

Journeys Mz

A Joyful Celebration of Margie Zeskind

REGISTRATION OPEN

May 2

6:00 PM

Embracing Shabbat: Friday Night Service for the community, featuring Elana Arian

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

May 4

10:30 AM

Sunday in Harmony: Elana Arian concert Lunch, Innovative School art auction, and children's activities. Appropriate for all ages.

tbsmb.org/journeys



Passover at TBS Community Second Night Seder

Sunday, April 13 • 6:00 PM



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

tbsmb.org/spiritual-life/shabbat

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

Remembering and Forgetting

Today is my grandson's two-and-a-half-year-old birthday and he has just visited from California for the weekend. When I'm with him, there are so many moments I want to freeze time and inscribe the memory in my mind and heart forever. Like the way he spontaneously and reflexively does a little happy dance with his shoulders and head when he eats something that's delicious. Or his belly laughs when his grandpa tosses him high into the air when we're in the pool. All of us have moments that are so sweet, so transcendent, that we want to store them up and recall them on demand.

We also have memories that are terrifying and painful that we need to remember, like October 7th, that are so raw and excruciating that it's hard to believe we could ever forget them, even if we wanted to. In many ways, these memories are a survival mechanism – we remember to protect ourselves from future harm.

As Jews, we codify collective memory so that we not only remember critical events, like Haman's catastrophic decree or the glory of receiving Torah, we are also able to effectively pass the memory down from generation to generation. The way we do this is by transforming a "static" memory – something that once happened – to a "dynamic" memory – something that happens anew each time it is remembered. This is why when we sit at our Seder tables, we not only recall the redemption of our ancestors from Egypt and slavery, but we also recite: "Every Jew should see themselves as if they themselves went forth from Egypt."

The Seder is only one, albeit powerful, example of how to remember. Judaism sprinkles daily life with constant reminders. The mezuzah on our front door as we enter and exit our homes is a repeated reminder to live our Torah's values wherever we may be and at whatever time it is. The tzitzit on our tallitot are another reminder to live as God instructs. Building and dwelling in a Sukkah is a dynamic reminder of our 40 years of wandering in the desert and the shelter God provided. The ritual of passing the Torah from generation to generation is another powerful dynamic reminder.

In Jewish scholar Elana Stein Hain's podcast, *TEXTing, she highlights a verse from the book of Deuteronomy, which says: "Be careful to guard yourself excessively, lest you forget that which you saw with your own eyes, and lest they leave your heart/mind. What you need to be doing is you need to be passing them down to the next generation." (Deut. 4:9) In the midrash (*Sifrei*) on this verse, an analogy is made to a human king who hunted and trapped a bird and gave the bird to their servant and said, "Be careful with this bird. It's for my child. And if you lose it, don't think you've lost a bird that's just worth some amount of money. You should think of it as though you've lost your own *nefesh*, you've lost your own soul."

This analogy is so potent because we all are aware of how difficult it is to contain a bird. A bird's instinct is to want to fly away. How can you both contain it, but not hold onto it so hard that the bird dies in our hands because it's been smothered? Memory, like the bird, needs oxygen. It needs repetition and it needs to evolve and refresh with each new generation so that it stays alive and relevant.

Judaism's message is that all too often, memory is fleeting. We need to intentionally create formulas and rituals to sustain and transmit memory.

As we sit at our Seder tables this year, let us breathe our own fresh oxygen into this ancient ritual. Let us feel the bonds of slavery as if it were our own and recommit to welcoming the stranger into our midst and freeing those who are still in bondage. The imperative of remembering will be sustained when we make these stories our own and bring them to life with our actions.

From my table to yours, wishing everyone a meaningful and joyful Pesach.

*Elana Stein Hain, "Keeping Memory Alive," TEXTing, Shalom Hartman Institute, July 1, 2024.



Innovative School

Stacy Penson
Director of Elementary Level



Every year our Kindergarten classes at the Innovative School are our school's "Keepers of the Garden" It is their responsibility to take care of our school garden. This fall the garden was closed because of the construction project of the new seawall and back playground. Various equipment had to be moved through the garden and as a result, the garden was destroyed. The "Keepers of the Garden" are embarking on a school garden renovation.

They are visiting local community gardens to be inspired and are participating in this year's Fairchild Tropical Garden school challenge. On a recent trip to Pinetree



Park, learners wandered about the community garden, learning about Monarch butterflies, chrysalises, vegetable garden plots, wildflowers, sunflowers, and fruit trees. They visited the school's very own community garden plot, planted as a food forest with cherry tomatoes, arugula, field greens, parsley, basil, kale, and fennel, as well as beneficial and edible flowers such as nasturtiums, celosias, and cosmos. The learners made name markers for the plants, added worm castings, and watered their plots. They harvested greens, herbs, and tomatoes, which they brought back to school, where all their pickings were made into a beautiful salad for them.

The Fairchild Challenge is an award-winning, interdisciplinary, environmental science competition designed to engage students of diverse interests, abilities, talents and backgrounds to explore the natural world. The program has been recognized as a benchmark for exceptional STEM education

and for empowering PreK – 12th grade students to become the next generation of scientists, researchers, educated voters, policy makers, and environmentally-minded citizens. The "Keepers of the Garden" have included their families and other classes at the Innovative School and their families to be a part of the garden renovation.

As part of our **Project Echad: One Community of Belonging**, we would like to invite our larger Temple Beth Shalom community to partner with our school community to help rebuild our school garden. Project Echad strives to imbue a culture of belonging, participation, shared responsibility and community wholeness throughout the Temple Beth Shalom system. We seek to imagine and create a roadmap to build a seamless community, one that fully integrates all our constituencies as full participants of a thriving, dynamic, interdependent, and synergist Reform Jewish Community.

The project is informed by the Reggio Emilia Municipality, as well as the values and unique culture of Temple Beth Shalom, the Temple Beth Shalom Innovative School, and the Reform Jewish Community. We believe that spaces should invite community engagement and reflect a sense of belonging. Spaces should be designed as places of encounter and sharing and must communicate our community's values and choices, reflecting traces of its members. Creating an environment where belonging thrives requires the active participation of all members.

If you love to garden, we need and encourage your support. We will be holding meetings to plan for the renovation and hosting workdays to help create a new school garden. If you are interested, please reach out to me at stacy@innovativeschool.org. We are so excited to plan an experience that supports connections between the school and temple and look forward to other opportunities to do so.

My Best Always,

Stacy



Membership

Craig Berko

Director of Membership

A Home for Every Moment: Why Your Support Matters

Temple Beth Sholom is more than just a synagogue—it is a home. It is where we gather to celebrate life's joys, seek comfort in times of sorrow, and strengthen our connection to faith and community. It is where our clergy stand by us during our most meaningful lifecycle moments—baby namings, B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, and, when needed, times of loss. These sacred moments are not just rituals; they are deeply personal experiences made more meaningful by the presence of a caring, familiar community that you are a part of thanks to your continued support.

Yet, maintaining this spiritual home requires all of us. Our synagogue is sustained by the dedication of its members. The upkeep of our sanctuary, the ability to offer enriching programs, and even the presence of our clergy when we need them most are only possible through membership support.

For those who have renewed their commitment, thank you. Your dedication ensures that Temple Beth Sholom continues to be a place of connection, learning, and spiritual growth. But if you have not yet renewed, I urge you to do so now. Our temple is not just a place we visit—it is a community that supports us in every season of life.

Just as we rely on our synagogue, the next generation relies on us. Our children need a strong, vibrant Jewish community to foster their connection to Judaism. Through religious school, youth programs, holiday celebrations, and the example we set, we ensure that Jewish traditions, values, and identity remain strong. Without a thriving synagogue, we risk losing that vital link for future generations. By renewing your membership, you are investing in their Jewish future—giving them a place to learn, grow, and embrace the beauty of our faith. It is a promise that Temple Beth Sholom will always be here, for all of us, in moments of joy, in times of need, and every day in between.

Be Inspired.

Be Nurtured.

Belong.

Start here.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Craig Berko

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MINI MITSVA
 Beth Sholom Temple Youth

Passover
 HOLIDAY LUNCH CELEBRATION 5785

April 5, 2025 | 11:30 am | Palm Plaza

Temple Beth Sholom
 קהילת בית שלום



Barb Shimansky, RJE
Senior Director of Judaic Studies



Embracing the Reggio Emilia Approach: A Journey of Learning, Community, and Belonging

Our recent exploration of the Reggio Emilia approach to education has provided invaluable insights into the power of community, the importance of children's perspectives, and the transformative potential of collaborative learning. Here I am sharing key takeaways and reflections from our Project Echad January study tour in Italy, highlighting how these principles can enrich our own educational practices and community engagement.

The Child as Citizen: A Foundation for Learning

The Reggio Emilia philosophy emphasizes the child as a capable and competent individual, a citizen with rights and a unique perspective to offer. This child-centered approach recognizes the crucial role of family and community in shaping a child's development. It encourages active participation from families in the educational process, fostering a strong partnership between home and school. As we observed, schools in Reggio Emilia prioritize socialization, creating spaces where children, families, and the wider community can connect and learn together.

Research and Documentation: Unveiling Children's Worlds

Research plays a vital role in understanding children's interests and how they perceive the world around them. Educators in Reggio Emilia employ careful observation and documentation – through photographs, videos, and written notes – to capture children's interactions with their environment. This documentation serves as a tool for reflection, allowing educators to understand children's learning processes and adapt their teaching strategies accordingly. We learned how even seemingly simple activities, like playing in the rain or exploring broken objects, can spark profound learning experiences when adults create space for exploration, questioning, and collaborative problem-solving.

The Power of Collaboration: Building Community Together

The Reggio Emilia approach extends beyond the classroom, embracing the entire community as a

learning environment. We were particularly inspired by the emphasis on "participation projects," designed to engage parents and community members in meaningful dialogue and collaborative initiatives. These projects, ranging from creating a "Participation Charter" to addressing complex social issues like racism, highlight the importance of diverse perspectives and shared responsibility in building a thriving community. We witnessed firsthand how schools can serve as valuable resources for parents, providing support, fostering connection, and creating spaces for shared learning and reflection.

Key Themes and Reflections:

- **Belonging:** The concept of belonging emerged as a central theme. Creating a sense of belonging requires intentionality, active participation from all members, and a commitment to fostering empathy and understanding. We explored how storytelling, shared experiences, and inclusive spaces can contribute to a stronger sense of community.
- **Communication:** Effective communication is essential for building relationships and fostering collaboration. We learned about the importance of active listening, thoughtful dialogue, and culturally sensitive communication practices. We also discussed the potential of technology to enhance inclusion and bridge gaps between diverse groups.
- **Learning as a Process:** The Reggio Emilia approach emphasizes learning as a continuous process of exploration, experimentation, and reflection. It encourages educators to embrace errors and uncertainty as natural parts of learning and to value children's unique ways of expressing themselves.
- **The Environment as Teacher:** The physical environment plays a crucial role in shaping children's learning experiences. Reggio Emilia schools prioritize creating stimulating, multisensory environments that encourage exploration, interaction, and problem-solving.

Moving Forward:

Our study tour of Reggio Emilia has provided us with a wealth of knowledge and inspiration. We are committed to applying these principles in our own community, creating spaces where children are valued, families are engaged, and learning is a shared journey. We are particularly interested in exploring how we can make the concept of belonging more tangible and measurable, and how we can leverage technology to foster greater inclusion. We believe that by embracing the Reggio Emilia approach, we can create a more compassionate, connected, and thriving community for all.

Barb

Join us for a delicious jLAB Parent Breakfast!

Connect with other parents and enjoy a light breakfast. **Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 am** in the Welcome Center. We can't wait to see you there!

Please note that there will be NO jLAB on Saturday, April 19.


Join us for Tzofim Shabbat as our Kindergarten and 1st Grade learners contribute to leading our community in prayer. All are welcome!

Friday, April 25 at 6:00 pm: A fun Shabbat dinner for *Tzofim* families will follow the service.

Spend your Summer at one of our Camps



Contact Seth Cohen for more info: seth@tbsmb.org



Social Justice Network

New SJN Topic for the Coming Year:

Thank you to all who took the time to voice your opinions on the work of the Social Justice Network moving forward. Many of you voted, and our next social justice topic will be: Food Insecurity! For those who are interested in getting involved in the food insecurity research process, please email Jeff Agron jagron@tbsmb.org. We are eager for all of the impactful work we will accomplish on this important issue this year and beyond.



Social Justice

Jeff Agron
Social Justice Director



Mitzvah Day and Soup Contest 2025 Wrap-Up

We had an amazing Mitzvah Day and Soup Contest on February 23. Over 500 people participated in our many mitzvah projects. We had 14 chefs competing for first, second and third place, plus a “people’s choice” award. We had three celebrity judges: Michael Meltzer, Margie Zeskind, and Jessica Fuentes, who is the owner of Café Avanti. Many thanks to Michael Meltzer for organizing the Soup Contest and working with our judges. It only happens because of his expertise.

Many thanks to our chefs who made incredible soups. They were so diverse, and all presented with such creativity.

Our 2025 Chefs:

Andrea Wagner, Presented by Jules Alhadeff, Green Curry Lentil Soup

Rachel Unger, Vegan Brunswick Stew

The Gumbo Limbo Class from The Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom, Sunset Gazpacho by The Golden Suns

Howard Grodin, Roasted Tomato Soup with Maple Syrup

Ellie Feldman, Steve and Beverly Unger, Roasted Squash Soup

Team Ressler, Sweet Corn Chowder

Suzette Abramson, Island Pumpkin Soup with Green Curry Paste

Jonathan and Karen Sepsenwol, Cold Chickpea-Tahini Soup

Adam Snitzer, John Barker, Dan Haber and the Village (Free)dge Crew, Beef Barley Soup

Tamas Dofek (the Gulashim), Hungarian Goulash

Glenn Dryfoos, Turkey Noodle Soup

Mark Jacob, Salmorejo

Mihaela Gutman, Tuscan Ribollita

Jenni Person, presented by Norys Figuera and Neil Singer, Coconut Butternut Squash Soup

And now...the winners:

First place – We had a tie! **Suzette Abramson** with her Island Pumpkin Soup with Green Curry Paste, and **Mihaela Gutman**, with her Tuscan Ribollita

Second place - **Ellie Feldman, Steve and Beverly Unger**, with their Roasted Squash Soup

Third place - **Adam Snitzer, John Barker, Dan Haber and the Village (Free)dge Crew**, with their Beef Barley Soul Soup

People’s Choice Award - **The Gumbo Limbo Class from The Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom**, and their Sunset Gazpacho by The Golden Suns

I would like to again thank all of the volunteers who made the day so successful. Special thanks to Caryn Pardo and Shelby Kempler, our Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs, and Karen Sepsenwol, Dana Grodin and Jody Gross, our Soup Contest Co-Chairs.

Special thanks to our maintenance staff, security team, and kitchen crew!

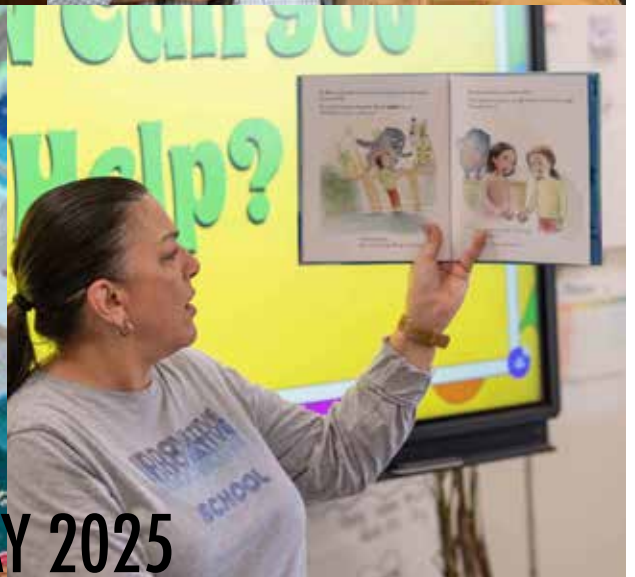
Our Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs next year will be Shelby Kempler and Ashley Gilboa. **Save the date for our 30th Mitzvah Day on Sunday, February 22, 2026.**

Photos: Emma Bragdon, Adam Trautenberg, and Jenny Lowhar. View the recap video using the QR code.





MITZVAH DAY 2025



MITZVAH DAY 2025



Co-Presidents
Kim Haber & Mihaela Gutman

Hello Sisters,

The Party Like a Rock Star Purim Celebration was a “next level” celebration (see below, left). It was such a thrill to get the entire temple community together in observance.

Join us at our next Sisterhood event at Potterme, located at 9484 Harding Avenue on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 pm - The cost is \$65 per person which includes:

- Your choice of pottery up to \$25 per piece/per painter
- All paint materials, tools and supplies, glazing and firing
- A dedicated helper that will guide the group and of course, a little nosh
- All pottery items will be ready for pick up a week and half after the event (at the Temple).

RSVP on the Sisterhood page of the Temple’s website or scan the QR code below.

Sisterhood is a proud sponsor of A Joyful Celebration of Marge Zeskind May 2 and May 4. Join us and the whole Temple for an exhilarating weekend tribute to Margie as we wish her mazal tov on her retirement. RSVP is available on the Temple’s website or use the QR code on page 21.

Keep your eyes open for our **Make Your Own Tiramisu** class....no baking required, taught by our very own Co-President Mihaela Gutman. The event will take place on May 14 at Temple Beth Shalom. The cost is only \$36 and you’ll take dessert home. Please RSVP on the Sisterhood page of the Temple’s website, or scan the QR code below.

See you soon!

Hugs,

Kim and Mihaela



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Adult Education

Save the Dates

May 2025



What do you say when kids ask....

With **Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz**

Wednesday, May 7 at 9:00 am, Final Class

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.

Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org



King David: The Man, The Myth, The Mystery

With **Rabbi Gary Glickstein**

Saturday, May 10 at 12:15 pm

This six-session class, led by Rabbi Glickstein, will look at the Biblical stories about the figure of David. We will focus on the books of Samuel in the Tanach as well as the midrashim written during the rabbinic period that shaped the way we now see the red-headed boy who became the King of Israel and the founder of the Jewish city of Jerusalem. We will also hear and discuss some of the songs written by Rabbi Glickstein, Martha Rosenblatt and Al Tapper for their Off-Broadway musical, “David: A New Musical,” which ran this past summer at the AMT Theater on 45th Street in Manhattan, New York.

Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org

Mindful Tuesdays & A Special “In Real Life”

Weekly Mindfulness Group: 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 | Registration: tbsmb.org/adult-study

Join us for Tuesday, April 29 for a special meditation - “In Real Life” hosted by Marte Singerman.

Registration: tbsmb.org/adult-study



People Acting for Community Together

Temple Beth Sholom is part of PACT (People Acting for Community Together). PACT unites, organizes, and trains leaders from diverse congregations, schools, and community groups to build a powerful community voice. Individually and collectively, we empower ourselves, hold officials accountable, achieve systemic change, and promote fairness, justice, and democracy in Miami-Dade County. This past year we helped persuade our elected officials to take action to reduce rental rates and institute a civil citation program for unpaid fines and fees. These are issues that are important to our community and make a difference in the lives of residents.

For information: TBS PACT Chairperson, Jonathan Sepsenwol, jonathan.sepsenwol@gmail.com; Rabbi Jacobs, rabbijacobs@tbsmb.org; or Jeff Agron, jagron@tbsmb.org.

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



A bus will be provided from North Beach.

MINI BESHTY
MICRO Beth Sholom Temple Youth

Mini BESHTY Retreat 2025
April 25-27, 2025
Camp Owaissa Bauer
Homestead, FL

Open to 3rd-5th Grade Students

Cost: \$275 per participant

CAMP OWAISSA BAUER
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

GROUP CAMP BY RESERVATION ONLY

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Grandparent and Special People Breakfast at Innovative School of TBS - March 10, 2025

The Innovative School was filled with joy and warmth as students, grandparents, and special guests gathered for our much-anticipated Annual Grandparent & Special Person Breakfast. This cherished tradition celebrates the love, wisdom, and support that grandparents and special individuals bring into our students' lives.

Attendees were welcomed with a delicious breakfast, then enjoyed a morning of laughter, storytelling, and connection. Learners had the opportunity to share their school experiences, loved ones got to meet teachers and friends, and participate in activities designed to

foster intergenerational bonds.

The event highlighted the importance of family and mentorship, reinforcing our school's commitment to a nurturing and inclusive community. We are grateful to all who attended and contributed to making this event a memorable one.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, staff, and families for helping us create another beautiful morning of celebration. We look forward to welcoming everyone again next year!

All photos: Emma Bragdon



Connections & Inspirations for Our Future: Leading in Your Own Way

**TUESDAY
April 8th**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Temple Beth
Sholom Social Hall**



Parenting is its own kind of leadership - but how we lead looks different for everyone. You're invited to join Rabbi Joanne Loiben, Rabbi Jessica Jacobs, Sarah Schor, Vanessa Ressler, Caryn Pardo, Andrea Wagner, Kelsey Levy and Josh Laurence for a relaxed and meaningful conversation about connecting with one another, leading with purpose, supporting each other, and creating spaces where we can grow and thrive together.

Pizza, Salad, Beer & Wine to Kick Off the Night

Because good conversation is even better with a slice in one hand and a drink in the other!

Come connect with fellow parents, share experiences, and explore how small moments of leadership can shape our families and community.

No pressure, just great food, great company, and great conversation!





On March 7 and 8, Temple Beth Shalom welcomed Cantor Becky Mann to Friday Shabbat Services and Saturday jLAB Tefilah. Truly a beautiful musical experience for our congregation.

CANTOR BECKY MANN



Photos: Jenny Lowbar

Passover at TBS

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

10:30 am Service & Study

Community Second Seder led by our Clergy

Sunday, April 13, 2025 | 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Second Seder*

Cost: Member adults \$90/Non-member adults: \$115

Children under 13 \$60/children under 5 \$20

Catered by Michael Meltzer

7th Day of Passover

Torah Study/Yom Tov Services (including YIZKOR)

Saturday, April 19, 2025 | 9:30 am

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



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 Shalom

Adult Purim: We Partied Like Rock Stars!

On Wednesday, March 12, we hosted our Second Annual Adult Purim Party and invited you to Party Like A Rock Star!

We're happy to say that many of you did and we have the photos to prove it. It was a great night, filled with lots of laughs and lively entertainment. Hosted by local comedian and Tribester Amber Layne, the evening was as smooth as some of those notes you hit. We hate to brag (but not really...) we're becoming sort of famous for our grazing tables.

If you missed this year, be sure to look out for next year's party! Thank you to everyone who made it a huge success. See you next year!



Photos: Jenny Lowbar

PURIM 5785 - Carnival and Spiel

On Thursday, March 13, we came together as a community to celebrate Purim in the most Wicked of ways. Thank you to all of you who came out and joined us...the carnival and spiel were a resounding success. Thank you to the Purim team and Cantor Porat and his wonderful collaborators for an exceptional spiel and the Shalom Rockers who, as always, were amazing.



Photos: Emma Bragdon and Jenny Lowbar



B-Mitzvah

APRIL 2025

Meritt Perlyn will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on April 5, 2025. He is the son of Brooke and Chad Perlyn and brother of Ethan Perlyn. His grandparents are Gina and Richard Russ and Marilyn and Don Perlyn. As part of his mitzvot, Merritt has been sharing his passion for running by running 5K races with a neurodivergent 10 year-old boy named Martin. In addition to running races with Martin, Merritt will be working with ThumbsUp International, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting people crossing all abilities to conquer athletic challenges, to help buy a child-sized racing chair to allow more kids to have the opportunity to race together. More information about ThumbsUp International is available at <https://www.thumbsupintl.org>.



Elle Fox Goldstein will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on April 24, 2025. She is the daughter of Melina and Eugene Goldstein and sister of Liam Goldstein, Austen Weinberg and Zach Weinberg.

Her grandparents are Merle and Stanley Goldstein and Hilda and Steve Fox.

Nathan Warshofsky will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 26, 2025. He is the son of Nancy Ackerman Warshofsky and Alex Warshofsky, brother of Abby. Nathan will be donating to Hatzalah South Florida, a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides free emergency medical services (EMS) by dispatching trained personnel to neighborhoods throughout South Florida. For more information, visit hsfems.org.



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Contact Seth Cohen for more info: seth@tbsmb.org

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A Joyful Celebration of Margie Zeskind

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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



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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) tickets to the May 2 and May 4 events • Logo/family name included on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Event sponsor signage o Rotating sponsor loop on large screens • Full page in Tribute Book 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition post-event in print and online, including HaKOL <p><i>\$944 – the value of the event tickets – is not tax-deductible</i></p>
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o	Acceptance	\$1,000 - \$2,499
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo/family name included on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Event sponsor signage o Rotating sponsor loop on large screens • Half page in Tribute Book 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition post-event in print and online, including HaKOL <p><i>This package does not include event tickets</i></p>

**Subject to sponsor confirming participation prior to digital/print deadline of April 18. 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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- 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: _____

Babysitting will be available for pre-registered children ages 2 to 4 (who are enrolled in The Innovative School) during the concert on May 4 from 10:30 am until 12 pm.

REGISTRATION

Sponsorships, Tributes, Donations and Tickets are available at tbsmb.org/journeys



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Happy Birthday

April 1

Vida Berkowitz
Joshua Bratter
Brett Fishberg
Perry Greenfield
Rebecca Greenwald
Milo Hirschl
Sydney Kane
Samuel Lindemann
Avraham Nazareth
Jacqueline Reiter
Aaron Tandy

April 2

Violet Barnett
Shahar Bitton
Michael Dribin
Sunny Friedman-Gilbert
Orli Ressler

April 3

Jonathan Ende
Raif London
Dana Martorella
Hank Newman
Adrienne Pardo
Caryn Pardo
Nicole Rekant
Samantha Winters
Cary Zel

April 4

Samantha Bratter
Josephine Louis
Benjamin Pritchett
Caleb Samuel
Elizabeth Stone
Matthew Weissmann

April 5

Michael Balan
Liz Chroman
Joshua Glottmann
Ethel Grossfeld
Bonnie Helman
Jonathan Holtz
Dan Koonin
Rogerio Lilenbaum
Jordan Pardo
Jill Peeling
Jaime Rubinson
Thomas Travis
Alan Villegas Potter
Leah Winer

April 6

Asher Amazon
Jeffrey Bass
Evelyn Belkin
Angelica Berezin
Jordan Blumenthal
Bette Fialkov
Andrea Gauntlett
Milo Liebowitz
Gary Ressler
David Tamen

Eleanor Wood

April 7

Chrissy Cecot
Jonathan Cohen
Ron Evans
Omer Horev
Thomas Oppenheimer
Jodi Steinbauer

April 8

Jeffrey Bernstein
Matt Bohm
Nadine Dwek
Katherine Kempner
Carl Linder
Austen Reiss
Hanna Saul

April 9

Michael Belkin
Ruth Ciampitti
Jaime Lapidus
Dore Louis
Julia Sawitz
Rachel Shipman
Beverly Unger

April 10

Tracy Bahl
Michael Kosnitzky
Evan Marks
Nicole Silberman

April 11

Herbert Block
Michelle Dickstein
Aaron Hirschl
Suzanne Hurwitz
Spencer Oxfeld
Justin Twist
Ezra Zadok

April 12

Judith Emanuel
Jackie Fernandez
Christine Friedman
Allan Hall
Isla Hurwitz
Lisa Rosenberg
James Segal
Andrew Zaron

April 13

Jennifer Chachkes
Hunter Greenfield
Elle Koffler
Brad Meltzer
Sofia Morales
Fernando Pomeraniec
Brett Posner-Ferdman
Henry Rogg
Monica Tracy
Olga Vodolazschi
Debra Wechsler

April 14

Jace Davidson
Daniela deCristofano
Elle Horev
Kathleen Jodoin Nobel
Catherine Tandy
Violet Ventura

April 15

Shana Dickstein
Mara Geronemus
Chance Greenberg
Jordan Greenfield
Stefano Maltagliati
Merritt Perlyn
Romy Schenirer
Mark Silberman
Matthew Stapan
Barry Stein

April 16

Anabel Basualdo
Benjamin Burstein
Brian Cohen
Paul Kleidermacher
Mia Lawrence
Andrew Magnin
Stephanie Marquez
Yemini
Laura Raiffe
Frank Schwartz
Vlad Torgovnik
Nathan Warshofsky

April 17

Rachel Bienstock
Alex Criden
Kaia Hagen
Brian Hirsch
Amelie Hofman
Harrison Lorber
Ryan Neuhut
Luke Rosen
Linda Serbin
Sadie Sheldon
Tara Strickstein-Lewis
Holly Wallack Siegel
Steven Zuckerman

April 18

Isabelle Amdur
Rachel Annex
Eden Benmeir
Luly Casares
Kenneth Cohen
Jarett Fein
Jorge Gutman
Julian Kasdin
Hudson Koczwara
Ashley Morris
Heaven Piller
Barry Weisfeld

April 19

Ronald Albert, Jr.
Max Budowsky

Pamela Kalmus
Thea Mitzman
Ruth Rice
Bonita Weiss

April 20

Irene Barr
Scott Evans
Gabriel Levinson
Nina Mandel
Ryan Neuffer
Joshua Pardo
Syl Solomon
Mindy Wachtenheim
Alan Weinstein

April 21

David Gaynor
Alexi Haas
Jo Ann Hildebrandt
Ryan Mendelson
Kai Oved
Blair Penn
Ryan Weisburd
Ari Winters
Elaina Zaguskin
Heather Zaitz

April 22

Emily Amar
Neely Amdur
Liam Bhat
Carolina Blittner
Katy Boyask
Scott Foxman
Mako Hagen
Mason Pachter
Levi Pardo
Sydney Peeling
Delila Penson
Marley Penson
Robyn Rice
Sari Shore
Robin Weiner

April 23

Justin Kleidermacher
Buffy Koczwara
David Oxfeld
Haley Rubin
Leslie Tobin
Morgan Tolston
Alexandre Wolloch

April 24

Kai Bazbaz Draznin
Danielle Bernstein
Ida Bild
David Buzzelli
Isabella Cohen
Moshe Ellenbogen
Samuel Fisher
Summer Greenfield
Max Grunwald
Star Gutman
Quade Koffler

Golda LieberPerson
Shelly Reiter
Stacy Savett
Eleonora Sokolsky
Carole Sparr
Brian Zimberg

April 25

Nancy Ackerman
Warshofsky
Irma Braman
Adrian Gilboa
Andrew Goldberg
Aaron Greenberg
Alan Hyman
Meyer Landsman
Gordon Loader
Daniel Shai
Ryan Wohl
Lee Zimmerman

April 26

Avivit Ashkenazi Pyle
Michele Brettschneider
Gordon Kramer
Lily Lappin
Lily Larsen
Rowan Loftus

April 27

Hadas Azari
Jeffrey Krasnoff

April 28

Mark Baranek
Solomon Genet
Jeffrey Hirsh
Jacob Mayer
Julian Mayer
Elai Oved
Laurie Swedroe
Randy Weisburd

April 29

Leslie Baumann
Gabriela Blinder
Nina Haas
Alain Katsman
Jayson Kaynes
Keri Livingstone
Jill Meland
Annabelle Nadler
Jonathan Tamen
Lisa Treister

April 30

Gary Appel
Jonathan Minick
Harrison Monaco
Sylvie Neuffer
Sam Nieder
Jessie Pignataro

Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TIME YOU HAVE SHARED TOGETHER

April 1

Marice and Michael Band

April 2

Katherine and Robert Miller

April 4

Dava and Charles Carson
Hannah and Nathaniel Felsher
Ruth-Ellen and Ira Gordon
Amy Sun and Simon Broch

April 5

Diana and Bradley Golden

April 6

Ally Glaser Zimmerman and Lee
Zimmerman

April 8

Nancy and Kenneth Ratzan
Natalie and Brian Schultz

April 9

Kimberly and Daniel Haber
Heather and Brian Pachter

Vanesa and Sebastian Saul
Stacey and Jonathan Wald

April 17

Ana and Neisen Kasdin

April 18

Kristina and Mark Bryn
Slava and David Buzzelli
Deborah and Charles Citrin
Karen Knuth and Eli Levy
Elena and Kerry Newman

April 20

Raquel Bild-Libbin and Jerome Libbin
Susan and Alan Yoss

April 21

Tara and Jordan Cirocco

April 22

Andrea and Aaron Edelstein

April 23

Tammy and Jay Levine

April 24

Jean and Henry Wodnicki

April 25

Judy and Kevin Abrams

April 27

Naomi Nixon and Gregory Andris

April 28

Alissa and Aaron Hirschl

April 29

Meredith and Jonathan Hoffman
Keri Livingstone and Gary Kleiner
Lisa and Milton Raijman
Erica and Andrew Richardson
Rosanne and Benjamin Shore

April 30

Nancy and Stephen Bernstein
Claudia Gontovnik and Saul Rabinovich



Please join us for Pride Shabbat

Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Temple Beth Shalom invites you to join us for a special Pride Shabbat service in celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride Weekend in Miami Beach.

TBS Goes to the Miami Beach Pride Parade

Sunday, April 6, 2025 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Lummus Park, Ocean Drive & 5th Street, South Beach

Join Temple Beth Shalom and other local Jewish organizations as we march together in the Miami Beach Pride Parade. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water. Please arrive by 11:00 am. Shirts will be given out on a first come, first served basis.



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Nina and Cantor Steven Haas' 50th
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Memory
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Blessing

Zichronam Livracha.

"For everything there is a season."

Kohelet 3:1.

Laura Allison Davis, partner of Steven Kagan; mother of Jared (Lindsey) Molk and Noah (Dani) Molk; grandmother of Margot.

Rosalind "Ros" Reback, mother of our member Dana (Danny) Kaplan and Adam (Trinity) Reback; and grandmother of Chloe, Jordyn, Lydia, and Trevor.

Keith Larry Jonap, brother of our long-time member Jessica Jonap (Michael Levinson), Lisa Jonap, and Michael Jonap; and uncle of Ava Levinson, Gabriel Levinson, and Serena Jonap.

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Laura Schrank, daughter of our long-time member Linda Schrank; niece of our long-time member Bonnie Helman; sister of David (Susan) Schrank; and cousin of Alan (Elaine) Brown.

Elizabeth Camargo's mother...

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Book: *In Our Mothers' House*

Reason Banned: Race, religion, sexuality, and family structures

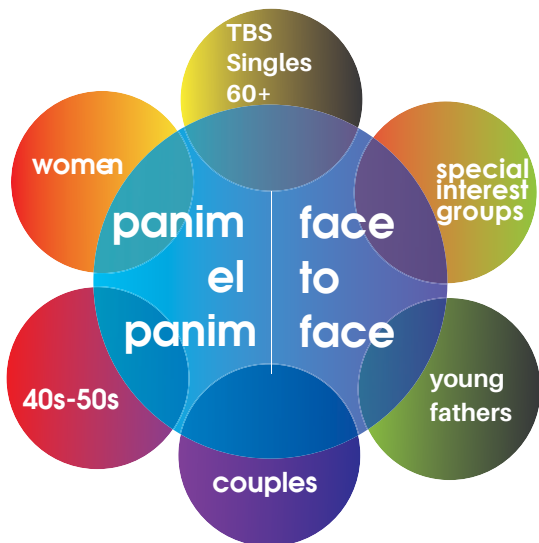
By Margie Zeskind



Published in 2009, *In Our Mothers' House* is written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco, an advocate for children's rights, creator of numerous anti-bullying campaigns, and a prolific author whose narratives sensitively and respectfully reflect real life. *In Our Mothers' House* is a beautiful example of this. The story is an account of an African American girl sharing her childhood memories of her family which included her two adoptive mothers and siblings. It's progressive content which presents topics of race, religion, sexuality, and family structures, has caused it to be banned across the United States

Each month the TBS Freedom to Read taskforce will feature one of over 3,000 books banned in the state of Florida. Book bans are defined as any action taken against a book by a parent, community member, school administration or government official. Bans may result in permanent or temporary removal from school or library shelves. While South Florida counties have very few book bans, Florida leads the nation in books being challenged and banned in schools. Learn more about book bans: pen.org/book-bans-frequently-asked-questions/. To support the end of local book banning, check out the Books and Books Literary Foundation <https://www.booksandbooks.com/foundation/>

Panim el Panim! Find your group!



As Passover approaches, the Panim groups' intimate discussions take on even greater depth, providing a meaningful space to explore the themes of one of Judaism's most profound holidays. Gathering in a close-knit setting, we can reflect on the messages of freedom, tradition, and generational continuity that Pesach embodies, using them as a stimulus for rich communal conversations. Panin al Panim, TBS's small groups are designed for just that. Join a group today.

Contact: Panim Coordinator, Jaleh Samway Bast, Jaleh@tbsmb.org, 786.522.4510



Israel and the World Zionist Congress Elections

Vote Now!



Voting is now underway for the 2025 World Zionist Congress Election and runs through May 4. Temple Beth Shalom is part of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and we encourage everyone to vote. When you vote, cast your ballot for the Reform Slate, called **"Vote Reform"**, which is Slate 3 on the Ballot.

This is your chance to stand up for democracy, security, and peace in Israel. Our **Vote Reform Slate** will make the safe return of all the hostages their number one priority. They will fight to make sure that your children and your children's children are recognized as Jewish in Israel – a right that our ultra-orthodox opponents in this election are trying to take away.

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is a powerful way for Jews in the U.S. and around the world to have a voice in Israel's future and in the allocation of \$1 billion in annual spending for Jewish causes worldwide, especially in Israel. The WZC is The Parliament of the Jewish People which was founded by Theodor Herzl in 1897 and has continued to this day. Israeli citizens get to vote in the Knesset and we get to vote every five years in the WZC so that our voice counts in Israel.

The WZC sets policies, elects leadership, and allocates billions of dollars that impact building projects, Jewish life, immigration, and other issues in Israel, such as who is considered a Jew in Israel and who is recognized as a Rabbi. Like the Israeli Government, the WZC uses a parliamentary style system. This means voters cast their vote for a specific slate. Each slate has a list of representatives who will potentially represent them at the Congress, depending on the number of votes cast for that slate. The more votes a slate gets, the more seats and influence they will get at the Congress. There are many different slates representing a wide variety of political parties, communities, and agendas.

We are very proud that at Temple Beth Shalom, six of our members and staff are delegates on the Vote Reform Slate, and that three are in the under 35 year old category:

- **Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz**
- **Rabbi Joanne Loiben**
- **Rabbi Jessica Jacobs**
- **Adam Trautenberg**
- **Seth Cohen**
- **Shelley Nicely Groff** (URJ Board Chair)



Let's cast enough votes to get them all elected to the WZC!

In order to vote, one must be 18 or over, self-identify as Jewish and live in the US. There is also a \$5 registration fee. In the United States we are not used to paying to vote, as we pay local and federal taxes to subsidize the high cost of running elections. The \$5 fee is the only way to raise the money to cover the cost of this election.

Casting your ballot for the **Vote Reform Slate (Slate 3)** will:

- Prioritize building a secure Israel that addresses both internal and external threats.
- Ensure a democratic and pluralistic vision for Israel.
- Support the principles of Reform Judaism, such as inclusivity, equality, and social justice in Israel.
- Guarantee religious freedom for all Jews to practice their faith as they choose.
- Ensure that the ultra-orthodox do not have a monopoly on Jewish life and practice in Israel.
- Allow our voice to be heard in the governance of the State of Israel.
- Support educational programs that promote Jewish identity and values.
- Help us to fight so that Reform and Conservative marriages and conversions are recognized in Israel.
- Help to build more Reform communities in Israel.
- Influence how over \$1 Billion a year is allocated for causes in Israel.

We ask every member of the Temple Beth Shalom Community to vote in the WZC Election between now and May 4, and cast your ballot for the **"Vote Reform Slate,"** slate 3.

To learn more about the **Vote Reform Slate**, go to www.vote4reform.org

To vote, go to www.zionistelection.org or scan the QR Code.

If you prefer to vote by paper ballot (or have any questions about the election), contact Jeff Agron, jagron@tbsmb.org.

After voting, please do the exit poll so that we can track our numbers, urj.org/ivoted

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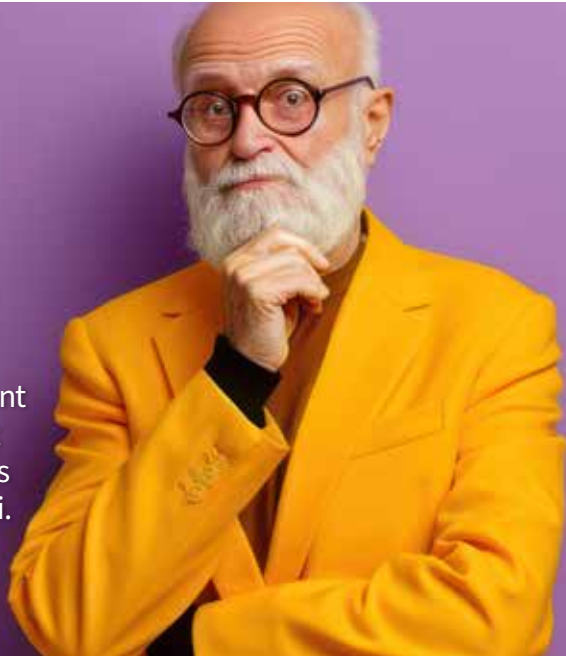
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