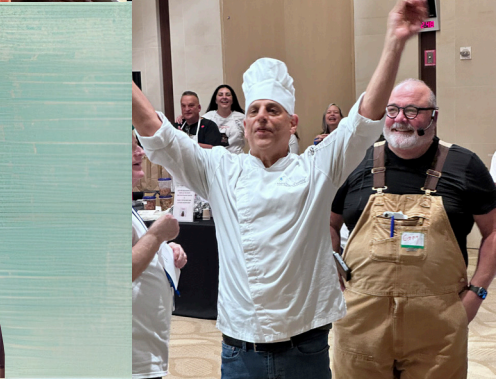
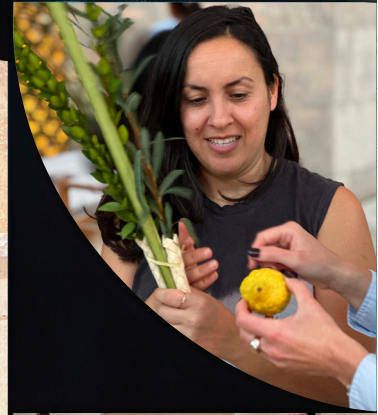


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**SHABBAT SCHEDULE**

[tbsmb.org/spiritual-life/shabbat](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](https://tbsmb.org/calendar) for current schedule.

**Live Streaming**

Watch Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services on your computer at [www.tbsmb.org/watch](https://www.tbsmb.org/watch).

**Visit TBSMB.ORG**

**for up-to-the-minute viewing platforms by service**



# Sacred Connections

Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

## Goodbyes and Hellos

May is a bittersweet month of passages -- graduations, Confirmation and in our temple world, a month of transitions. This month, we say goodbye to Seth Cohen, who joined us in 2019 as our first "CLASP" (Camp Leader and Synagogue Professional) Fellow, working with our youth of all ages at TBS and recruiting campers to our Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Camps. As we know Jewish camping is one of the strongest creators of Jewish belonging.

We have watched Seth grow from a brand-new college grad to a responsible and mature young Jewish professional. Seth brought his whole self to his work with youth, putting them at ease, making them feel at home with themselves and at TBS, making them laugh and adding adventure and sparkle to their lives. And it's not only the kids who love him; our staff team and TBS parents have been enriched by him. Though we are sad to see him leave TBS, we are so proud that he is being promoted to Assistant Camp Director of URJ Camp Eisner. Kudos to Seth, and to Rabbi Joanne Loiben, who was his mentor and advocate, and also to Barb Shimansky for guiding him as an educator.

This is also the month where Margie Zeskind, our Head of School, will formally retire and move to Georgia for her next great journey. Though I have known for years that this would be Margie's moment of transition, it is still so difficult to let her go. Margie is truly a force of nature. Through her sheer will, vision, hard work and tenacity, she expanded our school in so many important ways. First, there is the physical nature of the school, expanding from a preschool to a preschool with infant/toddler care, to the addition of an elementary school, with well over 100 additional learners on campus each year. I often tease her tongue in cheek, that she would use every inch at TBS for learning spaces if she could, to maximize the number of students we could accommodate.

Second, Margie not only transformed how we educate children, but also how we nurture educators. Margie elevated our teachers through offering them exciting and transformative learning opportunities so they would be on the cutting edge of educating our children.

Third, Margie ran with the idea of moving us toward a Reggio Emilia approach of learning, initiated by her predecessor, Dr. Francine Herold z"l, and brought us fully into this enriched, community-based approach to learning, with parents, learners and educators all working in concert to raise up confident and caring learners.

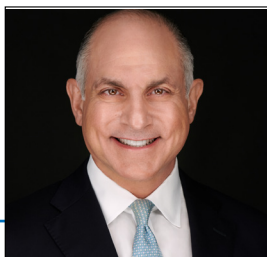
Additionally, Margie coined the KEHILA Approach of learning with values of Kindness, Empathy, Honesty, Integrity and Life-long learning; and truly breathed life into these values prized at our Innovative School.

These are just some of the ways that Margie will leave her inimitable loving, passionate, exuberant mark on not only our school, but also on our TBS world. I am grateful that she will continue to guide us as she

helps to mentor our very talented new Early Childhood Director, Jen Katz Burk, and our amazing Head of School, Stacy Penson. Margie, we are thrilled to celebrate you and all your pioneering accomplishments early this month. Thank you for your lifetime career devoted to championing our dear children and helping to give educators and parents the tools to support and raise them to be their best selves. We love you.



*Gayle Pomerantz*



## President's Message

Michael Weinberg  
President

### Looking Back, Moving Forward

As we close out another meaningful year at Temple Beth Sholom, I want to reflect on all we have accomplished together. From deep spiritual connections to joyous celebrations, from new initiatives to honoring traditions, this year has been a testament to the resilience and vibrancy of our community.

A central theme this year has been belonging—the understanding that our temple is more than a place of worship; it is a spiritual home where every individual matters. Through initiatives like Project Echad (One), dedicated to fostering a deep sense of inclusion, we strive to ensure every member feels seen, valued, and embraced.

This spirit of togetherness has also been reflected in our unwavering commitment to Israel, especially in the long wake of October 7. Our congregation responded profoundly—welcoming our *HaNassi* Fellow, Rabbi Yael Katz, who spent several weeks with us from Israel, holding special services, fostering meaningful dialogue, investing in Israel Bonds, and ensuring that our hearts and voices remain with our Jewish family overseas.

As we turn the page to a new chapter, we prepare for a milestone moment—honoring Margie Zeskind, our beloved Head of School, as she prepares to retire after 18 years of dedicated service to the Innovative School. Our celebration weekend on May 2 & 4 will be an opportunity for all of us to express gratitude and support the newly renamed The Margie Zeskind Educator Development Fund—(MZED), ensuring that her impact continues for generations to come.

We are also excited to welcome Stacy Penson as our new Head of School. Stacy's journey with the Innovative School began in 1999. Over the past 25 years, she has held several leadership roles, including Curriculum Developer/Assistant Director and Director of the Elementary Level for the past

eight years. We are thrilled that Stacy will be stepping into this role, continuing to lead with the warmth and excellence that have become her hallmark.

Additionally, Jen Katz Burk, who has been with us for the past two years as Parent Experience Coordinator, will step into the role of Director of the Foundation Level of the Innovative School. Before TBS, Jen spent 17 years as a teacher at the 92nd Street Y Nursery School in NYC, including 10 years as Head Teacher. While we will deeply miss Margie, we are confident that Stacy and Jen will continue the strong leadership and innovative spirit that define our school.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our members, leaders, and volunteers. Speaking of leadership, we're excited to announce upcoming transitions to our Board Slate (see p.13), which will be formally voted on at our Annual Meeting on May 28.

As we move forward, let's carry with us the lessons of this year—the power of connection, the strength of shared experiences, and our commitment to each other. Stay engaged, stay inspired, and continue building this sacred community with us.

Wishing you all a joyful and meaningful summer.

*Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik*—May we go from strength to strength.

With Gratitude,

**Mike Weinberg**  
President@tbsmb.org





# Innovative School

Margie Zeskind  
Head of School



Dear Families,

Eighteen years is a long time, yet it feels like only yesterday that I began my journey with this beautiful community. It has been one made of joy, curiosity, listening, and the deep belief that children are capable, competent, and full of wonder.

I am writing this message not to say goodbye, but to celebrate the incredible community we have built that is not just a place of learning, but a place of living, of relationships, of dreams being shaped and reshaped every day.

This community and its significant growth are not my work alone. It belongs to everyone who has been here on our journey. To the educators who have been researchers, co-learners, and guides. To the families who have trusted us and joined us as partners in their children's journeys. And above all, to the children, who have been our greatest teachers—reminding

us that learning is a hundred languages, a hundred possibilities, a hundred ways of seeing and making sense of the world.

As I step away, I know that this spirit will continue to develop deeper and higher within and beyond the Innovative School walls. This incredible community will continue to imagine, to innovate, and to listen—to the children, to each other, and to the world around us. Because the work is not finished. The work of making schools places of living and learning together, creativity, and respect is ongoing. I leave with full confidence that everyone who is carrying our vision forward will nurture it, ensuring that all learning remains joyful because there is no learning without joy!

My heart and soul will always be part of this story, just as this beautiful community will always be part of me.

With my love and appreciation for my time here,

**Margie**

# CONGRATULATIONS



# TO OUR JOYFUL LEARNERS!



## jLAB News

**Barb Shimansky, RJE**  
Senior Director of Judaic Studies



As we approach the summer months and reflect on the past year, I'm filled with immense pride and gratitude for the growth and learning that has taken place within our programs. From the vibrant energy of jLAB to the dedicated exploration of Judaism in our Innovative School, it has been a year of remarkable achievements.

In jLAB, we've witnessed learners deepening their connection to Jewish traditions and values through engaging and interactive experiences. Elementary learners engaged in immersive studies of key Torah narratives, bringing these stories to life in powerful ways. Our Hebrew Through Movement curriculum fostered a love of the Hebrew language through active engagement. We've also seen the blossoming of our B-Mitzvah learners as they've prepared to embrace their roles as young Jewish adults, their dedication and thoughtful inquiries inspiring us all.

In the Innovative School, our elementary learners have embarked on a journey of discovery, delving into the rich tapestry of Jewish history, culture, and ethics. Explorations of *tzedakah* and *mitzvot* through hands-on projects have instilled a strong sense of social responsibility. In-depth studies of Israel have broadened understanding of our homeland. We've also witnessed the progress of our Hebrew language program with the adoption of the *Upan-Or* curriculum, where learners have developed increased fluency and confidence in decoding and vocabulary.

This year, we've focused on deepening the integration of social-emotional learning into our curriculum, enhancing our opportunities to learn about and engage with Israel, and strengthening our Hebrew learning. This commitment has enabled us to create an engaging Jewish learning environment.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build upon the successes of this year. We are committed to further developing family programming, enhancing our *Tefilah* curriculum across all grade levels and programs, and expanding our opportunities to perform *mitzvot* within our community and beyond.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated faculty, our supportive families, and our enthusiastic learners for making this year so memorable. Your passion and commitment to Jewish learning are the foundation of our vibrant community.

Wishing you a peaceful and rejuvenating summer.

**Join us in welcoming** artist-in-residence **Elana Arian**, whose musical talents will enrich our jLAB community on Saturday, May 3.

### **Last days of jLAB:**

Saturday, **May 10**

Monday, **May 12**

Wednesday, **May 14**

We will express gratitude to our wonderful jLAB teachers during a special **Teacher Appreciation** Shabbat service on **Saturday, May 17** at 10:30 am. Community brunch to follow.

**jLAB Registration for 2025-2026 opens on Tuesday, June 3 at 10:00 am!** Secure spots for your child(ren) in preferred classes and take advantage of early-bird tuition pricing!

Kick off summer with us at our jLAB ice cream social, a sweet treat for the whole community! **Join us anytime between 4:00-6:00 pm on Friday, June 6.** Stay and enjoy Shabbat evening services beginning at 6:00 pm!

### **Confirmation Shabbat Service**

Friday, May 9 at 6:00 pm

Celebrate with our 10th graders as they mark this important milestone in their Jewish journey





# Membership

Craig Berko

Director of Membership

## “Rooted in Tradition, Sustained by Community, Growing Toward the Future”

At Temple Beth Sholom, we don't just gather—we belong. We come together to celebrate, to mourn, to reflect, and to grow. From baby namings to b-mitzvahs, from weddings to moments of remembrance, our community stands present in all of life's sacred transitions. These lifecycle events are more than rituals. They are the threads that bind us to one another, to our history, and to the generations still to come. When we show up for each other—in joy and in sorrow—we embody the very heart of Jewish life: that no one walks alone, that every life matters, and that every moment can be made holy through connection and supported through community. But this doesn't happen by accident. It happens because of you. Your membership and support make it possible for our clergy to be there at bedsides and *bimahs*, for our educators to inspire young minds, and for our synagogue to remain a vibrant holy center for prayer, learning, and community. Every dollar, every act of involvement, is a declaration that Jewish life matters—not just today, but tomorrow, and for generations to come.

We are the stewards of a precious legacy. It is our responsibility and our joy to pass on the richness of Jewish tradition—the values of compassion, justice, learning, and faith—to our children and grandchildren. Through holiday celebrations, youth programs, religious school, and the lived example of community, we help the next generation understand what it means to be Jewish—not just in ritual, but in spirit. Our children are watching. They are learning what it means to show up, to give back, to celebrate together and to support one another in difficult times. And they will carry those lessons into the world—with pride, with purpose, and with heart.

As we begin preparing for this year's High Holy Day services, the significance of temple membership resonates profoundly. For temple members, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur become a communal experience unlike any other, infused with rich traditions and shared experiences, fostering a deep sense of connection and belonging. Your membership helps

keep Jewish traditions and values alive for our future generations. Our new fiscal year membership begins June 1, 2025, and so it is once again time for us to encourage your renewal when you receive our statement. Thank you in advance for responding in a timely manner so we may begin adding you to our admission list for the High Holy Day services. Membership includes admission to High Holy Day services for household heads and children 25 and younger. All children 26 and older should have their own membership.

We want every member of our community to feel supported and informed. If anyone has queries regarding their membership or wishes to learn more about the benefits and opportunities to participate, please do not hesitate to reach out. You are helping to build a future grounded in tradition and alive with possibility. Your annual commitment ensures that Temple Beth Sholom remains a place where Jewish life is not only preserved but lived with joy and meaning. Together, we are writing the next chapter of our story—one of resilience, connection, and deep care. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

**Be Nurtured. Be Inspired. Belong.**

With appreciation,

**Craig Berko**

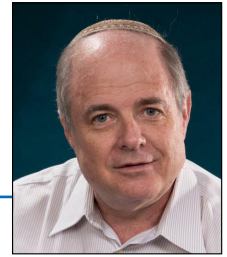
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## Social Justice

Rabbi Jessica Jacobs



Jeff Agron

Social Justice Director

This past year has been filled with many wonderful social justice programs which engaged hundreds of our Temple Beth Shalom members, as we worked to strengthen our local community. At the same time, our hearts are still with the people of Israel after the October 7th attacks and the continued rise in antisemitism at home and abroad.

This year we worked hard on Amendment 4 in Florida. Although we ultimately did not reach the 60% threshold to approve, Amendment 4 received over 57% approval, demonstrating that most Floridians want less restrictive reproductive rights laws. TBS is proud to have worked with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism - Florida and other partners on this grass-roots campaign. Special thanks to Myra Spindel, Barbara Gelber, and Dr. Robin Straus, and the entire volunteer team who collected petitions, made phone calls and texts, knocked on doors, and mobilized our community.

Of course, the crowning jewel of our work was Mitzvah Day and the Soup Contest. We had 30+ projects and over 500 people participating to better our community. The Soup Contest had 14 chefs and raised over \$5,000 for the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial and Teen Blue Card Fund to support Holocaust Survivors.

Special thanks to our leaders, Andrea Wagner and Rachel Unger, our Social Justice Network Co-chairs; Shelby Kempler and Caryn Pardo, our Mitzvah Day Co-chairs; and Karen Sepsenwol, Dana Grodin and Jody Gross, our Soup Contest Co-chairs.

### Here are important dates for 2025-26:

**Social Justice Network meetings:** September 9, December 10, March 10, and May 13.

**30th Annual Mitzvah Day and Soup Contest:** February 22, 2026.

Our work in the Social Justice Network is determined by the voice of the congregation and our partnerships with valued allies. This spring our SJN held a listening campaign, where we asked members of the congregation, "What's keeping you up at night?" After a vote, Food Insecurity was selected as our next

SJN topic of the year. That means that in the coming year food insecurity work will permeate our temple and school through direct service, advocacy, and education. Currently our Food Insecurity research team is working to determine the best course of action to fight hunger and choose local partners with whom we will work.

We are lucky that we also will have opportunities to get involved in housing and immigration work due to two incredible partnerships.

PACT, our interfaith community organizing coalition, continued to prioritize affordable housing this year and just accomplished some major wins at Nehemiah Action. We secured three million dollars in additional county funding for an existing eviction diversion program. This work is far from over and PACT is always looking for more members who wish to get involved.

Our partners at the Religious Action Center of Florida have also chosen to prioritize fighting for immigrants and refugees in our state. In January, Florida passed legislation setting aside half a billion dollars of state funding to crack down on immigrants. We just read at our Passover seders, "My father was a wandering Aramean," in recognition that as Jews we have all been wanderers before. Each of us can trace our story back to ancestors seeking refuge. We hope to ensure the safety and security of those coming to America to seek protection from harm and a better life.

There is so much work to be done to heal our broken world and now is not the time to stay silent. If you are interested in getting involved in these (or any other projects) please contact Rabbi Jacobs or Jeff Agron via email: [Rabbijacobs@tbsmb.org](mailto:Rabbijacobs@tbsmb.org) and [Jagron@tbsmb.org](mailto:Jagron@tbsmb.org)

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.

**Rabbi Jessica Jacobs and Jeff Agron**





# BESHTY Update

Rabbi Joanne Loiben



Even though it's the end of our programming year, we are BUSY!

We want to start by extending our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Youth Director Seth Cohen who has been an integral part of our Temple Beth Sholom community and has made a tremendous impact on our youth over the past five years. We are deeply grateful for your guidance, hard work, dedication, and passion during your time with us.

While we will miss you, we are thrilled that you will remain within the Union for Reform Judaism family. We wish you continued inspiration and success as you embark on this next chapter in your journey—as Assistant Director at URJ Eisner Camp!

We welcome our incoming BESHTY Board for 2025-2026 (listed on page 15) and say a heartfelt “thank you” to our outgoing BESHTY Board for their time and effort.

Congratulations to this year's Confirmands (listed on page 14).

Thank you to all who supported us and made this another successful BESHTY year!





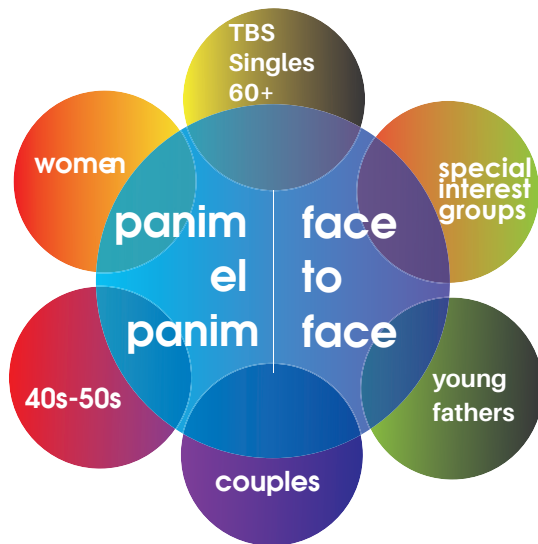
## Book: *Speak*

### Reason Banned: Sexual content, profanity, violence

Published in 1999, *Speak* is a novel by Laurie Halse Anderson based on her personal experience with sexual assault as a teenager. In *Speak*, the main character, Melinda, finds herself nearly mute after being raped at a school party before her freshman year. The book follows Melinda as she navigates challenging high school social dynamics, while rediscovering her voice through art and expression. Melinda eventually finds her voice and shares about her assault with her art teacher. *Speak* is currently Banned Pending Investigation through Administration and Formal Challenges in multiple counties in Florida (and other states) due to sexual content.



Each month the TBS Freedom to Read task force 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/](https://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

When I was first approached to help facilitate a new Panim for 60+ single women, I didn't know what to expect. I had never participated in a Panim before. On the surface, the women in our group could not be more different - ranging in age from early sixties to late eighties; either widowed, divorced, or never been married; some retired, others working, and each involved with very different types of activities/causes; some quite observant and others not so much. Yet, underneath it all, we all share the lifestage perspective of women navigating the world independently. I believe that this shared experience is the connective tissue of our group — the bond that has yielded meaningful discussions and, at times, surprisingly poignant moments of intimacy.

- Cathy Fetell, Panim facilitator

### Panim is growing — and so is the fun!

This Fall, we're launching new ways to connect, share, and explore together. Think cooking nights, activity meetups, book chats, and more! Got a special interest or a great idea for a group? Let's make it happen. We're excited for what's ahead — keep an eye out for updates and come be part of the adventure! Reach out to the Panim Team for more info: [jaleh@tbsmb.org](mailto:jaleh@tbsmb.org)





Co-Presidents

*Kim Haber & Mihaela Gutman*

Potterme with Sisterhood was a creative blast. Everyone had a chance to pick a household item and personalize it using their creativity. It was nice to gather and create together.

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 14 at Temple Beth Shalom for a **Make Your Own Tiramisu Class**. No baking required and taught by our very own Co-President Mihaela Gutman. The cost is only \$36 and you'll take dessert home!

Please RSVP on the Sisterhood page at the temple's website. Sisterhood works on many levels to keep the women in our community connected: Through charity events, bonding experiences, and educational gatherings, we come together with one purpose—to support one another and strengthen our community. With every event we organize, we build friendships, uplift those in need, and create a warm, welcoming space for all.

Together, we make a difference!

**Kim and Mihaela**



# Make Your Own No-Bake Tiramisu

*with Sisterhood*

Taught by our very own  
Co-President Mihaela Gutman.

**May 14 in the TBS Social Hall**

**6:30–8:00 pm**

**\$36 per person...and you'll  
take dessert home!**



# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM Adult Education

## 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](mailto:noemi@tbsmb.org)



### King David: The Man, The Myth, The Mystery

With **Rabbi Gary Glickstein**

**Saturday, May 10 at 12:15 pm, Final Class**

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.

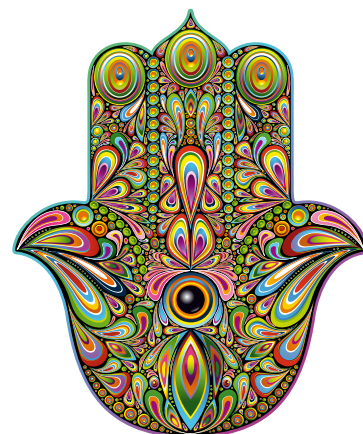
**Registration:** Noemi, [noemi@tbsmb.org](mailto:noemi@tbsmb.org)

### Mindful Tuesdays

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](https://tbsmb.org/adult-study)

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**Temple Beth Sholom**  
**POTENTIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2025-2026**  
**Nomination of Officers and At-Large Board Members**

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**Nominating Committee:** Chair, Vanessa Ressler; Amy Ostroff (year 2 of 2); Bobbi Ossip (year 2 of 2); Russ Rywell (year 2 of 2); Robert Hertzberg (year 2 of 2); Adam Schimel (year 1 of 2), Marte Singerman (year 1 of 2), Debbie Hirschl (year 1 of 2), Josh Laurence (year 1 of 2)

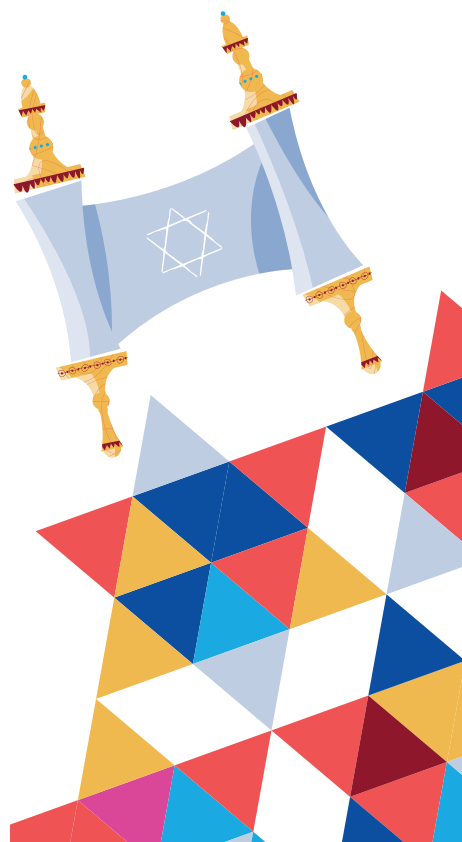
**Key:** (\*) Requires vote of the Board and election at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
**Bold** – change in status  
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**Note:** The President serves a 2 year term. All other officers shall be elected for 1-year terms and cannot serve for more than six (6) consecutive years. Each elected At-Large member can serve up to 2 consecutive 3-year terms.

**Temple Beth Sholom Confirmation**  
**Shabbat Services**  
**May 9 • 6:00 pm**

**Celebrate with our 10th graders as they mark this important milestone in their Jewish journey**  
**Shabbat Dinner by reservation.**

Ruby Andras  
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# Shabbat Siyyum

## Celebrating & Honoring our Teens!

### Friday, May 16 • 6:00 pm

- Seniors • Kronish Award Recipients • BESHTY Leads
- Justice League and Israel Fellowships • Incoming & Outgoing BESHTY Board

#### BESHTY BOARD 2025-2026

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**Chiara Steen**  
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We are so grateful to the commitment and engagement of our dedicated outgoing BESHTY Board seniors\* - we wish you all the best on your journeys and hope you come visit often! Mazel Tov!

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



By Co-Chairs Kelsey Levey  
& Josh Laurence



On Tuesday, April 8, we experienced an inspiring night of connection, conversation, and growth at our **HaDerech: Pathways to Leadership** program at Temple Beth Sholom.

The evening offered meaningful conversation through a parental lens—exploring how leadership begins at home, in the small moments, meaningful traditions, and intentional spaces we create for our families. We were reminded that leadership doesn't have to be loud; it can be quiet, relational, action-driven, or simply showing up with purpose. Most importantly, we saw how sharing our stories and supporting one another strengthens not only ourselves, but our entire community.

It was an honor for the two of us to co-chair and design this program together. Collaborating on *HaDerech* has been a meaningful journey—and one we are excited to continue building on with all of you.



A heartfelt thank you to our incredible facilitators: **Vanessa Briggs Ressler, Sarah Bonn Schor, Andrea Wagner, Caryn Shapiro-Pardo, and Rabbis Joanne Loiben and Jessica Jacobs.** We are also deeply grateful to our Leadership Development Committee and to each and every participant who brought their energy, honesty, and heart to the experience. Here's to continuing the conversation and cultivating the next generation of leaders—together.



Photos: Emma Bragdon





**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING!**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 7:00 PM**

The Board of Trustees invites you to join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

This is an opportunity for us to share the business of the temple with you, for you to ask questions and see what's happened in the past year. We hope you'll join us. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP: [tbs@tbsmb.org](mailto:tbs@tbsmb.org)



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# Journeys 2025 MATCHING GRANT\*

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# B-Mitzvah

MAY  
JUNE  
JULY  
2025

**Madeline Torban** will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at the *minchah* service on May 3, 2025. She is the daughter of Laurie and Randy Torban and sister of Emily Torban. Her grandparents are Connie and Bob Stern; Angela and Carl Torban; and Lynne and Bruce Podrat. As part of her mitzvot, Maddie is gathering donations for children of JAFCO (Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options) who are preparing to go to sleepaway camp. You can donate directly to JAFCO ([www.jafco.org](http://www.jafco.org)) or purchase items or gift cards on Maddie's JAFCO Sleepaway Camp Wishlist (just search for Maddie Torban on Amazon under "gift lists": [amazon.com/registries/gi/search](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/search)). Once she gathers the donations, Maddie will deliver them in person to JAFCO in Sunrise, where she will have an opportunity to tour the facilities.



**Samara Jordan Gilbert** will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on May 10, 2025. She is the daughter of Sunny Friedman Gilbert and Harris Gilbert and sister to Riley Gilbert. Her grandparents are Frema and Evan Friedman and Cheryl and Gene Gilbert.

**Chloe Cantor** will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at the *minchah* service on May 17, 2025. She is the daughter of Lauren and Lorne Cantor and sister of Noah Cantor. Her grandparents are Hal Young, and the late Donna Young, and Hedia and Jerald Cantor. As part of her mitzvot, Chloe participated in the Young Lions of Judah Program. This program of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation pairs B'nei Mitzvah students with Holocaust survivors who never had the chance to become B'nei Mitzvah. Chloe was paired with Holocaust survivor, Saul Blau, and learned his life story, so she can make sure future generations "never forget." In addition, Chloe became the Florida Ambassador for Puzzles to Remember, a 501(c)3 organization that provides puzzles to memory care facility residents, in memory of her late grandmother. She collected and donated over 300 puzzles and visited Miami Jewish Health memory care facility, along with several of her friends, to help residents solve puzzles.



**Nathan Jaime Mintz** will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 24, 2025. He is the son of Gayle and Nathan Mintz. His grandparents are Estelle and Lester Mintz and Luzamerica and Homero Agila. As part of his *mitzvot*, Nathan has helped organize, and volunteered at, several 5K road races put on as fundraising events for "Transformando Sonrisas," a project that provides free surgery and medical care to children with cleft palates in Colombia.



# B-Mitzvah

MAY  
JUNE  
JULY  
2025

**J.D. Steinberg** will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at the *minchah* service on May 31, 2025. He is the son of Micky and Richard Steinberg and brother of Chloe Steinberg.



**Ari Kleiner** will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on June 14, 2025. He is the son of Keri Livingstone and Gary Kleiner and brother to Jordan and Noah Kleiner. His grandparents are Patricia and Alan Livingstone and the late Betty Ann and Samuel Kleiner. His mitzvah project is raising money for cancer research by running in the Dolphins Cancer Challenge. For more information go to [dolphinscancerchallenge.com](http://dolphinscancerchallenge.com)

**Noah Kleiner** will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on June 14, 2025. He is the son of Keri Livingstone and Gary Kleiner and brother to Jordan and Ari Kleiner. His grandparents are Patricia and Alan Livingstone and the late Betty Ann and Samuel Kleiner. His mitzvah project is raising money for cancer research by running in the Dolphins Cancer Challenge. For more information go to [dolphinscancerchallenge.com](http://dolphinscancerchallenge.com)



## SHABBAT SERVICE

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*Cantor Adelle Nicholson*

Friday, May 30

6:00 pm Shabbat Service

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Kara Jacobs  
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Mehdi Khachani  
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Judith Meyers  
Zoe Onyewenjo  
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Charlie Sherman

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Dennis Richard  
Charlie Rubin  
Maria Villegas Potter

**May 4**

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Wendy Dickerman  
Chloe Fuller  
Bryn Gostin  
Jamie Laufer  
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**May 5**

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Mackenzie Edell  
Gavriella Friedler  
Sierra Gullan  
Adam Haas  
Gabrielle Heckler

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Nancy Shevlin  
Jaden Simkins  
Layne Weiss  
Beatrice Wood

**May 17**

Benjamin Barker  
Gina Berlin  
Theodore Fryd  
Salim Ismail  
Sheree Savar  
Lee Schor  
Harold Stoller  
Courtney Webster

**May 18**

Stephanie Bazbaz  
Dorothy Boritz  
Jacquelyn Goldberg  
Scott Kauffman  
Sasha Levi  
Barry Preter  
Dror Sfarad  
Avery Tolston

**May 19**

Dawn Feldthouse  
Richard Haft  
Linden Schweiger  
Robert Turken

**May 20**

Sophia Africk  
Felix Bendersky  
Arlene Chaplin  
Moises Egozi  
Samara Gilbert  
Leanne Reiter  
Russell Rywell  
Sofia Shore  
Michael Siden  
Charles Treister

**May 21**

Laura Bennett  
Ruby Bruck  
Jonathan Choeff  
Selma Laurence  
Zoe Laurence  
Lisa Segal  
Lillian Sender  
Zoe Sepsenwol  
Robin Straus Furlong  
Andrea Wagner

**May 22**

Eric Broad  
Linda Cohen  
Gili Gibli  
Ana Kasdin  
Martin Kempner  
Heather Pachter  
Elisheva Rogoff  
Melania Rosenbaum

**May 23**

Cynthia Albert  
Alexander Dinter  
Caron Dubrow  
Paula Friedland  
Dalia Glottmann

Zoe Jove

Donna Lundy  
Ari Neuhut  
Chloe Ohana  
Jeremy Taylor  
Arthur Unger  
Koltun Weissman  
Andrew Zaiac

**May 24**

Robert Borak  
Elizabeth Camargo  
Benjamin Pipko  
Andrew Simon

**May 25**

Eve Conviser  
Caspian Damiani  
Sadie Davidson  
Carter McDowell  
Leonard Miller  
Marc Recchia  
Cade Reiter  
Joan Robins

Sandy Rosenberg-  
Stoller  
Matthew Wodnicki

**May 26**

Michael Berman  
Marc Elkiner  
Andrea Schein  
Quinn Schimel  
Lily Schwartz  
Noa Vallverdu

**May 27**

Kaia Calbeck  
Eric Mintz  
Isaac Nahman  
Ruth Tishman

**May 28**

Noah Frohman  
Cameron Gittler  
Eden Goldman  
Julie Kane  
Jacob Libhaber  
Maya Oravitz  
Zoey Schwartz  
Kobi Shoushan  
Mila Werner  
Noah Zimberg

**May 29**

Anna Amar  
Jason Birnbach  
Seth Cohen  
Natalya Egozi  
Aria Goldman  
Daniel Green  
Tammy Levine  
Breezy Raiffe  
David Smith  
Charlie Stern

**May 30**

Alisa Bahl  
Glenn Dryfoos  
Shira Evans  
Kyle Gittler  
Shauna Goldberg  
Jasper Jarvis  
Nathan Mintz  
Marilyn Rubin  
Susana Shlain

**May 31**

Adam Diamond  
Louise Dogan  
Jose Lutzky  
Alyson Rogg  
Rebecca Saberi  
Bryce Wainer  
Wes Wainer



# Happy Birthday

## June 1

Eli Balan  
Haley Brettschneider  
Jack Glottmann  
Norman Goldenberg  
Ilene Penn  
Shelly Rubin  
J.D. Steinberg

## June 2

Brandan Chavez  
Michael Krouse  
Miguel Marana  
Grant Martorella  
Brody Minick  
Gavin Posner  
Jonathon Tandy  
Sean Tolkin  
Stephen Unger  
Daniel Yadegar

## June 3

Gabrielle Bigio  
Victoria De Oliveira  
Ariela Maisner  
Tamara Nixon  
Jane Och  
Rosanne Shore  
Spencer Slaine  
Colette Troy

## June 4

Alyx Aigen  
Larry Bassuk  
Eric Bodnick  
Zena Dickstein  
Max Jacobs  
Carol Kempner  
Richard Russ  
Gynaika Santamaria  
Jeremy Traster  
Branka Vargas

## June 5

Beatrice Altman  
Alexandra Ansin  
Jordan Barrocas  
Carter Cohn  
Aston Good  
Ethan Good  
Jennifer Leebow  
John Nelson  
Steve Rhodes  
Peter Russin  
Rebecca Smith  
Lorraine Zadok

## June 6

Lucas Altman

## June 7

Stephen Bernstein  
Violet Cassel  
Mikhail Damiani  
Sophie Gelber  
Michael Grinfeld  
Jaimie Mayer  
Ron Mayer  
Tyler Wuerfel

## June 8

Diana Ciampitti  
Jane Goodman  
Noah Meltzer  
Yves Naman  
Elle Pachter  
Debbie Robins

## June 9

Aileen Calmet  
Marcela Gaitan  
Howard Grodin  
Robert Lavan  
Michelle Lewin  
Sadie Newman  
Marlowe Orgel  
Marvin Weinstein

## June 10

Randi Epstein  
Michelle Rubell  
Aidan Shimansky  
Caleb Shimansky

## June 11

Debbie Hirschl  
Jadyn Malek  
Robyn Malek  
Josie Moskovitz  
Joan Tamen  
Tom Wyler

## June 12

Sara Adler  
Micheline Beaulieu  
Adam Chopp  
Julian Greene  
Sophia Greene  
Daniel Jackson  
Noah Mandel  
Ashley Sidman  
Darcee Siegel

## June 13

Michael Aresty  
Deborah Baker  
Drew Birenbaum  
Hen Jarmoune  
Emily Safran

## June 14

Raz Schenirer  
Emet Sheldon  
Alexa Teich  
Roselyn Friedman  
Sydney Gellis  
Hannah Hurwitz  
Ruth Mayer  
William Roedy  
Aleksandra Singer  
Allegra Steen

## June 15

Andrew Africk  
Reese Aigen  
Sasha Khait  
Vanessa Levy  
Judd Rosen  
Andrew Schultz

## June 16

Cooper Barnett  
Lennox Gordon  
Judith Greene  
Alan Philips  
Charlotte Rosenberg

## June 17

Esther Burton  
Markus Frankel  
Lenore Gaynor  
Martin Gelb  
Lina Grunwald  
Michael Rosen  
Joseph Wendling

## June 18

Louie Boyask  
Lee Cotton  
Ronald Dickerman  
Daniel Frankel  
Ariel Kaynes  
Jeff Newman  
Jacob Shekels

## June 19

Matthew Bial  
Aliza Chopp  
Lottie Fein  
Gia Hagen  
Herb Liverman  
Jeffrey Stern  
Annabel Tolkin

## June 20

Bart Chepenik  
Eloah Fisher  
Lynne Grusby

## June 21

Rebecca Schwartz  
Ethan Simon  
Laura Taylor  
Isaac Zelcer  
Martha Borsky  
Lauren Cohen  
Quinn Courson  
Christian Gonzalez-  
Martinez  
Lauren Jove  
Michelle Paley  
Marcus Shestack  
Iris Smith  
David Susser  
Alan Weisberg

## June 22

Rachel Africk  
Morgan Brettschneider  
Adriana Dryfoos  
Steve Frankel  
Jason Leibowitz  
Hannah Maurice  
Volha Singer  
Cleo Vo-Dai

## June 23

Claudia Barker  
Brian Bilzin  
Sara Edelstein  
Gerald Good  
Dana Kaplan  
Eve Schultz  
Scott Wagner  
Ashley Weissman

## June 24

Patricia Cohen  
Jordyn Dickstein  
Mason Duboff  
Susan Folstein  
Dean Goldman  
Michael Gonzalez  
Mary Harris  
Jessica Khachani  
Bayla Lifter  
Rachel Narvaez  
Alana Radmin  
Alma Shaham  
Jaden Zaitz

## June 25

Judith Barredo  
Elinor Ben David  
Beth Bloom  
Soren Courson  
Benjamin Gellis

## June 26

Federico Gitron  
Richard Goldberg  
Ziggy Greenberg  
Jon Groff  
Daniel Marks  
Mark Mayrsohn  
Evan Schlecker

## June 27

Matthew Abess  
Daniel Dietch  
Robert Maisner  
Branden Shore  
Mika Smulevich

## June 28

Darren Bruck  
Bella Neuhut

## June 29

Julia Green  
Savannah Greenfield  
Brett Holland  
Brittany Holland  
Arden Karson  
Jett Kimel  
Lois Kotzen  
Cameron Levine  
Maia Mandel  
Henri Maurice

## June 30

Vanessa Cohen  
Ryan Danton  
Richard French  
Olga Harris  
Denis Russ  
Jacqueline Simon  
Victoria Traster

## June 31

Morgan Blittner  
Alexis Brown  
Maxwell Friedlander  
Gary Frohman  
Kelsey Levey  
Caleb Sloan  
Michael Zeuner

## June 32

Adriel Deller  
Paula Douer  
Matthew Goodman  
Rebecca Gordon  
Joshua Samek  
Ally Schneer  
Edith Straus  
Georgia Weinstein

# Happy Birthday

**July 1**

Milton Berlinski  
Ariel Borer  
Marvin Boritz  
Joan Glickstein  
Maya Khalil Berg  
Savi Moret  
Lisa Pasalodos Haber  
Warren Ray  
Susana Riener

**July 2**

Frank Adams  
Alon Alexander  
Sari Levine  
Natalie Prager  
Katherine Rosen  
Michael Simkins  
Josephine Taylor  
Mira Taylor  
Nan Wetherhorn

**July 3**

Halle Benett  
Levi Egozi  
Stephanie Good  
Drew Kristol  
Todd Narson  
Yale Rattner  
Sydney Schimel

**July 4**

Ronny Abenheim  
Alexander Amar  
Jena Berlinski  
Stacey Chopp  
Karen Fryd  
Daniel Halperin  
Regine Krieger  
Andrea Lieberman  
Jonathan Lieberman  
Pamela Liebman  
Alex Warshofsky

**July 5**

Adva Alon  
Zachary Meltzer  
Stella Criden  
Dana Grodin  
Ruby Haas

**July 6**

Betty Berko  
Zhanna Block  
Sandra Breiterman  
Adam Geronemus  
James Goldsmith  
Zachary Hurwitz  
Gabrielle Lieberman  
Carolee Reiber  
Nicholas Singer

**July 7**

Emme Basner  
Ella Benmeir  
Lisa Morales  
Eliza Penn  
Jeremy Samek  
Liza Samuel  
Maggie Slavonic  
Samuel Trosman  
Vanessa Zedner

**July 8**

Anabelle Cecot  
Aerin Hertzberg  
Carol Karp  
Bowie Schultz  
Sophie Schwartz  
Olivia Zaiac

**July 9**

Gabriella Bush  
Meghan Fryd  
Allegra Orlofsky  
Stacy Penson  
Julia Raiffe  
Liubasha Rose-  
Dagowitz  
Marsha Satuloff  
Daniela Yusufov

**July 10**

Edward Harris  
Jonathan Kurry  
Robin Landers  
Karine Nissim  
Lindsay Reiter  
Erwin Sredni  
Erica Zaron

**July 11**

Ricardo De La Villa  
Laurin Friedland  
Diane Katzen  
Juval Porat  
Jonathan Raiffe  
Lisa Simon  
Aden Zimmerman

**July 12**

Jonathan Adrabi  
Gabriela Alperin  
Claudia Barrocas  
Marla Clark  
Rob Edell  
Luke Elegant  
Asher Fuller  
Joel Glick  
Ethan Horowitz  
Flo Moss  
Jonah Schaechter  
Cesar Shlain  
Rachel Umlas  
Joshua Winer

**July 13**

David Cowburn  
Aleeza Haas  
Blair Reiter

**July 14**

Amit Ancikovsky  
Fred Brettschneider  
Dayne Gauntlett  
Jane Gross  
Ruth Lattner  
Brooke Laufer  
Mila Matz  
Nina Rhodes  
Ella Vallverdu  
Samuelle Wyler

**July 15**

Laura Bernal  
Drew Blumenthal  
Kathy Hurwitz  
Brad Kinder  
Nancy Salzverg  
Bradley Tolkin  
Myer Zysman

**July 16**

Dana Belkin  
Rose Furst  
Lily Grodin  
Pierce Harris  
Brody Leibowitz  
Anne Minick  
Gerson Sepin  
Ari Torgovnik

**July 17**

Lyla Abramson  
Ari Bennett  
Jonah Bennett  
Ryan Jacobs  
Charles Louis  
Gala Naftali  
Myles Wiesenfeld

**July 18**

Zoe Arcoub  
Ella Cooper  
Paul Gould  
Jaime Levi  
Caroline Ohana  
Emily Stern  
Lynne Wainer

**July 19**

Joseph Furst  
Marina Ganopolsky  
Genna Grodin  
Sara Moriber  
Aviva Oved  
Joseph Steen  
Levi Yadegar  
Michael Zysman

**July 20**

Lucia Eixarch  
Neal Hirsch  
Tyler Jove  
Shari Klinger  
Nathan Saberi  
Rio Shoushan  
Patti Weinstein

**July 21**

Eric Bernstein  
Lana Bernstein  
Max Foger  
Barbara Gelber  
Zachary Lamberger  
Linda Pearl  
Eli Zaron  
Peter Zuckerman

**July 22**

Casey Kaynes  
Amanda Koonin  
Maxwell Naylor  
Revie Norkin  
Dylan Teich  
Marcelo Weiss

**July 23**

Gail Atterman  
Gary Danton  
Lola Jacobson  
Cody Lindemann  
Georgia Lindemann  
Benjamin Ohana  
Tobias Rosen

**July 24**

Harlow Jove  
Yahima Kurry  
Whitney Marks  
Naomi Nelson  
Chloe Steinberg  
Stewart Wald  
Emma Weissman

**July 25**

Raquel Bild-Libbin  
Carol Chanin  
Caia Dagowitz  
Brad Hurwitz  
Charles Mindich  
Itzhak Pachter  
Manny Palgon  
Maya Rachlin  
Maya Rappaport  
Allison Rotbart

**July 26**

Eliot Abbott  
Robert Cecot  
Sarah Elliott  
Jared Hartley  
Gayle Pomerantz

Jake Squire  
Chance Stillman  
Zayden Stowe

**July 27**

Corey Altman  
Connie Boyd  
Ella Foger  
Jennifer Horev  
Robert Kirkpatrick  
Alona Sfarad  
Gabriel Shlain  
Max Silver

**July 28**

Ralph Choeff  
Noemi Cortes  
Amy Hurwitz  
Melissa Neuhut  
Teddy Philips  
Liam Roedy  
Grace Sherman  
Rachel Unger  
Hilda Zaiac

**July 29**

Leo Abramson  
Marjorie Baron  
Louis D'Antuono  
Andrew Friedman  
Alison Lehr Fryd  
Samantha Ruiz Cohen  
Jake Shevlin  
Anton Weinberg  
Michael Weinberg

**July 30**

Antonella Ballarini  
Elle Birnbach  
Terence Clerkin  
Jessica Graham  
Katie Kirby  
Daniel Klinger  
Hailey Koonin  
Emma Lavan  
Dean Rotbart  
Ruthie Rotbart

**July 31**

Julie Bercow  
Lily Cohen  
Sydney Diamond  
Jason Fialkov  
Danny Hertzberg  
Jorge Kupferman  
Charlotte Mark  
Brooke Miller  
Zachary Miller

# Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TIME YOU HAVE SHARED TOGETHER

## May 1

Rachel Neuhut and Daniel Schwartz

## May 2

Margaret and Steven Chaneles

## May 3

Randi and Teig Lawrence

## May 4

Stacey and Eric Mindich  
Debra and David Salmanson

## May 5

Taylor and Matthew Abess

## May 6

Lisa and Robert Newman

## May 7

Patricia and Jorge Kupferman  
Ashley and Stuart Weissman

## May 8

Nora and Robert Kweller  
Jessica and Steve Rhodes

## May 9

Sonia Carbo and Andres Naftali

## May 10

Heidi and John Cooper

## May 11

Carli and Jacob Shekels

## May 14

Linda and Gary Rosenberg

## May 15

Sunny Friedman-Gilbert and  
Harris Gilbert  
Ana Patricia and Marc Green  
Buffy and Fred Koczwara

## May 16

Shelly and Marshall Pasternack

## May 17

Stacy and John Penson  
Pamela and Jarrett Posner

## May 18

Adriana and Glenn Dryfoos  
Amanda and Paul Kleidermacher  
Christine and Thomas Oppenheimer

## May 19

Karen and Marc Rivo  
Melissa and Denny Shestack  
Diane and Richard Weisman

## May 20

Carolyn and Barry Baumel  
Judy and Donald Lefton  
Julie and Jhonatam Cordeiro  
Rodrigues  
Cathy and Daniel Schmerin

## May 22

Dawn Feldthouse and Robert  
Friedlander  
Suzanne and Michael Kosnitzky

## May 23

Renée and Michael Arnold  
Karina and Dean Spiegel

## May 24

Lily and Salim Ismail  
Sari and Matthew Shore  
Irene and Scott Weisburd

## May 25

Deborah Rosenberg and Paul Feinsilver  
Ami and Jack Glottmann  
Regina Feldman-Goldstein and  
Jeffrey Goldstein

## May 26

Lori and Alan Nieder  
Lisa and James Rosenberg  
Rebecca and Kaveh Saberi  
Rachel and Garrett Barten

## May 27

Joanne and Daniel Aronson  
Lisa and Charles Bergwin  
Caron and Neil Dubrow  
Andrea and Dayne Gauntlett

## May 28

Arden and Jack Karson  
Jill and Mark Meland

Brooke and Chad Perlyn  
Andi and Peter Russin  
Lili and Jeff Agron

## May 29

Denise Courshon and Alan Weisberg  
Julie and Jeffrey Kane  
Melissa and Samuel Neuhut  
Bailey and Brent Steinberg  
Erica and Andrew Zaron

## May 31

Yuladys and David Wrubel

## June 1

Valerie and Adam Schimel

## June 2

Beatrice and Jeffrey Altman  
Suzanne and Henry Stolar

## June 5

Stacy and Ross Borer

## June 8

Barbara and Tamas Doffek  
Allison and Brandon Rotbart

## June 9

Karen and Paul Chaplin  
Judith and Martin Madorsky  
Selma and Jeff Newman  
Diana and David Stein

## June 11

Dana and Howard Grodin

## June 12

Virginia and Joseph Akar  
Amy and Eric Ostroff  
Lisa and Andrew Simon

## June 13

Lindsay and Cory Reiter

## June 15

Rachel and Joshua Samek

## June 16

Abra and Jonathan Adrabi  
Tyler and Gabriele Braha  
Leslie and Jeffrey Graff



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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TIME YOU HAVE SHARED TOGETHER

Julie and Gerald Marshall  
Betty and Richard Pollak  
Lynn and Steven Stern

## June 17

Michelle and Michael Svayg

## June 18

Jane and Saul Gross  
Rachel Unger and Michael Feldman  
Amanda and Danny Hertzberg  
Judith and Hillel Meyers  
Jana and Roger Miller  
Shelly and Abraham Rotbart  
Marjorie and Michael Spritzer

## June 19

Wendy and Matthew Bial  
Rose and Howard Davis  
Laura and Carter McDowell

## June 20

Nina and Alan Amdur  
Vanessa and Jacob Cohen  
Judith and Daniel Frankel  
Stephanie and Michael Rosen

## June 21

Joanna and Dean Schwartz

## June 22

Barbara and Kip Amazon  
Yael and Samuel Hyken  
Andrea and William Kirsh  
Debbie and Scott Robins

## June 23

Nina and David Mandel  
Jenni Person and Chaim LieberPerson  
Jacqueline and David Simon

## June 24

Iris and Michael Smith

## June 25

Lori and Michael Dribin  
Peggy and Aron Mandel  
Laine and Arthur Unger  
Margie and Jeffrey Zeskind

## June 28

Joan and Frank Tamen

## July 1

Lilla and Daniel Allen  
Nikki and Richard Baron  
Paula and Joel Friedland

## July 2

Lisa and James Segal  
Alissa and Barry Stein

## July 3

Arlene and Richard Haft  
Valeria and David Lease

## July 4

Maria Eugenia and Jason Dinter  
Jessica and Landon Ray

## July 5

Abbey and Max Lorber  
Lisa and Richard Revesz

## July 6

Terri and Jeffrey Krasnoff

## July 7

Amy and Aaron Perry

## July 8

Samantha and Joshua Bratter

## July 10

Micky and Richard Steinberg

## July 12

Karen and Halle Benett

## July 13

Meghan and Alexander Fryd

## July 15

Susan and Dennis Richard  
Joanie and Paul Stein

## July 18

Michele and Fred Brettschneider  
Susan and Marshal Folstein  
Ilene and Arthur Penn

## July 19

Jessica and Michael Levinson

## July 20

Lorraine and Bruce Rudenberg

## July 21

Linda and Mark Silberman  
Marisa and David Strom  
Amanda Woerner and Drew Birenbaum

## July 22

Patricia and Joseph Bilstein  
Elisa and Richard Jackson  
Robyn and Noah Rice  
Lorraine and Joseph Steen

## July 24

Margaret and Bradley Tolkin

## July 28

Aimee and Greg Horowitz  
Lauren Leichtman and Arthur Levine

## July 31

Marte and Paul Steven Singerman

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING FIFTH GRADE CLASS!



Congratulations, Fifth Grade Graduates!

We are thrilled to present the Innovative School Graduating Class of 2025! As they take their next big step into middle school, we celebrate their accomplishments and the memories we've shared. It has been a joy to witness their growth, and we know they will continue to shine brightly in all they do. Way to go, graduates!

Pictured: Matthew Romero-Fischmann, Amelie Hofman, Eithan Shikman, Nili Ressler

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 by Sharon Fine  
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Anna Bernanke  
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 Gussie Person  
 by Jenni Person and Chaim  
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 by Kathy Hurwitz  
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 by Carla and Christopher Sloan  
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## YIZKOR MEMORIAL I YOM KIPPUR 5786 I October 2, 2025

*"The memory of the righteous shall be a blessing."*

Temple Beth Sholom's Yizkor Memorial will be a digital format presented in our Sanctuary Lobby during Yom Kippur services. It will also be available to view on our website. It will be filled with names, images and descriptions of departed loved ones we wish to remember on the holiest day of the Jewish year.

To include the name(s) of those you are remembering, please SUBMIT THIS FORM BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025; email to Lois Kotzen at [lois@tbsmb.org](mailto:lois@tbsmb.org) or by mail: Temple Beth Sholom, 4144 Chase Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33140

You may choose to submit only name(s) and by whom they are remembered without a photo or description.

☐ Please include the same information as last year. View last year's presentation: [www.yizkormemorial.com](http://www.yizkormemorial.com)

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Remembered by: (Your name/family as you would like it to appear) (100 characters including spaces)

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Optional: Submit one high-res photo of a loved one(s) you are remembering or email to [lois@tbsmb.org](mailto:lois@tbsmb.org) before September 9, 2025. We are unable to accept submissions after this date. (Limit to one photo.)

Optional: Describe the loved one(s) you are remembering. (100 characters including spaces.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Examples: 1. A loving wife and mother. She will always be missed. 2. The best nana, wonderful friend and teacher.  
Temple Beth Sholom reserves the right to edit entries for production reasons.

We welcome any special notes or questions here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider honoring the memory of your loved one(s) with a gift of any amount.

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Thank you for participating in Temple Beth Sholom's Yizkor Memorial 5786 and honoring the memory of your loved one(s). For more information, please contact Lois Kotzen at 305.538.7231 ext. 253 or [lois@tbsmb.org](mailto:lois@tbsmb.org)



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

### **My Volunteer Experience in Israel** by Malka Mordujovich

Walking home after participating in the “Shabbat of the Empty Chair” for the hostages at Temple Beth Shalom in November of 2023, I kept thinking: “How can I help?” By the time I arrived home, my heart made my decision for me: “I have to return to Israel.”

On December 7, 2023, I was on an EL-AL plane, on my way to Eretz Yisrael. Walking in the mostly empty Ben-Gurion airport, with pictures of all the hostages, I knew I had made the right decision. My “headquarters” for my stay was the Arts Hotel on Ben-Yehuda St. in Tel-Aviv. I registered with LEKET (The Israel National Food Bank); two days after my arrival, I was behind the Habima Theater, waiting for the bus to take all the volunteers to the South (Gaza Envelope). It was very dark, with no bus, no volunteers yet. At 5:36 AM, the bus came, volunteers started to arrive, and my heart went from trepidation to positive excitement, as my days of being a farmer began.

I spent every day at a different Moshav (Eitan, Ami-Oz, Mivtahim, Tkuma, Shuva, etc.) harvesting oranges, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, and lemons (glorious fragrance, scratchy arms). I planted garlic for 6 hours, and unable to remove the smell of garlic from myself, I decided the next day to help cook for the soldiers at a Chabad in Tel Aviv. Again, I arrived early, before they were ready for the volunteers, and I asked the Italian cook if I could be of help until they were ready. What did they give me? A whole box of garlic to chop!! Eventually, I was tasked with peeling potatoes, carrots and avocados, and chopping cucumbers and tomatoes. But Tamara, the Italian cook, kept bringing me more garlic to chop!

After a month of work, I felt so enriched, knowing I had received so much more than I had given. I had the full Israel post-October 7 experience: several alarm sirens, Saturdays at the demonstrations in *Kikar-Hatufim* (Hostage Square) in Tel Aviv, and sharing the hotel, meals and stories with refugees from Kiryat Shmona. I felt enormous gratitude from the Israelis, just for this little grain of solidarity that I was privileged to offer them.

This was the experience of a lifetime that I will never forget.

**Participate in our WhatsApp Group.** If you would like to participate in the Israel conversation, you can join our *Lovers of Israel* WhatsApp Group. To become a member, email [mark@tbsmb.org](mailto:mark@tbsmb.org).

**Weekly Israel Updates.** Did you know that every Monday at 4:00 pm, Mark Baranek hosts a Zoom discussion focused on Israel? Please join Mark as he curates all the latest news from Israel. Become part of the discussion! The Zoom link is on the website calendar.

## VOTING IS OPEN




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– Only a few days remain.

**Voting ends May 4.**

**VOTE:** [www.zionistelection.org](http://www.zionistelection.org)

After you vote, take the exit poll [urj.org/ivoted](http://urj.org/ivoted)



On Friday, March 21, we hosted Rabbi Yael Katz, our Hanassi Fellow from Israel, along with Rabbi Sergio Bergman, President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and Rabbi Lindsey Danziger, Campaign Director for Vote Reform. They spoke about the importance of voting for the Reform platform in the World Zionist Election so that we have a say about what happens in Israel and we can continue to build pluralistic communities.





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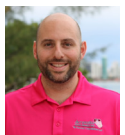
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