneness recently resonated with me on a personal level. My son Max and I embarked on an adventure trip to celebrate our milestone birthdays. While we already share a close and loving bond, this shared experience deepened that connection in profound ways. It reminded me how moments of intentional togetherness—whether with family, friends, or our larger temple community—can strengthen the relationships we hold dear.

The lesson is clear: shared experiences enrich us. They build bridges, foster understanding, and create the foundation for deeper relationships. Within our temple, we have countless opportunities to engage with one another—whether through worship, education, social action, or simple acts of kindness. Each of these experiences can bring us closer and make our sense of belonging even more profound.

With intentionality, we can nurture our connections. Sometimes, it's as simple as sharing a meal, offering a kind word, or joining in a new experience

together. These small acts can have a ripple effect, creating a culture of care and unity that touches everyone in our community.

As we move into spring with our celebrations of Purim and Passover, I encourage all of us to embrace these opportunities for togetherness. Reach out to someone new, attend a temple event, or participate in a program you've never experienced before.

Together, we can create a community where every individual feels deeply connected, and where our shared experiences become the foundation of our collective strength.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Weinberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mike Weinberg
President@tbsmb.org



Innovative School

Margie Zeskind
Head of School



Dear Families,

As we weave the threads of destruction, community, connection, and joy together, we can discover parallel narratives between the Reggio Emilia Approach and our Jewish story, out of Shushan, of Purim. In one of the many possible parallel narratives, the Reggio Emilia Approach and the Purim story celebrate the joy of childhood, curiosity, and resilience in ways that beautifully intertwine. In Reggio Emilia, children are seen as strong, capable, and full of wonder. Their joy is not a fleeting emotion but a deep, essential part of learning and growing. Purim is a holiday infused with childlike joy—costumes, playful storytelling, and an uninhibited sense of celebration. The commandment to be joyful on Purim, particularly for children, reflects the belief that joy is not frivolous; it is transformative.

Within the Reggio Emilia approach, children are encouraged to embrace uncertainty, to see challenges as opportunities for growth. This aligns with the spirit of Purim, where we see the story of Purim recounting the most severe threats faced by the Jewish people in Shushan, marking the beginning of our ancestors' path to survival and triumph telling a timeless story that has provided hope, inspiration, and trust even in times of uncertainty for generations

The hardships described in this story resonate far beyond their ancient context. They remind us of the devastating impact of systemic oppression on societies, as seen in Shushan, and throughout the ages in more modern and recent histories. The experience of Reggio Emilia under Fascism and war is one example of this, and more recently, the horrific events of October 7 in our Homeland and the devastating resonating effects on our Jewish communities throughout the world. We are living the effects of this daily as we witness how our peoplehood feels challenged and in need of recalibration and solidarity. Looking at this story and Reggio's experience can offer profound insights into resilience, transformation, trust in uncertainty, and hopeful healing.

In Shushan, Haman's decree unraveled society, striking at its stability, governance, and daily life. The Jewish people, though on the brink of destruction, witnessed the turmoil around them while navigating their own fears and uncertainties about the future. Similarly, during World War II, Reggio Emilia endured bombings, political oppression, and the dehumanizing effects of Fascist ideology. The war fractured families, destroyed communities, and left a profound psychological toll on the region. Yet, both share a

powerful outcome: the capacity to reimagine community and identity. From the ashes of devastation, the Jewish people in Shushan emerged as a unified nation, bound by shared purpose and faith. Likewise, Reggio Emilia rebuilt itself, transforming education into a democratic, collaborative, and resilient force that has become a global model. These stories remind us that struggles can be transformed into enduring legacies.

As I have shared in previous HaKOL writings this year, a diverse team of our clergy, professionals, parents and lay leaders would be studying together in Reggio to glean wisdom from the lessons from the Reggio Emilia Municipality, as well as of course the lived values and unique culture of Temple Beth Sholom, the Innovative School, and the Reform Jewish Community and to help guide us as we work to nurture our one community of belonging here at Temple Beth Sholom. We had the opportunity to go to Reggio and while we were in Reggio, we experienced the transformative spirit of Reggio Emilia firsthand. Immersed in this remarkable city, we found deep connections between its narrative and our Jewish story. Themes of transformation, journey, leadership, connection, reflection, respect, and relationship came alive in meaningful ways.

In Reggio Emilia, transformation is seen as both a communal and individual process. The Jewish people's triumph in the Purim story was not simply about survival but about reshaping their identity and strengthening their collective purpose. Our time and reflection during our experience in Reggio Emilia punctuated how everyone's voice counts, from birth through the full journey of life. We experienced how our differences increase our possibilities, and we know just how meaningful it will be to bring our community members—everyone around this table and beyond—into this process as together we grow us.

With renewed purpose, unity, and trust, we are ready to continue building a community of oneness and shared vision, drawing on the wisdom and resilience of both the story of Purim and the principles and practices of Reggio Emilia and the rich, shared values of our TBS Community and the Jewish people.

B'Sholom,

Margie



Barb Shimansky, RJE
Senior Director of Judaic Studies



I am sharing with you an op-ed I wrote that was recently published in The Jerusalem Post. The article reflects on how recent events have reshaped the way we approach Jewish and Israel education. The emotional and psychological impact of the October 7th attacks has shifted the landscape, and it has become clear that empathy, vulnerability, and adaptability are more important than ever in educational work.

In this piece, I explore how we must not only teach about Israel but also provide a safe space for our learners to process their emotions, questions, and challenges. This moment calls for a new kind of education—one that nurtures both intellectual and emotional resilience in the face of uncertainty.

I hope this reflection sparks meaningful conversation and encourages us all to think about how we can support each other and our learners during these times.

Jewish and Israel education are always evolving, but since October 7, everything has changed. As an educator, deeply embedded in this work, I think about what it means to teach and engage in this new moment.

The recent conference “The Path Forward: Your Post-October 7th Toolkit,” hosted by The Jewish Education Project, offered valuable insights. However, the most significant takeaway for me wasn’t just about new tools

for the classroom – it was the need for adaptability, empathy, and vulnerability in our roles as educators.

Before October 7, the rhythm of Jewish and Israel education was framed by routine. We focused on curriculum, historical narratives, and contemporary issues, working to instill in our learners a sense of Jewish identity, pride, and connection to Israel.

We also sought to create environments for critical thinking, encouraging learners to ask questions and engage with complex topics. While the world of education was always dynamic, the expectations for what our learners needed were relatively clear.

But post-October 7, the ground beneath our feet shifted. The events of that day, and the ongoing aftermath, have forced us to rethink how we engage with our learners and each other.

The emotional, psychological, and political landscapes are now far more complicated, and the tools we once relied on to teach and connect feel insufficient. We need something deeper: an approach that acknowledges the emotional weight of this moment and helps our learners navigate the complexities of their Jewish identities, emotions, and the ongoing conflict.

One of the central takeaways from the conference was the importance of empathy and active listening. Our learners are living in a world where they are constantly exposed to news that feels deeply personal and overwhelming.

Whether it’s the media barrage or the direct impact on their families and communities, learners no longer enter the classroom with the same emotional detachment they once had.

Learners’ questions about Israel were often driven by curiosity. Today, those same questions are laden with emotion – fear, anger, and confusion.

Previously, educators could rely on historical context and facts to guide the conversation. Now, we must be present in an entirely different way – creating spaces where learners feel safe to express their emotions and process them together.

6th Grade Families: Join us for our Family Tallit Making Workshop on Saturday, March 1 from 12:00-2:30pm. Lunch is included.

8th and 9th Grade will meet on Monday, March 3 and Monday, March 17.

Join us for a very special jLAB Tefilah on Saturday, March 8 as we welcome Musician-in-Residence Cantor Becky Mann!

Parent Session: Antisemitism and Teen Wellbeing. Monday, March 10, 7:00-8:00pm.

jLAB is on Spring Break from Saturday, March 22 through Monday, March 31. Our regular schedule will resume on Wednesday, April 2.

As part of this new environment, educators also need flexible, responsive curriculum that can adapt to the ever-changing world we live in. This doesn't mean abandoning core principles or values but rather revisiting them in light of new challenges.

For example, Israel's role in Jewish education has always been central, but now the conversation can no longer be limited to historical narratives or political debates. It must also address trauma, resilience, and the complexity of the current moment.

In 2025, I find myself thinking about how we can help our learners build emotional and intellectual muscles to navigate their Jewish identities and Israel.

How will we teach a generation of young Jews who are learning about Israel not only through textbooks but through lived experiences – through stories of loss, fear, and survival? How do we equip them to critically engage with the complexities of Jewish identity while also providing space to process their own emotions?

In my own programs, I have already witnessed how these shifts are taking place. After October 7, one of my typically quiet learners came to me after class, visibly shaken. Her family had been deeply affected by the violence, and she was struggling to reconcile her

Jewish identity with the fear and uncertainty she was feeling.

Rather than offering a quick answer or directing her to a lesson, I simply listened. In that moment, what she needed wasn't an educational response – it was a space to be heard, to process, and to feel supported.

Parents, too, have approached me with a renewed sense of urgency. They are focused not only on ensuring that their children are informed about Israel but that they are also equipped to manage the emotional toll these events are taking.

There is a growing recognition that education cannot be separated from emotional well-being. Today's learners are carrying the weight of a world that feels much more uncertain, and they need the tools to navigate that. Educators and other leaders can help them by creating community in our educational spaces.

In a world that feels increasingly divided and fraught, we must offer not only knowledge but also healing, community, and hope.

Barb

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM WELCOMES

ANDREW REHFELD, PH.D. PRESIDENT HUC-JIR

Friday, March 14

5:00 pm - Special PRE-NEG to welcome Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, hosted by the TBS Israel Committee

6:00 pm - Dr. Andrew Rehfeld will speak at Shabbat Services about HUC-JIR, and the role of the Reform Movement in Israel.

We are privileged to welcome Dr. Rehfeld, the 10th President of HUC-JIR. Prior to his role as President, he was President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and before that he served as a tenured member of the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis

Saturday, March 15

9:30 am Dr. Rehfeld will lead Torah study for our congregation

10:30 am Private brunch with Dr. Rehfeld and our teens





Membership

Craig Berko
Director of Membership

A Call to Deepen Your Connection

As we approach the joyful celebration of Purim on March 13th and the sacred observance of Passover beginning April 12th, we are reminded of the beauty of our traditions and the meaningful connections that make our community so special. These holidays serve as an invitation to come together, reflect, and celebrate, and we hope you'll join us in embracing these moments at Temple Beth Sholom.

We are deeply grateful for your renewed membership and your continued support of our programs. Temple Beth Sholom is more than just a place of worship—it's a community where spiritual growth, lifelong learning, and meaningful relationships thrive. From transformative social action initiatives and vibrant youth activities to inspiring holiday celebrations and uplifting Shabbat services, there is something for everyone here. We encourage you to take this opportunity to deepen your connection by engaging more fully in all that our temple offers.

Your dedication plays a vital role in shaping Temple Beth Sholom as a home of connection, faith, and belonging. In challenging and uncertain times, your membership ensures that the values of Jewish tradition, learning, and community endure for future generations. By renewing your membership, as well as referring a family to our temple, you are investing in

the future of Jewish life—both for yourself and for our greater community, locally and globally.

Among the many opportunities to connect with our community, we invite you to explore our Panim El Panim small groups, which are designed to foster deeper relationships and create a space for meaningful conversations. Whether you're seeking spiritual reflection, support during life's challenges, or simply a closer connection to others, Panim El Panim offers a unique way to enrich your journey. By participating, you not only strengthen your personal experience but also contribute to the bonds that make Temple Beth Sholom such a special place. Your membership supports these essential programs and ensures that they remain accessible to everyone in our community.

Together, let's continue building a vibrant and connected future filled with faith, learning, and joy. Your participation makes all the difference in ensuring Temple Beth Sholom remains a warm, inclusive, and inspiring home for everyone.

Be Inspired. Be Nurtured. Belong.

With appreciation and warm regards,

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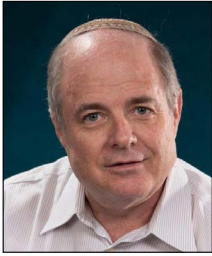


MIRIAM'S DANCE

Saturday, March 29, 2025, 1:00-3:00 pm

Join the *Kavanah* Council and Sisterhood for a special experiential in-person workshop to prepare for Pesach. Miriam Steinberg, a *Kavanah* Council member and therapist who holds a Ph.D. in Body Soul and Body Wisdom, will help us connect to the wisdom of our bodies through music, movement, writing, and sharing. Don't miss this opportunity to connect more deeply with yourself and your community. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Saturday, March 29 1:00 - 3:00 pm | In-Person in Board Room



Social Justice

Jeff Agron

Social Justice Director



Mitzvah Day Wrap-Up

Mitzvah Day 2025 is in the books! Save the date for next year's Mitzvah Day, February 22, 2026. I am pleased to announce that next year's Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs will be Shelby Kempler and Ashley Gilboa.

It was an amazing day, and it only happened because of the work of many, many people. We had over 500 people of all ages participating in over 30 projects and collections this year, including several new projects. If you would like to start a project, let me know.

I would first like to thank our amazing Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs, Caryn Pardo and Shelby Kempler, and our Soup Contest Co-Chairs, Karen Sepsenwol, Dana Grodin and Jody Gross. *Todah rabah*, a big thanks to each of you. Special thanks to our Social Justice Network co-chairs, Rachel Unger and Andrea Wagner, and our Clergy leader, Rabbi Jessica Jacobs, for their guidance and inspiration. Thanks also to all of our Clergy, especially Cantor Porat, for making the opening ceremony so special.

I would also like to thank the over 60 project Co-Captains:

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The Bass Museum	Jewish Film Festival
Mandolin Restaurant	Sardinia Restaurant

Thanks to our Soup Contest Emcees: Gary Ressler and Gary Rosenberg

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Next month in HaKOL we will have the complete list of Soup Contest Chefs and their Soups, along with the winners.

Finally, special thanks to Jenny Lowhar for all her hard work; to our amazing clergy; to the kitchen staff for preparing the breakfast and working on the Soup Contest; Michael Svayg, Mike Diaz and the maintenance staff for all of their logistical support; our amazing security team for keeping us safe and orderly; Michael Meltzer for his guidance; and our amazing senior staff for all of their help making my job so much easier.

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Co-Presidents
Kim Haber & Michaela Gutman

Our Art Workshop did not disappoint. The Sisters gathered together in the Welcome Center and Grace and Ada guided us in making beautiful glass shabbat candle holders. We enjoyed a lovely dinner and connected while creating beautiful pieces of art.



The Sisters gathered for services on Friday, February 7 to celebrate the tribute to the Role of Women in Shaping the Sound of Jewish Worship, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Cantor Barbara Ostfeld – the first woman to be ordained as a cantor. This Shabbat of Song was followed by a lovely shabbat dinner at Café Avanti.

Mitzvah Day Was a Give, Give and Give Day for Sisterhood:



Our “From Trash to Treasure” Sale at Holy Grounds was a BIG HIT. Thank you to everyone who made meaningful donations of Judaica items, handbags, jewelry and home goods that we sold with all the proceeds benefiting The Joyful Celebration of Margie Zeskind, so all the teachers and staff can attend the event at no cost.

The Second Annual Howard Broad Kickball Tournament was so much more than just a friendly competition between Brotherhood, Sisterhood and BESHTY. It was a celebration of Howard Broad’s legacy: his love for community, his spirit of connection, and his lifelong dedication to Temple Beth Sholom.

The New 2 You Clothing Drive benefited Breast Cancer Foundation, The Villages and The Silent Victims of Crime. We also collected this year new clothes for the Victims of the LA Wildfires through the Global Empowerment Mission distribute them directly to the victims in California.

Additionally, we were able to create and deliver 85 Myrna Morris Senior Toiletry Baskets for the Kosher Food Bank that benefits the Seniors in our community.



FRIDAY, MARCH 7
SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Temple Beth Sholom
presents the
2025 Artist-in-Residence

BECKY
& MANN

Becky Mann serves as the Assistant Cantor of Temple Israel of Westport, CT. When not at Temple Israel, Becky serves as a touring Artist in Residence, sharing her original music and soulful prayer-leading with Jewish communities around the country. A composer, guitarist, and cantor, she has been called “one of the brightest voices of a new generation of Jewish songwriters carrying our tradition forward in new and exciting ways.” Originally from Las Vegas, Becky received a Bachelors of Arts in Jewish Sacred Music from Indiana University, and a Masters of Sacred Music from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, where she was ordained as a cantor in 2023. Her passion for creating community through music and meaningful worship has inspired her work as both a cantor and composer.

tbsmb.org/artist-in-residence-2025



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Adult Education

March 2025



What do you say when kids ask....

With **Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz**

Wednesday, March 19 at 9:00 am

Questions like “Why do bad things happen?” or “What if I’m not sure I believe in God?” or “Am I my brother/sister’s keeper?” Join Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz in discussing the podcast *Answers WithHeld* with Rabbi Shai Held (available on Apple podcasts). We will sift through parenting’s stickiest questions with the understanding that there may be no answer better than listening and love. Grandparents and other seekers are also welcome. In person only.

Also: May 7

Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org

Sex, Love, & Romance

(Six Class Series)

with
Rabbi Jessica Jacobs

MONDAYS, MARCH 17, 31 • 5:00 PM

How important is sexual pleasure in our lives? How does modesty play a role in the life of a Reform Jew? How does Judaism define love? Come explore these ideas and more with Rabbi Jacobs as we examine sex, love, and romance. In-person and via Zoom

Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org

Building Singing Communities

Unlocking the Power of Music in Jewish Prayer

with
Cantor Juval Porat

MONDAYS, MARCH 17, 24 • 7:00 PM

Join Cantor Porat for an engaging and uplifting workshop series based on Joey Weisenberg’s transformative book, *Building Singing Communities*. Over the course of this series, we will explore the ways of building community and making music that enhances the community. The series is for people of all backgrounds and skill levels. In-person and via Zoom

Registration QR Code

ONGOING

Let Me Give a Sermon

This is an open workshop for those who wish to create and write a *Devar Torah* (sermonette). The Rabbis and Sages have methods for teaching the wisdom that flows from our rich texts. A *Devar Torah* is often given at meetings, study sessions, and services. Participants will meet with Rabbi Davis and will create a *Devar Torah* for our regular Shabbat morning service.

Information: Rabbi Davis, rdavis@tbsmb.org

PURIM 5785



March 13, 2025

Join us for family-friendly fun! Games, food, and drinks...and lots of hamentashen!

4:30 pm Carnival

6:00 pm A Wicked, Wicked Spiel



Tuesday, March 4 | 6:30 pm

Join us for an exclusive look at ISRAEL-is NGO innovative VR project, *BE THE WITNESS*, where you'll experience immersive stories from survivors of October 7th.

Following the VR experience, stay for a discussion session with the project team from Israel. This will be a chance to share your thoughts and feelings and hear from them about the reality in Israel and the impact of this global initiative.

Contact mark@tbsmb.org for more info



The Whole Megillah!

Join us for an Adult (21+) **Purim Extravaganza**

March 12



People Acting for Community Together



PACT NETWORK MEETING

March 8 12:30 pm at Temple Beth Sholom.

Learn more about TBS's work with PACT and the road to Nehemiah Action, over lunch.

NORTH RALLY

March 17 7:00 pm at Barry University.

Learn about the specific issues that will be presented at Nehemiah Action.

NEHEMIAH ACTION

Monday April 7 7:00 pm at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church.

Make your voices heard! Join together with our powerful network to affect change around the high cost of housing in Miami.

For more info contact Jeff Agron: jagron@tbsmb.org



MAKE YOUR OWN Pizza, Pasta & 10 Tips to Make Seders Most Meaningful

A BROTHERHOOD Event
at the Palm Plaza
Wednesday, April 9
6:00-8:30 pm

RSVP: tbsmb.org/brotherhood



BROTHERHOOD
Temple Beth Sholom

Join us for a special screening of
Opening Night Film of the 2025 Miami Jewish Film Festival

SOUL OF A NATION

In the Sanctuary | Monday March 17 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

\$20 Non-Members \$15 Members

RSVP: Mark@tbsmb.org



Passover at TBS

SAVE THE DATES

Spice Up Your Seder (with Rabbi Jacobs)

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 | 6:00 pm

1st Day of Passover

Combined Torah Study & Service

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:30 am Torah Study | 10:30 am Service

Community Second Seder led by our Clergy

Sunday, April 13, 2025 | 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Second Seder*

Cost: Member adults \$80/Non-member adults: \$95

Children under 13 \$55/children under 5 \$15

Catered by Michael Meltzer

7th Day of Passover

Torah Study/Yom Tov Services (including YIZKOR)

Saturday, April 18, 2025 | 9:30 am



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Kavanah Council

LIVING MINDFUL JEWISH LIVES

Temple Beth Shalom's *Kavanah* Council sponsored the 7th annual *Kavanah* Retreat January 24–25. The weekend featured Joey Weisenberg, a renowned musician, composer, teacher and Founding Director of Hadar's Rising Song Institute (<https://www.hadar.org/learn/rising-song-institute>). Joey helped us to explore the ways music can make our services more vibrant and engaging.

Congregants, their families and friends of all ages, attended sessions focused on both personal development and building a more spiritual Jewish community. Attendees enjoyed delicious catered meals including Shabbat Dinner by Michael Meltzer and Shabbat Lunch by Pura Vida.

A highlight was the Sound Healing Circle, attended by over 60 participants. Cantor Juval Porat led a beautiful meditation and played guitar, accompanied by Yoni Marcos. He performed on a set of handpans, pitched percussion instruments with resonant and soothing tones. They are believed to have calming and healing properties. Special thanks to Sisterhood for sponsoring this incredible session.

(Photos: David Rapoport and Jenny Lowhar)



We packed the chapel



To learn more about the *Kavanah* Council and its offerings, scan here. You may also visit tbsmb.org/personal-growth



Joey and his sons, clergy, Craig Berko and Adam Snitzer



Thanks to Sisterhood for sponsoring the Sound Healing Circle



Attendees were enthralled by Joey



Marte and Paul Steven Slingerman



Cantor Juval Porat and Joey Weisenberg



Kavanah Council members with Joey, Rabbi Pomerantz and Cantor Porat

Generations Shabbat

Generations recognizes and honors Temple Beth Sholom congregants with membership anniversaries of 25+ years.





Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Generations Shabbat on January 31. Special thanks to Gina and Richard Russ, Denis Russ, and Brooke and Chad Perlyn for chairing this event.

Generations is an initiative of The Rabbi Gary A. Glickstein Foundation of Temple Beth Sholom.



(Photos: David Rapoport)



Vote REFORM March 10-May 4 CAMPAIN KICK-OFF EVENT



Join us for the World Zionist Congress Election on **FRIDAY, MARCH 21** with Rabbi Yael Katz from Israel at Shabbat services. We will host a salon panel with Rabbi Katz, Rabbi Lindsey Danziger and Rabbi Sergio Bergman. Learn about the importance of the election, and you will then get to vote right there. We will have a special Israel themed oneg too! Rabbi Bergman joins us for Torah study at 9:30am on Saturday, March 22.



Rabbi Yael Katz



Rabbi Lindsey Danziger



Rabbi Sergio Bergman



Register for SALON HERE



TO VOTE

CLICK HERE starts March 10

BESHTY Update

Calling all 9th-12th graders for a special brunch: March 15, 10:30 am!

We are delighted to invite the high school teens to meet Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, the president of the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion. This is a unique opportunity to engage with the leader of the institution that educates and ordains Reform Jewish clergy, and other Jewish professionals including all the rabbis at TBS and many of our staff! During his visit to town, he has specifically requested to meet with the current and future leaders of our community and is especially excited to connect with our teens. Please RSVP to Noemi at Noemi@tbsmb.org



Upcoming Youth Events

March 2 JR BESHTY Goes to TopGolf

March 8 BESHTY Goes to K-1 Speed

March 15 Mini/Micro BESHTY

April 25-27 Mini BESHTY Retreat
(3rd-5th Grade)

April 29 BESHTY End of Year Dinner
at Benihana

May 16 Shabbat Siyyum



Save the Date: April 25- 27

Mini BESHTY Retreat

Calling all high school counselors!

Highlights from our BESHTY Volunteer Trip to Give Kids the World Village in Orlando!





Connections & Inspirations To Shape Our Future

**Tuesday, April 8
7:00 pm**

with Josh Laurence & Kelsey Levey

Join us for an interactive, high-energy, laid-back evening of wine, light bites and meaningful conversation as we explore how to connect with one another and strengthen bonds to ignite a vision for ourselves, our families and our community.

This event, chaired by Kelsey Levey and Josh Laurence, is designed to appeal to parents and potential/current leaders who want to connect, share, and grow together. This is more than a discussion—it's a chance to relax, recharge, and grow your sense of belonging within the TBS family who share your vision for creating something meaningful in our children, ourselves and our community. Expect great vibes, engaging conversations, and actionable insights you can take home.

Program Facilitators

Caryn Pardo Andrea Wagner Sarah Schor
Vanessa Ressler Rabbi Jessica Jacobs Rabbi Joanne Loiben

This event will be held in the Social Hall.

Registration deadline is March 31

<https://tbs.shulcloud.com/event/leadership-development-series2.html>

RSVP





B-Mitzvah

MARCH 2025

Zahara Stowe will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on March 1, 2025. She is the daughter of Johanna and Steve Stowe and sister to Zayden and Zia Stowe. Her grandparents are Nina and Kenny Stowe and Luz and Octavio Reyes.



Willow Sophia Traster will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on March 8, 2025. She is the daughter of Victoria and Jeremy Traster, and sister of Adam and Jackson. Her grandparents are Alan Traster, Vicki Mann and Lesley Batterby. As part of her mitzvot, Willow is raising funds and taking part in the Ellie's Army 5K Fun Run. To learn more, please visit <https://elliesarmy.org/>.

Ella Vallverdu will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at the minchah service on March 8, 2025. She is the daughter of Lori Maltz and Jose Vallverdu and sister of Noa Vallverdu. Her grandparents are Janet and Alan Maltz and Maria Dolores Dominguez.



Hank Ariah Newman will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at the minchah service on Saturday, March 15, 2025. He is the son of Kerry and Elena Newman and brother of Levi Newman. His grandparents are Bernard Newman, Ruth Huchet, Elena Sayapina, Esther and Harry Newman, Sadie and Archie Winetrobe. As part of his mitzvot, Hank will be donating to Feeding America to combat food insecurity.

Jessie Cohen Pignataro will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on March 22, 2025. She is the daughter of Linda Cohen and Michael Pignataro. As part of her mitzvot, Jessie will be helping to clean up Greynolds Park. To learn more, please visit <https://volunteercleanup.org/event/community-action-day-greynolds-park-2/>



Journeys MZ

A Joyful Celebration of Margie Zeskind

SAVE THE
DATES

05.02.25

05.04.25

MAY 2 at 6:00 PM

Embracing Shabbat: Friday Night Service for the community

Simcha Shabbat: Dinner and cocktails for ages 21+ (Pre-Registration Required)

MAY 4 at 10:30 AM

Sunday in Harmony: Elana Arian concert followed by a lunch, Innovative School art auction, and children's activities.

Appropriate for all ages.

Featuring multi-instrumentalist and prayer leader

Elana Arian



Catered by Michael's Catering



Contact Director of Advancement,
Katy Boyask at kboyask@tbsmb.org
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Join us in May 2025 for an exhilarating weekend tribute to **Margie Zeskind**, Head of School, as we wish her mazal tov on her retirement.

For 18 years, Margie has been integral to the vision and growth of our Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom, for infants through fifth grade. We invite our congregation, school families past and present, as well as friends to celebrate this milestone and Margie's achievements. The weekend will have something for everyone!

Net proceeds will benefit
The Margie Zeskind Educator Development Fund
for The Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom



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o	Integrity	\$3,600 - \$4,999
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o	Acceptance	\$1,000 - \$2,499
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**Subject to sponsor confirming participation prior to digital/print deadlines. HaKOL is Temple Beth Sholom's printed newsletter, with a monthly audience of over 1,400 families. HaKOL Ads must be submitted by May 31, 2025. KEHILLA means community in Hebrew. All donors will receive recognition in HaKOL.



A Joyful Celebration of Margie Zeskind

Digital Tribute Book

- Prominent Full Page: \$2,500
- Full Page: \$1,000
- Half Page: \$500
- Quarter Page: \$250

Digital Tribute Book dimensions and deadline to be announced. Sample tributes available upon request.

Donation Option

Please enter a dollar amount to donate (tax-deductible).

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Tickets (not tax-deductible)

- May 2 Dinner Ticket (age 21+): \$180 per person | Number of Tickets: _____
- May 2 and May 4 Bundle Ticket (age 21+): \$236 per person | Number of Tickets: _____
- May 4 Ticket (age 12+): \$72 per person | Number of Tickets: _____
- May 4 Ticket (age 2 to 11): \$36 per person | Number of Tickets: _____
- May 4 Ticket (age 1 and under): Complimentary | Number of Tickets: _____

Guest Name/s

If applicable, please add name/s of your guest/s here or email to Katy Boyask at katy@tbsmb.org. There will be a guest list at the door (no physical tickets).

REGISTRATION

Sponsorships, Tributes, Donations, Tickets and Registration may also be completed at tbsmb.org/journeys



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Happy Birthday

March 1

Jeffrey Graff
Leonard Gullan III
Jay Levine
Pierce Manheimer
Samuel Neuhut
Mitch Rogoff
Gali Ron
Lillet Schlecker
Barry Shevlin
Joe Stern

March 2

Amanda Greenfield
Chelsea Hirschhorn
Hunter Holland
Jacob Hyken
Leo Kaiserman
Jeremy Landsman
Stevan Pardo
Ross Rodriguez
Asher Russin
Dylan Turkel

March 3

Cameron Courson
Stacey Laskin
Bonnie Lerner
Jerome Libbin
Lance Raiffe
Ellie Small

March 4

Karen Edelstein
Kathy Lesser
Lucas Velloso
Jonathan Wald

March 5

Michael Bernstein
Jordan Diamond
Jody Gross
Alan Nieder
Randy Torban
Adam Wyler

March 6

Romy Elkiner
Matthew Jackson
Teddy Lamberg
Alissa Stein

March 7

Ella Gauntlett
Akiva Gross
Robert Mitzman
Benjamin Raiffe
Hilary Rivera
Johanna Stowe
Marla Susser

March 8

Jerri Bassuk
Lahav Brenner

Susan Ellman
Harrison Filler
London Finger
Parker Martorella
Robert Moret
Sadie Solomon
Spencer Stokes
Mark Zaguskin

March 9

Harrison Breslow
Danielle Cohn
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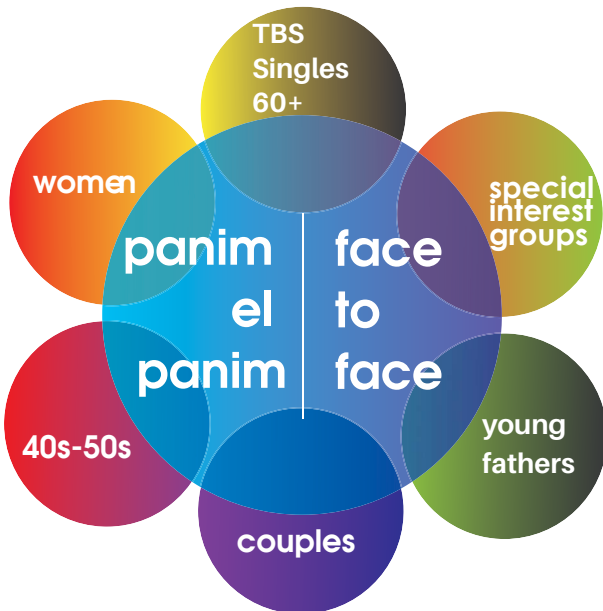
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ISRAEL COMMITTEE



by Jeff Agron

Welcome to another in our series exploring the volunteer experiences of our members in Israel after October 7, 2023.

My Volunteer Experience in Israel – by Anita Grossman

I had contemplated going to Israel to volunteer for several months. My concerns with making the journey were: what would I do, where would I stay, how would I get around, and then how to choose the right time with my already scheduled trips. Finally, when having an opportunity to go on another trip to a new destination, I decided that it was more important to go to Israel. So, I posted on the TBS Lovers of Israel WhatsApp Group Chat that I was looking for someone to go with me to Israel to volunteer in September 2024. I was so excited when Cathy Tighe responded that she was interested! We then began to plan our important work. With the help of Marc and Karen Rivo and Malka Mordujovich, we put together a rather loose 10 -day itinerary.

During our first week, we stayed at the Maxim Hotel in Tel Aviv which gives discounts on rooms for volunteers. It was full of volunteers from all over the world, all participating in different opportunities, from picking vegetables, stocking distribution centers, taking people to therapists and doctors, serving food to soldiers in the Gaza envelope and those who just finished volunteering with the IDF on military bases. Each day, Cathy and I decided what we wanted to do. Transportation was available for some of the activities; however, we learned to navigate the buses, trains, and ride shares. One day we rented a car with 2 other volunteers and drove to Shuva Junction, where we helped prepare and serve food to our soldiers fighting in Gaza who have an hour or two respite and must stay in the fighting envelope. Another day, we took a bus provided by a program called Leket Yisrael and picked eggplant in Tevul, right on the Gaza border. We also stocked distribution centers in Tel Aviv and visited Hostage Square in Tel Aviv.

Week Two was spent with the program *Livnot U'Lehibanot* (To Build and Be Built). This is a five to seven-day program for adults 21 and up. It is a great opportunity for college students and young professionals. During the morning and early afternoon we painted the living quarters of the Thai farm workers on Kibbutz Kfar Aza, so that the workers could return to the kibbutz. We also painted the interior of a community center that was sponsored by JNF. In the afternoon, we were taken to the site of the Nova massacre, the Sderot police station, the car cemetery, and other significant sites. The entire program was planned and staffed by professionals who were wonderful to work with. At a barbeque, we provided for the soldiers protecting Kibbutz Alumin. I got a private tour of the dairy farm, which of course was full of COWS! (For those who don't know me, I have an extensive cow collection).

These were just some of the highlights of my trip. Everyone we met was so appreciative of our presence. I truly believe that our

brethren in Israel are not only protecting our homeland but are protecting Jews around the world. We need to help those who are making the sacrifice of leaving families and livelihoods to fight. We need to help rebuild our Land so our people can return to their homes and Israel survives. I am hoping to return in the next few months, so if anyone wants to join, please let me know. There are volunteer opportunities available for all.



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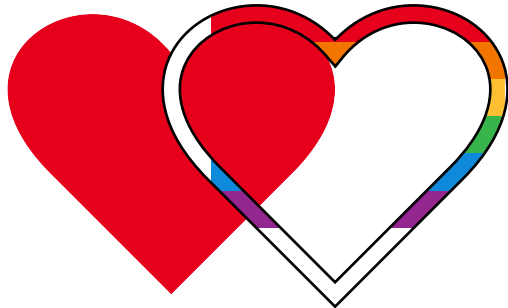
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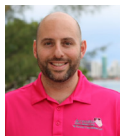
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