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

Shabbat Evening Services
6:00 pm | Friday
 Our Shabbat evening service will embrace you. Fresh and familiar music will enable you to give voice to your own spirit. Special occasions in the lives of our congregants, Jewish teachings, sermons from our rabbis, and special music will enhance “Shabbat—our sanctuary in time.”

Torah Study on Shabbat Morning
9:30 am | Saturday
 Start your Saturday with Torah study. Each Shabbat morning before our Shabbat Morning Minyan (10:30 am), you will study *Parashat HaShavua*, the weekly Torah portion. The rabbis will lead a discussion of ancient commentaries and teachings and reveal the Torah’s modern and relevant lessons.

Tot Shabbat
10:00 am | Select Saturdays
 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

Kulanu: We Gather As One

In just a few weeks we will once again gather for our annual “family reunion” on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. As we prepare for this sacred time, we face a choice: will we allow the fractures of our turbulent world to divide us, or will we find strength in our unity?

The past year has tested us profoundly. October 7th left us weary and shaken. Since then, we’ve witnessed an election that has polarized our nation, Israel’s continued war in Gaza, escalating tensions with Iran, a frightening increase in antisemitic attacks, and challenges to democratic institutions we once considered unshakeable. These events have left many of us feeling fearful and wary.

As a community of approximately 3,500 individuals, we naturally hold at least that many opinions about Israel, American politics, and so much more. Temple Beth Sholom is a spiritual home for Jews from around the world, spanning six of the seven continents. We come from diverse religious, political, and cultural backgrounds, as well as different economic circumstances. We have many cherished values in common, but we are not the same.

Yet this diversity is not our weakness—it is our strength. As Bono of the band U2 sings, “we’re one but we’re not the same.” In these times of threat, conflict, and polarization, it is essential that we stand together even with our differences. Unity does not mean uniformity.

Without this unity, we risk becoming isolated islands of opinion, losing the very connections that sustain us through difficult times. When we turn away from each other, we lose access to the wisdom, support, and resilience that comes from community. We become vulnerable to the very forces that seek to divide us.

This is why, this past year, a team of clergy, lay leaders, and staff formed Project Echad (Project One)—a dedicated initiative to weave our separate lives together more synergistically and powerfully at TBS. Project Echad recognizes that learning to transcend our differences requires intentional effort and structured opportunities for connection. Throughout the year, beginning with these High Holy Days, this team will be creating meaningful ways to engage every member of

our community, helping us live what Jewish philosopher Martin Buber called a life “toward one another.”

The importance of this work extends beyond our walls. Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, in his “Parting Prescription for America,” emphasizes that without community, it is hard for people to feel whole. He teaches that community is a source of both life satisfaction and life expectancy. “It’s where we know each other, help each other, and find purpose in contributing to each other’s lives.”

We aspire to be that community—one that offers the three core pillars that enhance lives: relationships, service, and purpose. We’ve already seen how this works in practice. When members of our community face personal crises, others step forward with meals, visits, and support. When we come together for social justice initiatives, we discover common ground across political divides. When we study Torah together, we find that our different perspectives enrich rather than threaten our understanding.

The paths to deeper connection are many and accessible. Joining Torah study opens us to learning from each other’s insights. Becoming part of one of our Panim groups creates opportunities for intimate connections and soulful learning. Serving those in need through our Social Justice service projects helps us find purpose together. These are just a few of the countless ways we can bind ourselves to one another.

In this new year, let us commit to deepening our ties to each other to create a community of true solidarity. Let us turn to each other with renewed respect, curiosity, patience, and love. In doing so, we create not just a stronger Temple Beth Sholom, but a microcosm of the world we wish to see—one built on unity that celebrates rather than fears our differences.

This is our invitation and our challenge: to gather as one, not in spite of who we are, but because of who we are together.



President's Message

Michael Weinberg
President

Looking Ahead with Gratitude and Intention

Dear Temple Beth Sholom Family,

As we prepare to step into the sacred season of the High Holy Days, I want to welcome you back and extend my heartfelt wishes for a sweet, healthy, and meaningful New Year.

This time of year always stirs something deep in us. There's the familiar rhythm of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur approaching—the music, the introspection, the return. But there's also a sense of momentum, of turning the page with fresh purpose. At Temple Beth Sholom, we are doing just that—building on our strong foundation and looking toward the future with both excitement and care.

As I shared in my August message, this year we remain focused on three core priorities: Belonging, Sustainability, and Sacred Leadership. These values guide every conversation, every initiative, and every decision. And they are reflected in the people who make this community so extraordinary.

With that in mind, I want to share some deeply meaningful news. After more than 30 years of devoted service, Rabbi Davis will be retiring in 2026. Since joining Temple Beth Sholom in January 1995, Rabbi Davis has shaped our community with wisdom, warmth, and unwavering commitment. He has guided countless families through the highs and lows of life, created and implemented transformative programs, and has quite literally worn multiple hats—serving not only as rabbi but also at times as executive director, pastoral counselor, and teacher.

Rabbi Davis's influence is woven into the fabric of this congregation. From his scholarly depth—reflected in his doctoral work on the nature of the soul—to his ability to connect with congregants on a deeply personal level, he has helped thousands grow spiritually and feel truly seen.

While we'll have many opportunities to express our gratitude in the months ahead, I encourage you to mark your calendars now for Friday, May 1, 2026, when we will gather as a community to honor Rabbi Davis with a special service and celebration. It promises to be a night filled with joy, reflection, and well-deserved appreciation.

As we begin this New Year together, I invite you to return—to learning, to prayer, to connection. Come back to what grounds you. Come back to what stretches and inspires you. And come back knowing that you are a vital part of this community—your presence truly matters.

Thank you for your ongoing trust, energy, and generosity. Together, we are shaping a sacred and sustainable future for Temple Beth Sholom, built on belonging and inspired by leaders like Rabbi Davis who remind us what it means to serve with heart.

Wishing you and your loved ones a *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah*.

With gratitude,

Mike Weinberg

President, Temple Beth Sholom



Cantor's Message

Cantor Juval Porat

One Voice: A Reflection for the High Holy Days

"Gather us in peace, gather us in joy, gather us in strength – we are one," sings Jewish songwriter and prayer leader Elana Arian on a track from her recent album, released earlier this year. Her lyrical interpretation expands on the beloved words of the psalmist, Hineh Mah Tov, which we often use to open our services: "How good and pleasant it is for people to dwell together in unity."

As we enter the month of Elul and journey toward the High Holy Days, Elana's setting of *Hineh Mah Tov* will open each of our services. This year, perhaps more than in years past, the call for unity, joy, strength, and peace feels especially urgent—and deeply needed.

How do we generate joy and strength as a community when our newsfeeds offer endless reasons for worry and anxiety? And how do we hold onto hope when the High Holy Day liturgy reminds us so vividly of our fragility and the uncertainty of our future?

I believe that joy, oneness, strength, and peace live in the moments we choose to engage—with each other, with a prayer, with a melody, or with a new perspective. These moments are not always loud or dramatic, but they are sacred. They are the practice we return to each year as we gather to welcome the new Jewish year—and again ten days later, as we reflect on the year that has passed and look ahead to the future still unwritten.

This year's annual convention of the American Conference of Cantors, held in partnership with the Guild of Temple Musicians, took place in Washington, D.C., and honored the voices upon whose shoulders we stand. The gathering marked the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the first female cantor, Barbara Ostfeld—a historic milestone that paved an ever-evolving path toward greater inclusion, kindness, and joy in Jewish musical and spiritual life.

The conference concluded with a powerful concert celebrating 50 years of women in the cantorate. It honored not only Barbara Ostfeld's pioneering journey but also the generations of cantors who followed in her

footsteps, reshaping the cantorate in transformative ways.

Through personal vignettes woven throughout the concert, the audience was invited into the challenges, triumphs, and sometimes tragically comic moments that these trailblazers experienced. Though each story was deeply personal, together they served as a poignant reminder of our collective human desire: to be seen, to matter, to be heard, and to contribute.

And this insight, thankfully, is woven into our High Holy Day liturgy:

"Hear our voice, Adonai our God; have compassion on us, and accept our prayer with mercy and favor."

We chant these words together, and poignantly, we refer to our voice—not voices. Because while our individual stories and experiences may differ, on a deeper level, we share one voice: a voice yearning to matter, to be heard, to be seen, and to contribute.

I hope that this year, we can all be part of one voice—grounded in the recognition of our shared humanity and guided by the conviction that every need can be met for all, always. May we find comfort in knowing it's never too late to begin again, and may we discover joy, strength, and peace in the smallest moments that invite our attention.

A sweet and meaningful year to you and yours – *Shana Tova U'Metuka!*



Innovative School & jLAB

Stacy Penson
Head Of School

Barb Shimansky, RJE
Senior Director of
Judaic Studies



Collaboration in Jewish Education: An Innovative Approach

jLAB is Temple Beth Sholom's innovative religious school program for learners in Grades K–10. Designed to bring Jewish values, holidays, stories, and ideas to life through hands-on learning, jLAB invites learners to explore their Jewish identity in ways that are engaging, personal, and fun. At Temple Beth Sholom, jLAB is more than just a place to learn Hebrew or prepare for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah; it is a vibrant community where learners grow as Jewish individuals intellectually, spiritually, and ethically.



At the Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom we believe school should be a place for learning how to live and be a productive member of a community. Schools are not just for learning academic subject matter. Our approaches are constructed to bridge the gap between academic content, skill and concept learning with meaningful applications that make the pursuit of knowledge relevant in the real world. Our learners become co-constructors of their learning, and this is a learning disposition that will be nurtured in our learners for a lifetime.

Both the Innovative School and jLAB programs believe in nurturing each child's Jewish identity through joyful, relevant, and meaningful experiences that empower them to explore their heritage and build a lifelong connection to Judaism. By tapping into the creativity and curiosity of our learners, we help them internalize Jewish values in tangible, lasting ways. Classes are infused with Jewish content aligned with our curriculum, guiding learners to make meaningful connections between their creative work and Jewish tradition, values, and texts.

The jLAB Elementary aged program (K-5) is offered on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. On Wednesday afternoons, learners from various elementary schools (K-5) participate in jLAB *Taglit* – a hands-on approach where they explore Judaism through electing classes such as cooking, theater, coding and robotics, music, visual arts, digital media, and more. jLAB *Taglit* empowers learners to express their Jewish studies and identities in meaningful and creative ways.

A special aspect of the jLAB program is the partnership

with the Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom. Our own Innovative School elementary learners join peers from other community schools for the Wednesday afternoon sessions. This collaboration is part of their regular school experience and is included in their tuition, enriching their Jewish learning in a dynamic, inclusive environment.

In 2019, Stacy Penson, Head of School at Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom, and Barb Shimansky, Senior Director of Judaic Studies, initiated this collaborative program, which has been a success ever since. On Wednesdays, Innovative School elementary learners finish their secular studies early and join the learners from other secular schools for a communal *Tefilla* experience. From this beautiful whole-group gathering, learners then move into small group classes and learn with and from each other.

Educators from both programs work closely together to foster a supportive and inspiring learning community. They collaborate on shared physical classroom environments and share best practices to ensure the program meets the diverse needs of all learners. Many jLAB teachers also teach in either the Foundation Level or Elementary Level of the Innovative School. This partnership has not only enhanced the quality of Jewish education but also strengthened connections between programs, families, and the broader Temple Beth Sholom community.

This innovative approach illustrates the untapped potential that exists when Jewish educational programs cross traditional boundaries and think outside of the box. By embracing collaboration and creativity, we have created a model that is both effective and inspiring – one that we hope will serve as a blueprint for others seeking to enrich Jewish learning and community.

We invite you to learn more about jLAB and our elementary level offerings by visiting our website or contacting us directly. Together, we can continue to build joyful, meaningful Jewish educational experiences that nurture the next generation.

Highlighting Academic Excellence at the Innovative School



INNOVATIVE SCHOOL
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Our fourth and fifth grade class has embarked on a deep dive of coral reefs. Learners dove, pun intended, into the human impact on marine ecosystems. Each of our learners researched a specific coral species, applying high-levels of academic research to build their understanding of coral reefs. They then expressed their findings through a range of artistic media, especially clay, demonstrating both creativity and academic rigor.

This research evolved into a powerful collaborative decision: to construct a coral reef on a foundation of trash, symbolizing the damage pollution inflicts on our oceans. Their academic journey extended beyond the classroom through daily observations of the Coral City Camera, digital research, and writing, including the creation

of “fishy facts” to teach others about native reef species.

A hands-on park cleanup at Pine Tree Park and a field experience at the Frost Museum provided real-world connections to coral conservation, where learners observed coral propagation firsthand and documented their insights through sketches and reflections.

Throughout the project, learners consistently demonstrated academic excellence—developing research-based

informational texts, asking meaningful questions, and confidently presenting their work to the wider community. Their final presentation at the Earth Summit showcased not only a stunning clay coral reef built on trash, but also their knowledge, environmental advocacy, and pride in learning. This profound experience leaves a lasting impression: “Save the coral reefs” is a call to action that our fourth and fifth graders will carry with them as informed, empowered citizens of the world.





Membership

Craig Berko

Director of Membership

Return, Reflect, Renew: Secure Your Admission for the High Holy Days

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and commitment to Jewish life. Your membership is more than an annual renewal — it is an affirmation of your connection to Jewish values, traditions, and community.

As we prepare to enter the High Holy Days, we are reminded of the power of community and the comfort of spiritual belonging. Your place for the High Holy Days begins with membership at Temple Beth Sholom — and now is the time to renew to ensure your admission to these meaningful services.

This year, Erev Rosh HaShanah begins on Monday, September 22. Membership includes admission to High Holy Day services for household heads and children 25 and younger. QR admission codes will be emailed to adult heads of household in mid-September. Adult children aged 26 and older are warmly encouraged to begin their own membership journey and build a lasting relationship with our community.

Your admission is a membership benefit. QR admission codes for holiday services are non-transferable. As a temple member you may purchase guest admissions for non-temple members. Each guest is \$360 and includes both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

Our new fiscal year began June 1, 2025, and continues through May 31, 2026. If you have not yet renewed, we kindly urge you to do so now. If you've already renewed or established a payment plan — thank you. Your contribution is 100% tax-deductible.

At Temple Beth Sholom, we don't just attend — we belong. We show up for one another in life's most sacred and challenging moments. Our clergy are there for your family through every lifecycle event — in times of celebration and in times of need. Your renewal ensures that we can continue to offer presence, compassion, learning, and meaningful connection all year long.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are reminded that Judaism is not just a faith we practice — it's a way of life best lived in community. This is our time to come together, to affirm our shared values, and to stand united.

I often speak about heritage and tradition. Today, that calling is more urgent than ever. In a world where traditions can so easily fade, your renewal sustains the heart of Judaism—for today, yes, and for the future we are shaping together. Our children are watching—yours and mine. They are learning what it means to lead with kindness, to show up for others, and to be part of something greater than themselves. Let's show them what it means to belong.

To renew your annual commitment via phone, please contact me at 305.538.7231 ext. 230 or craig@tbsmb.org or Iris Amador at ext. 224.

Be Inspired. Be Nurtured. Belong.
Start Here.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Craig



Social Justice

Jeff Agron

Social Justice Director



We hope that you had a great summer. The Temple Beth Sholom campus is now buzzing with activity as the students are back in school, members have returned from summer vacation, and the High Holy Days are right around the corner. The cycle of the Jewish calendar continues.

One of the pillars of our Social Justice Network is our direct service work. We have projects for many interests, so please join in. Dates and times will be listed in our Social Justice Network brochure (mailed this month) and on our website at tbsmb.org/social-justice/direct-service. Many of our projects address food insecurity, our social justice theme for the year. Here are some of our projects:

Blessings in a Backpack – This is one of Temple Beth Sholom’s signature direct service projects, which provides “backpacks” of snacks for food insecure schoolchildren right here in our Miami Beach neighborhood. Wonderful opportunity for kids. Takes place at TBS.

Dates: October 4, November 15, and May 9.

Co-Chairs: Marina Ganopolsky, Tiffany Hurwitz, Kelsey Levey, and Sari Levine.

The Lotus House - The Lotus House seeks to improve the lives of homeless women, youth, and children. Please join us for a day filled with cooking, decorating baked goods, assembling craft projects, gardening, serving meals, and a lot more with the Lotus House residents.

Chair: Suzanne Meltzer. Takes place at Lotus House.

Bags of Happiness - Please join us in assembling hundreds of bags of food to benefit the students and families at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School and other schools in Overtown. We meet at TBS to assemble healthy food bags for these students.

Chair: Andrea Wagner.

Mazon at Chapman Partnership - Mazon is a group of volunteers whose sole mission is to provide a monthly wholesome dinner to the residents of Chapman Partnership who are experiencing homelessness. We welcome you to join our many members who already

experience camaraderie and satisfaction as they strive to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Dates: The third Monday of the month, at 5:00 pm at Chapman Partnership.

Chair: Carolyn West.

Beach Clean-Up - Join a dedicated group of eco-minded volunteers for beach, dune, and park clean-ups in and around Miami Beach. Help to keep our city beautiful and protect the ocean and waterways for all of us and future generations.

Dates: Sunday, September 28 (community Reverse Tashlich event), Mitzvah Day, and April 19.

Co-Chairs: Doris Galindo and Stacy Savett.

Village (Free)dge Community Food Pantry - The Village (FREE)DGE & Pantry is an organization committed to empowering and uplifting the underserved communities of South Florida. They serve as a vital community hub providing food security, essential supplies, and a safe-haven for families experiencing hardship. Join a group from TBS on Shabbat morning as we gather at the Village (Free)dge in Liberty City for Shabbat prayer and song and then work to serve the community.

Dates: November 8, January 10 and April 18, at 8:30 am.

Captains: Natalie Broidy, Karen Rivo, and Adam Snitzer.

“Giving to others and acts of kindness lengthen one’s days and years.”

- Tanna Devei Eliyahu

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

MITZVAH DAY 30 YEARS

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, February 22, 2026



Co-Presidents
Kim Haber & Mihaela Gutman

Hello Sisters,

As we enter the upcoming season, a beautiful energy begins to fill Temple Beth Shalom — one of reflection, renewal, and heartfelt connection. The High Holy Days are a sacred time when we gather to pray, remember, and begin again with open hearts. Sisterhood is ready for the High Holy Days, and we are excited to spend it with the congregation.

This year brings some exciting new changes to our Sisterhood. With fresh energy, new programs, and a renewed approach to community involvement, we are committed more than ever to strengthening the bonds between the women of our congregation.

Please join us for the Sisterhood's Annual Sukkot Celebration on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm for an exciting evening in the sukkah (see page 21 for details). This year we are partnering with the moms of the Innovative School for a community-wide celebration.

Our mission remains rooted in creating meaningful experiences—events that inspire, uplift, and bring us together in sisterhood. From educational programs to charitable initiatives and bonding opportunities, we're building a space where every woman feels supported and empowered. Join Us: Scan the QR code below. May this season bring sweetness, health, peace to all.

L'Shanah Tovah

Kim and Mihaela

After 26 beautiful years, our beloved gift shop, Holy Grounds, has officially closed its doors. While we'll miss the cozy charm and friendly faces that defined the space, we're proud to share that it's being transformed into expanded office space for our ever-growing Innovative School.



We are deeply grateful to Sandy Cohen (pictured above with Margie Zeskind), who poured her heart and soul into Holy Grounds for over two decades, creating a warm, inviting haven for all.

Our thanks also go to Leslie Graff, her wonderful partner over the last five years—together, they made Holy Grounds truly special.

While Holy Grounds is no longer in the Welcome Center, we will offer coffee and snacks for sale through a partnership with Maison Valentine. Stop by the Welcome Center coffee cart and check them out!





BESHTY Update

Rabbi Joanne Loiben



Beth Sholom Temple Youth

WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR ZOE ROSENBERG

Hi! My name is Zoë Rosenberg and I am so excited to join Temple Beth Sholom as your Youth Director! I spent the last year as a Masa Israel Fellow working in Tel Aviv. Before moving to Israel, I attended the University of Maryland (Go Terps!) and spent two years in Washington, D.C., working as a consultant and teaching at Washington Hebrew Congregation.

I'm looking forward to helping your kids (or you, if you are a teen who reads HaKOL) grow their connection to Judaism, while having the best time ever! I'm so excited to explore Miami and join this incredible community. Please send me your absolute must-try restaurants in Miami - I'm a huge foodie and ready to explore!



TEEN ORIENTATION NIGHT

TUESDAY
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SEPTEMBER
7:00 pm

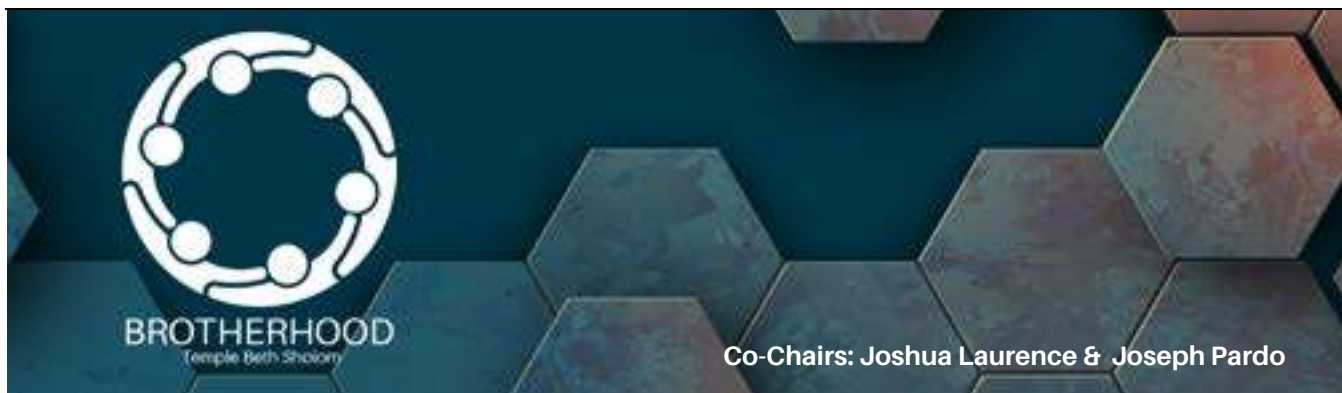
BESHTY Join us to learn all about our **BESHTY High School Teen Programs** for grades 9-12! Discover how you or your teen can get involved in our exciting events, leadership opportunities, and unforgettable trips.

This event is open to both parents and teens—we can't wait to see you there! Even if you've participated before, come on September 2 to meet our amazing new Youth Director, **Zoë Rosenberg!**

NYC Trip Nov 7-9th!

BESHTY

Open to all 9th graders!
Cost: \$500



Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood Represents at the 102nd Biennial of the Men of Reform Judaism

“As my ancestors planted for me, so I plant for my children.”

— Talmud, *Ta’anit* 23a

This teaching, drawn from the story of Honi the Circle Maker, reminds us that we are part of a long chain of care and vision. Every conversation we share, every idea we explore, and every commitment we renew is a seed planted for those who will come after us. I hope we continue to build communities rooted in purpose and nourished by hope, so that future generations can grow and thrive from the work we do today. This commitment to sustaining and renewing our shared legacy was at the heart of coming together with so many others who share this purpose.

This June, I had the privilege of joining my fellow Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood members as we proudly represented our community at the 102nd Biennial Convention of the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ), held in Detroit, Michigan. The Biennial gathered leaders and representatives from Brotherhoods and Men’s Clubs across North America to learn, connect, and chart the future of MRJ together.

Our delegation included Eric Broad, Social Justice Director Jeff Agron, and former NFTY Southern Tropical Region Regional Advisor and Camp Coleman Assistant Director, Ian Bush.

Throughout the weekend, a diverse slate of sessions inspired us to reflect, grow, and envision what Brotherhood can be in today’s Jewish landscape. We shared formative Jewish experiences and moments that shaped who we are as men and leaders, examined the personal and collective values that guide our commitments, and wrestled with how to evolve while honoring the traditions that ground us. Participants learned how to reimagine chal-

lenges and prototype creative solutions to engage more men meaningfully, while also exploring fresh insights into reaching younger generations and creating Jewish spaces that are inclusive, relevant, and purpose-driven. It was deeply rewarding to watch these conversations come to life, sparking dialogue and new ideas for Brotherhoods across the country.

Our Brotherhood was honored to receive several awards recognizing outstanding programming and community impact—a testament to the dedication of our members, the meaningful work we continue to do, and the continued partnership of our Staff Liaison, Mark Baranek.

In addition to these achievements, I was elected First Vice President of the Men of Reform Judaism Board.



Pictured above: Eric Broad and Josh Laurence

This is a tremendous honor, reflecting both my personal commitment and the leadership our Brotherhood has shown on the national stage.

This idea—that just as our ancestors planted for us, so we plant for those who come after—resonates deeply with me. I often think about that image of Honi the Circle Maker standing beside the sapling he might never see fully grown, trusting that others would one day enjoy its shade. As a father of three daughters, I feel a similar responsibility to help create a world they can grow into with pride, purpose, and a sense of belonging. The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Sholom and the Men of Reform Judaism continually inspire me to become the best version of myself—as a parent, a partner, a leader, and a Jewish man dedicated to building something lasting and meaningful for the next generation.

I am excited to bring back new ideas, resources, and inspiration to share with our congregation in the year ahead. Mazal Tov to our delegation and to all who make our Brotherhood such a vibrant part of Temple Beth Sholom!

Josh Laurence

Cell: (305) 281-7303



Temple Beth Sholom
2025-26 Kick-Off Event


BROTHERHOOD
Temple Beth Sholom

Thursday Sept. 11 | 6:30 pm
836 1st Street Miami Beach

We are going back to one of our favorites!
Please join us for a great evening of upscale Brazilian food with all-you-can-eat meat carved tableside.
Learn about the exciting year ahead for Temple Beth Sholom Brotherhood.
\$60 per person | tbsmb.org/brotherhood




Jewish Community Day TBS Outing
Miami Marlins vs Detroit Tigers
LoanDepot Park, Miami, FL
Sunday, September 14 | 1:30 pm





RSVP: tbsmb.org/brotherhood **BROTHERHOOD**
Temple Beth Sholom



TEKIAH

**Shofar Blowing Workshop
and Rehearsal for High Holy Days**

September 9

5:30-6:30 pm

Sanctuary

Questions?

Contact RabbiDavis@tbsmb.org

The graphic features the word 'TEKIAH' in large, gold, serif letters. To the left is a pomegranate with a red seed pod. To the right is a golden shofar (ram's horn) with a red ribbon. Red pomegranate seeds are scattered in the air.



Selichot

**Program and Service
Ushering in the High Holy Days**

**Saturday, September 13
7:30 pm**

- **Movie: *The Stamp Thief***
- **Selichot Service**
- **Dessert Reception** *featuring apple-themed pies, cakes and ice cream*

Chapel/Welcome Center/Sanctuary

RSVP at tbsmb.org/selichot

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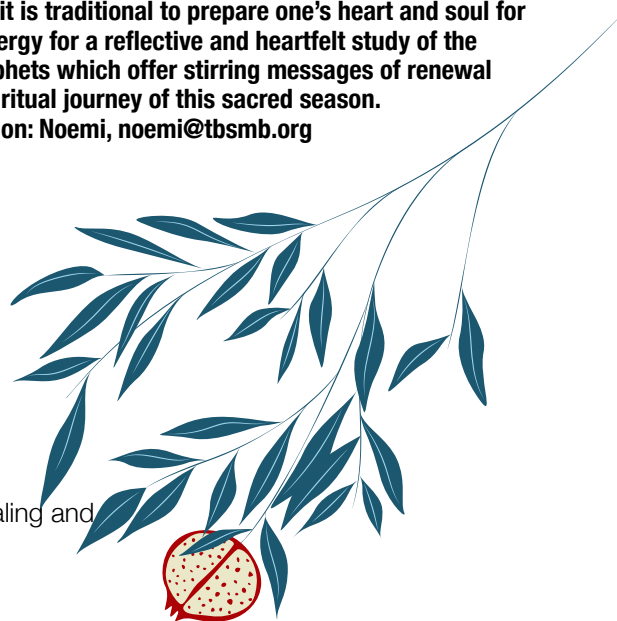
**During the month of Elul, which precedes the High Holy Days, it is traditional to prepare one's heart and soul for *Teshuvah*—repentance. Join your Temple Beth Shalom clergy for a reflective and heartfelt study of the High Holy Day *Haftarot*—powerful selections from the Prophets which offer stirring messages of renewal and divine compassion, helping to shape the spiritual journey of this sacred season.
In-Person at TBS and on Zoom | Registration: Noemi, noemi@tbsmb.org**

Tuesday, September 2, 1:00 pm

Repentance and Mercy:
Jonah 1:1–11 and Micah 7:18–20

Haftarah for Yom Kippur Afternoon
with Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

Jonah's story shows us the power of repentance and God's willingness to forgive those who sincerely return. Micah's words emphasize God's compassion and mercy, core themes of Yom Kippur's call to healing and forgiveness. *Bring your own lunch.*



Monday, September 8, 12:00 pm

Pouring Out the Soul: The Power of Raw Devotion: Samuel 1:1–2:10
Haftarah for Rosh HaShanah Day 1
with Cantor Juval Porat

Hannah models a form of prayer that is raw, personal, and unrestrained—so much so that even the priest Eli mistakes her for being drunk. What does her story teach us about how we approach prayer during the Days of Awe? This class invites us to reflect on the courage it takes to pray with full presence and emotion, and how Hannah's example can inspire us to cry our way through the gates of heaven. *Bring your own lunch.*

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 pm

God's Enduring Love: Jeremiah 31:2–20
Haftarah for Rosh Hashanah Day 2
with Rabbi Jessica Jacobs

Jeremiah speaks of God's enduring love and the promise of restoration, encouraging us to return with trust and hope. This *Haftarah* reassures us that renewal is always within reach.

Monday, September 15, 7:00 pm

True Atonement Through Justice:
Isaiah 58:1–14
Haftarah for Yom Kippur Morning
with Rabbi Joanne Loiben

Isaiah challenges us to go beyond ritual fasting toward acts of justice, kindness, and humility. This reading reflects Yom Kippur's deeper message of ethical renewal and sincere atonement.

Saturday, September 20, ~12:15 pm | following services

A Call to Return: Hosea 14:2–10
Haftarah for Shabbat Shuva
with Rabbi Gary Glickstein

This Shabbat leads us into Rosh HaShana and the 10 Days of Repentance. During this final week of Elul, traditionally, we blow the shofar each day as a way to awaken us to the importance of this approaching time in the Hebrew calendar. We will prepare for the Jewish New Year by studying the words of the prophet Hosea associated with Shabbat Shuva. *Lunch will be available.*

Erev Sukkot

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
Sukkot Family Celebration
 Kick off your Sukkot celebrations in the TBS Sukkah.
 We'll celebrate Sukkot with an evening of story, song,
 food, and hands-on activities for all ages!

4:45 pm Story and Song in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm Dinner and Activities
6:15 pm Dessert, Decoration Hanging, and Lulav and Etrog Blessings

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
9:30 am Sukkot Morning Experience in the Sukkah
(will not be livestreamed)




YOU CAN'T TELL THEY'RE HUNGRY.

We think we know who's hungry, who benefits from our food donations. But we don't. You can't tell from looking. Hunger is quiet. And it's everywhere. Including here.

Miami-Dade County has over 600,000 SNAP recipients. In the county, approximately 10% of the population (over 14% of children) experience food insecurity. This translates to roughly 291,150 people.

Help us make 5786 the best year ever for our Project Isaiah food and donation collection.

If every family in our congregation brings in 5 lbs of non-perishable food, we'll meet our goal. Bags will be available mid-September and we officially kick off the collection on Rosh HaShanah, running through Yom Kippur.

Thank you to our partners at Trader Joe's and Publix.



PROJECT ISAIAH
FOOD DRIVE

Project Isaiah benefits the Kosher Food Bank.

Kulanu High Holy Days 5786

We Gather Together As One

In these times of threat, conflict, and polarization, it is essential that we stand together with our differences. We aspire to create a community at TBS where, as Jewish philosopher Martin Buber once advised, we live life “toward one another.” Let us turn to each other in this new year with renewed respect, curiosity, patience and love to create a microcosm of a world built on unity.

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Monday, September 22, 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Join us in our first High Holy Day service as we joyfully welcome the new year

Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Tuesday, September 23

9:45 am Morning Service and concurrent Youth Experience (grades PreK–6)

2:45 pm Children’s Service for young children and families

3:30 pm *Tashlich* experience begins in the Sanctuary, following the Children’s Service

3:45 pm Community joins together for *Tashlich* and an Ice Cream Social in the TBS Garden

Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Wednesday, September 24

9:45 am Morning Service followed by community lunch (Free of charge, RSVP via QR code)



Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 1

6:00 pm Family Service

8:00 pm Adult Service

Yom Kippur Day

Thursday, October 2

9:45 am Morning Service and concurrent Youth Experience (grades PreK–6)

1:00 pm Study Session – in person

2:00 pm Children’s Service for young children and families

2:00 pm Meditation experience with Cantor Porat

***3:15 pm** An abbreviated Torah Service and prayerful moderated panel discussion with our six members of the clergy.

Topic: *In This Together: What Being Jewish Means Now*

Submit questions to tbs@tbsmb.org

4:45 pm Yizkor Memorial Service and *Neila*

**Please note changes to the Yom Kippur Afternoon Experience*



YIZKOR MEMORIAL | YOM KIPPUR 5786 | 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 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

Please include the same information as last year and add the following below.

Please include the following information below.

Name: _____
(person submitting this form)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

In memory of: _____

Please combine the names of those who were couples/significant others on one line. (Unlimited characters)

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

Optional: Submit one high-res photo of a loved one(s) you are remembering or email to 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.

Donations benefit the year-round needs of our Temple Beth Sholom community. Voluntary donation \$ _____

Check enclosed Credit card information: Visa MC AmEx

Name: _____

Address: _____

CC#: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Online submissions: tbsmb.org/yizkormemorial5786

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

REVERSE Tashlich

Beach Clean Up

Repair the Sea/Tikkun HaYam
with FIU and other local
partners

September 28

10:30 am-12:30 pm

Virginia Key State Park

Sign up at tbsmb.org/tashlich



**Do you love to sing and want to be
a part of a vibrant and welcoming
choral community?**

Join the TBS choir and share your talent,
passion, and joy with our congregation. All
skill levels are welcome!

Our Friday night events featuring the choir
are scheduled for September 5, and
November 21. The choir will also have a
role at the upcoming High Holy Days.

The next rehearsal is at
6:30 pm on
November 12

[Sign up here](#)



High Holy Day Reciprocity

If you require reciprocity admission for the High Holy Days,
please use the form provided by the URJ, available at:
www.urj.org/hhdseating

All reciprocity requests must be confirmed via the URJ database before
accepting the request.

URJ temples are asked to follow this process.

Questions? Please email Craig@tbsmb.org

High Holy Days 5786

APPEAL



“Every person whose heart is so moved shall bring gifts.” - Exodus 25:2

I/We are honored to support our congregation with the following contribution:

- \$5,000 \$3,600 \$1,800 \$1,000 \$500
- \$360 \$250 \$180 \$118 \$54
- Other \$ _____
- Enclosed is a check

Credit Card Number/expiration date/CCV

Name on Card

- Please contact me to arrange a payment plan.
- I would like my gift to remain anonymous.
- I would like to include Temple Beth Sholom in my estate plans.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Jeff Graff at jeff@tbsmb.org or 305.538.7231, ext 231.

Please return this pledge card to the temple by mail or by hand. You may also make a donation online at

tbsmb.org/highholydayappeal

Thank you for including Temple Beth Sholom in your philanthropy.

ECHAD: A Community of Oneness

Opening
Night
Reception



Join us for an
art showcase consisting
of our TBS community's art.
September 8, 2025

6:00 pm

TBS Welcome Center & Hallways



Save The Date

Join us for
Jazz Jam in the Sukkah!

Wednesday, October 8

7:00 pm

We're partnering with the Innovative School moms for a special night out! Come meet your friends and soon-to-be friends!

RSVP at tbsmb.org/sisters





the tribe

Erev Rosh HaShanah



Join young professionals for our Erev Rosh HaShanah service at Temple Beth Sholom!

We will begin at 8:00 pm in the Palm Plaza for a light reception and mingle, followed by services in the Chapel at 8:30 pm.

MONDAY
September 22

Pre-Mixer 8:00 pm
Service 8:30 pm



RSVP:
thetribe.org



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Kol Nidre

WEDNESDAY
October 1
8:30 pm

Join young professionals in the Chapel at Temple Beth Sholom for Kol Nidre services beginning promptly at 8:30 pm

RSVP:
thetribe.org



We're Looking Forward to Welcoming You!

About The High Holy Day Admission Process

- An email will be sent to each adult head of your member household. You must click the enclosed link to reserve a space for these services: Erev Rosh HaShanah, Rosh HaShanah Day 1, Kol Nidre Main Service, Yom Kippur, **and** Youth Experience for grades PreK-6 for Rosh HaShanah Morning Day 1 and Yom Kippur. **No other services require a reservation.**

- A QR code will be emailed to you for your family.

This includes *adult children under 25.*

- QR code is NOT needed for Rosh HaShanah Day 2, Children's Services, or Yom Kippur Afternoon.

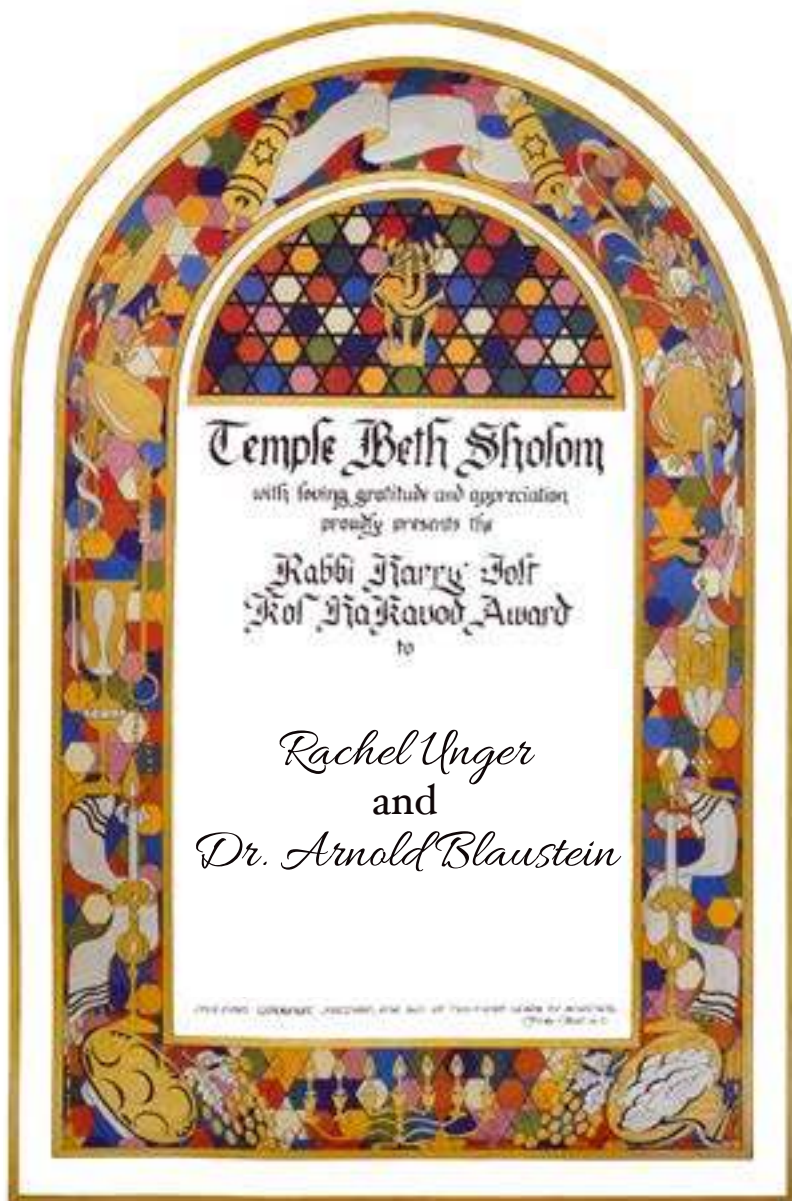
- Babysitting will be available (details to follow on website)

- Bags and persons are subject to search. There will be a walk-through metal detector on site.

- We're encouraging the use of rideshare to services.

QR codes are NOT transferable.

If you are unable to use the digital access for any reason, please contact Membership Director Craig Berko at 305.538.7231 ext. 230 for assistance.



Please join us at Shabbat Services

Friday, September 19, 2025

at 6:00 pm

where we will honor

this year's recipients.

UPCOMING Speaker Series

At Temple Beth Shalom



Lee Yaron

Friday, October 10

Lee Yaron

10/7 100 Human Stories

Lee Yaron wanted to understand and reveal the human dimensions of the massacre. An acclaimed Israeli investigative journalist, Yaron is the author of “10/7: 100 Human Stories”, which explores the stories of more than 100 survivors, the bereaved, first-responders in Israel and others.

Sponsored by David M. Dubrow Memorial Fund



Sarah Hurwitz

Monday, October 27

Sarah Hurwitz

As A Jew

Sarah speaks to audiences across America and worldwide, sharing the inspiring, transformational, and urgently relevant wisdom of Jewish tradition; unpacking antisemitism and the complexities of Jewish identity; and helping people find and use their most authentic voices and craft compelling stories that break through the noise and change hearts and minds.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Advancement of Jewish Education



Friday, November 14 -

Saturday, November 15

Blaustein Family Scholar in Residence

Michael Marmor *Living The Letters:
An Alphabet of Emerging Jewish Thought*

Rabbi Michael Marmor, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Jewish Theology at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. He previously served as Dean of the Jerusalem School and Provost of HUC. He is a former Chair of Rabbis for Human Rights.



Michael Marmor



For more information on any of these programs, please contact Mark Baranek at mark@tbsmb.org

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Jewish Trip to New York

With Mark Baranek

October 24 - 26, 2025

Temple Beth Sholom is planning a Jewish Heritage trip to New York City. Highlights will include Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, the Lower East Side, the Tenement Museum, a Food Tour, Shabbat Services at Central Synagogue, a Broadway show, and much more.



Jewish Journey to Berlin

Led by Cantor Juval Porat

March 17 - 23, 2026

From \$4,779 USD - land only
Highlights will include Berlin's Jewish Quarter, Brandenburg Gate and Berlin Wall Memorial, Jewish Museum, Museum of Otto Weidt and Rosenstrasse Sculpture, and Holocaust remembrance sites. The registration deadline is November 17, 2025, which is also the final payment deadline.



Adult March of the Living

With Mark Baranek

April 13 - 19, 2026

An incredible journey to Poland, Hungary, and Israel. Join Mark Baranek in Poland for Yom *Hashoah* (Holocaust Memorial Day) and then Israel for its 78th Independence. There's also an optional Shabbat in Budapest, Hungary. This will be the experience of a lifetime.



Multi-Generational Summer Trip to Israel

Join Rabbi Pomerantz, Cantor Porat, and Mark Baranek

June 11 - 22, 2026

This is a wonderful opportunity for ALL ages to visit Israel with family, friends, or alone. It is a return to our homeland to see first-hand the resilience of the Israeli people. There are so many highlights as we travel across the beautiful land of Israel. Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Masada, Caesaria, Galilee Region, and Golan Heights are just some of the places we will visit. We will also have a B-Mitzvah Service and Celebration in Jerusalem overlooking the Old City.



Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TIME YOU HAVE SHARED TOGETHER

September 1

Lenni Sue and Andrew Perry
Jennifer and Sean Tolkin

September 2

Annette Rosenfield and Frank Adams

September 3

Lucila and Stefano Maltagliati
Alexis and Scott Wagner
Nikki and Randy Weisburd

September 4

Vicki and Allan Land
Natalie and Andres Nannetti

September 5

Andrea and Keith Hartley
Marcela and Jeffrey Stern

September 6

Leslie and Roger Baumann
Stacey and Jonathan Chopp

September 7

Sandra Breiterman and Gordon Loader

September 8

Leanne and Lorne Reiter
Dianne and Murray Rubin

September 10

Deborah and Neil Bienstock
Sandy Rosenberg-Stoller and Harold Stoller

September 12

Lauren and Dore Louis

September 14

Emmanuela and Alexandre Wolloch

September 15

Claudia Whitechurch and Andrew Kane

September 17

Samantha and Jay Pritchett

September 25

Elizabeth and David Cowburn

September 27

Fernanda Lanes and Lee Cotton

September 29

Tracy and David Moret

September 30

Irma and Norman Braman





B-Mitzvah



Charles Louis
September 6, 2025

With great pride and joy, Lauren and Marshall Dore Louis invite you to share in a special moment as their son, Charles, and brother to Josephine is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Please join them in celebration on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 10:30 am, during *Parashat Ki Teitzei*, at Temple Beth Shalom.

Charles is passionate about rock climbing and protecting the environment, especially the oceans. For his mitzvah project, he is helping to clean and restore the local mangroves that are vital to the Miami coastline and its marine life.

Branden Shore
September 6, 2025



With love and excitement, Sari and Matthew Shore, along with siblings Sofia and Tyler, invite you to join them as their son, Branden, is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Please celebrate with the Shore family on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 4:30 pm, during *Parashat Ki Tavo*, at Temple Beth Shalom.

Branden's passions include supporting young athletes with physical challenges through the Ji4Life organization. For his mitzvah project, he has spent the past year training alongside these athletes, helping them prepare for extreme races while building friendships and community. Branden will continue this work by raising funds and participating in the 2026 runDisney® Springtime Surprise 10-Miler, supporting Ji4Life's mission of empowerment through sport.



Sholom Rockers Children's Choir
is now part of jLAB!
Kids in grades K-5 can register here
Any questions email Vanessa at
vanessa@tbsmb.org



MAZEL TOV...

To **Joshua and Selma Laurence** on the birth of their daughter Ellie Pearl. Mazel tov also to big sisters Zoe and Maya!

To **Dr. Arnold Blaustein** and **Rachel Unger** on receiving the Kol Hakavod Award this month. The award is given to temple members who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the temple in various ways.

Happy Birthday

September 1

David Abissidan
Judy Litt Pine
Jackson McCalla
Jacob Naylor
Andrew Perry
Annette Rosenfield
Zoe Silberstein
Theodore Wagner

September 2

Alessia Akin
Greg Davidson
Liz Etkin-Kramer
Cynthia Frankel
Daniel Kaplan
Judith Levick
Carol Loevin
Joan Silverstein
Jose Vallverdu

September 3

Joshua Abrams
Brooks Bachow
Nir Gilboa
Fred Jove
Zach Pardo
Or Shai

September 4

Isaac Barel
Tracy Birnbach
Ryann Hannigan
Erica Mutchnik
Milton Rajjman

September 5

Jeffrey Altman
Yoav Attias
Patricia Feito
Cathy Fetell
Bettina Kornitz
Michelle Mally
Cruse Saiger
Ronnie Shashoua
Joanie Stein

September 6

Ella Kreisberg
Hudson Lubow
Gelareh Mizrahi

Rachel Warren
Yuladys Wrubel

September 7

Hannah Bast
Rafael Elmalem Dahan
Julia Fine
Carly Forman
Eric Hirschhorn
Pierce Hirschhorn
Gwen Levine
Marshall Pasternack
Lorraine Steen
Rita Swedroe

September 8

David Gakenberg
Jacqueline Greenberg
Donald Rubell
Noa Silberman
Izabel Silverstein
Harper Simkins
Amy Steele Donner
Blanche Weiss

September 9

Zoey Bush
Allie Koonin
Rachel Lilenbaum
Ellie Moret
Marianne Nation
Rachel Neuhut
Alexandra Pope
Lawrence Weinstein
Jarryd Wood
Lyla Yemini
Myla Zuckerman

September 10

Laura Alonso-Gallo
Caryn Duboff
Frederic Friedman
Jennifer Gostin
Jack Karson
Ziad Khachani
Fran Levey
Jordan Lichtenberg
Julian Miller
Justin Postrel

September 11

Jacob Bass
Mia Glassberg
Bee Moriber Wendling
Alexis Wagner
Martin Zaiac

September 12

Maya Adrabi
Jordan Benett
Sydney Benett
Ross Borer
Irene Brandon
Matisse Greenberg
Paige Kleidermacher
Judy Kutun
David Lease
Marissa Neuffer
Jane Robinson

September 13

Sandro Bazbaz Draznin
Elizabeth Fein
Ira Gordon
Stacey Mindich
Samuel Morjain
Mariana Rosenbaum
Norma Rosenfeld
Dave Sack
Valerie Schimel
R. Barbara Wien

September 14

Mindy Glazer
Elle Goldstein
Mio Maland
Benjamin Mandel
Anna Mashiah
Damian Narvaez
Jonathan Schwartz
Mia Shukhman

September 15

David Arditi
Jillian Barnett
Maximo Bratter
Max Feldman
Carly Galitz
Ashley Gilboa
Arthur Penn
Allison Pullman

Warren Tepper
Cameron Wainer

September 16

Regina Feldman-Goldstein
Sam Geronemus
Bernice Jaffe
David Morales
Scott Robins
Maxine Rosenbloom
Mera Rubell
Brittany Silver

September 17

Michael Bisnow
Adam Cohen
Moni Cohen
Alissa Hirschl
Susie Jaffe
Noah Simon

September 18

Garrett Barten
Eleana Belkin
Liv Erlichman
Mora Groesman
Wagmaister
Harper Halpern
Ben Oppenheimer
Brooke Perlyn
Max Sheldon
Suzanne Stolar
Joshua Zelcer Roy

September 19

Noy Alexander
Harris Gilbert
Carla Oxios
Ethan Perlyn
Sunny Saiger
Jose Vargas
Jeffrey Weissman
Pauline Winick

September 20

Lori Burnstine
Samuel Bussel-Alonso
Phil Gross
Stuart Rohatiner
David Simkins
Lydia Slezynger
Steve Stowe

September 21

Jack Brod
Austin Criden
Lindsay Genet
Annie Kane
Sophie Kane
Richard Lambricht
Aron Mandel
Alexander Saul
Melissa Shestack
Jeff Sloan

September 22

Gray Barrocas
Simone D'Antuono
Cooper Goodman
Jules Narvaez
Adam Perry
Rachael Saiger
Jared Stein
Irene Weisburd

September 23

Renée Arnold
Samson Bienstock
David Bodnick
Nicole Davis
Ana Morjain
Rafael Parlato
Sara Schreiber

September 24

Spencer Barnett
Natalie Berg
Zachary Borak
Rafa Braha
Hannah Felsher
Roy Goldman
Ariel Herzek
William Kirsh
Michelle Svayg

September 25

Adalynn Adler
Michael Feldman
Stevie Reiter
Andres Szkolnik
Sabrina Taldone
Diane Weisman

Happy Birthday

September 26

Mark Block
Anita Broad
Dorothy Brumer
Victoria Gottlieb
Benjamin Horev
Julie Rivo
Liron Sfarad
Oxana Shaham

September 27

Sabrina Baez
Roger Barnett
Ramon Blumenthal
Grant Cohen
Jackson Mutchnik
Claire Nahmad
Alexandra Roedy
Ava Schultz

September 28

Joshua Bickman
Stephanie Fox
Linda Friedman
Patricia Kupferman
Sandi Pimentel
Wyatt Ray

September 29

Noah Abess
Owen Basner
Carolina Blumenthal
Whitney Silverstein
Micky Steinberg
Sandra Weingort
Stuart Weissman

September 30

Eileen Bloom
Elijah Gilboa
Michael Khait
Elijah Lapidus
Daniel Mateu
Sebastian Mateu
Abraham Rotbart
Diana Schultz

jLAB is Back!

We're excited to welcome learners and families back for another enriching year of jLAB! Opening days are just around the corner, filled with joyful reunions, engaging activities, and meaningful learning. We're excited to kick off the year in community and spirit!

Saturday, September 6 – First jLAB Shabbat for Grades K-5

Monday, September 8 – First Monday Gesher for Grades 6 & 7; First Confirmation Evening for Grades 8-10

Wednesday, September 10 – First Wednesday Taglit for Grades K-5

Please note that **jLAB will be closed** on Monday, September 22; Wednesday, September 24 in observance of the High Holy Days.

We wish all our families a meaningful and joyful holiday season. *L'shanah tovah!*

Dear B'nei Mitzvah Families,
We're thrilled to invite you to our

Fall 2025

B'nei Mitzvah Orientation

- an in-person evening designed to inspire, inform, and connect.

Whether you're just beginning the journey or already knee-deep in planning, this is a can't-miss opportunity to meet other families, hear from our clergy, and explore fresh ideas for creating a meaningful celebration.

We'll kick off the evening with a delicious dinner and time to mingle with other families. We can't wait to see you there!

MONDAY **September 15**, 2025

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Temple Beth Sholom

Please **RSVP** by **September 6** so we can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out by email or phone.





TZEDAKAH

**SEPTEMBER
2025**

We Thank You For Your Generous Contributions

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by Marte Singerman

Rochelle Weithorn

by Jacqueline Greenberg and

Richard French

Elliot Leitner

by Karen Lasky

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Gail Harris

by Susie Jaffe

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Zichronam Livracha.

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The Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom Welcomes a New Foundation Level Director



We are pleased to announce that Jen Katz Burk has been named the new Director of the Foundation Level at The Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom.

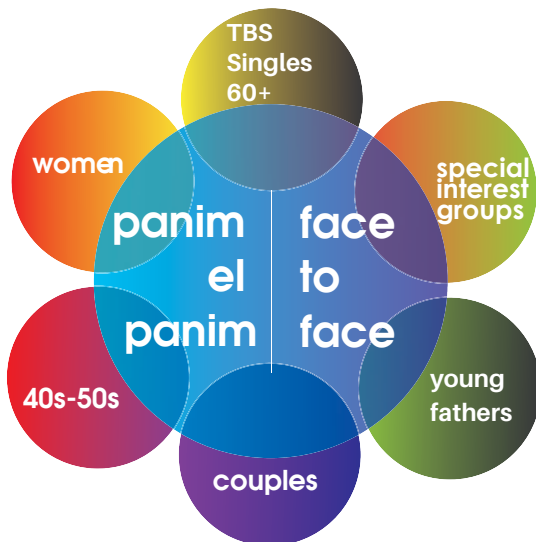
This transition follows the retirement of former Head of School, Margie Zeskind, who concluded her remarkable 18-year tenure at the end of May. Stacy Penson, previously the Foundation Level Director, has stepped into the role of Head of School. Now, we warmly welcome Jen Katz Burk to our leadership team.

Jen brings a wealth of experience as an Early Childhood and Dance Educator, having worked in both Miami and the New York Metro Area. She is a graduate of the Dance Education Laboratory (DEL) at 92nd Street Y, where she was also on faculty for many years, teaching “Early Childhood Dance” in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education.

Jen has received prestigious travel grants to study the Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Learning in Italy and to conduct research on Early Childhood Education in Israel. Her curriculum development work includes WonderDance and contributions to the Early Childhood Appendix of the NYC Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in Dance. She holds a BA in Dance Performance and Choreography from the University of Maryland and an MA in Dance Education from New York University. Jen currently serves on the TDPS Advisory Board of Visitors at the University of Maryland and occasionally performs in NYC with Claire Porter’s PORTABLES.

Jen approaches her work—and life—with curiosity, creativity, empathy, and a deep belief in collaborative learning. She is also the proud mom of Zoey and Jack, who inspire her work and fill her life with magic and adventure. Please join us in welcoming Jen to our Innovative School faculty. We know our school families will enjoy getting to know her and working alongside her in the years to come.

Panim el Panim



As we approach the High Holy Days—a season of reflection, atonement, and renewal—our synagogue’s small community groups offer a powerful space to prepare our hearts and minds for the year ahead. These intimate gatherings are a chance to pause and reflect on the year that has passed: the ways we have grown, the moments we missed, and the relationships that have shaped us. Whether you’re reconnecting with familiar faces or meeting new friends, our groups help transform this sacred season into a shared journey. Together, we support one another in starting fresh—with intention, compassion, and a deeper sense of belonging. Now is the perfect time to join a group and walk into the new year with others by your side.

**Find your small group!
Questions?**

Contact Jaleh Bast at jaleh@tbsmb.org



The Israel Committee has been busy working over the summer to put together thoughtful and interesting programs for 2025-26. If you would like to be involved in our Israel Committee, chaired by Jonathan Sepsenwol and Marjorie Baron, please contact Jeff Agron, jagron@tbsmb.org.

On Friday, October 10, we want to invite you to attend a special Shabbat commemoration of the October 7 attacks. We will host Israeli journalist and writer Lee Yaron, author of the book *10/7: 100 Human Stories*. Lee Yaron is an award-winning journalist and public speaker with a decade of experience at Haaretz. Her book, *10/7: 100 Human Stories*, received the 2024 National Jewish Book Award's Book of the Year. At 30, she is the youngest ever winner of the National Jewish Book Award. Yaron was selected for the prestigious 2025 Forbes 30 Under 30 list. Her investigative reporting has led to the establishment of state-level commissions and changes in Israeli policy and law, earning her the 2022 Yitzhak Livni "Knight" Award for Free Speech in Media. She is currently the New York correspondent for *Haaretz Newspaper*.

Her beautifully written book provides a larger view of the October 7 attacks. Through the definitive account and stories of its victims and the communities they called home, Yaron brings into focus the victims' lives, familial heritage, and diverse background. Drawing from extensive interviews with survivors, the bereaved, and first responders, Yaron offers readers a ground-level view of Israel and the conflict. Adam Gopnik of *The New Yorker* praised the book as

"A masterpiece of journalism, and of what can only be called humanism." The Jerusalem Post hailed it as *"the most expansive account yet of the day,"* while *The Forward* called it a *"vital book for Jews and non-Jews, for Israelis and Palestinians."*

Join us on October 10 for Shabbat services and a special oneg and salon event with Lee Yaron. RSVP via the QR code or email Mark@tbsmb.org

During the year, we will be working with the Israel Policy Forum to present several sessions on developments in Israel. The Israel Policy Forum's mission is to build support for a secure, Jewish, democratic Israel and constructive U.S. policies that help to advance a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They work to elevate the public discourse and advance pragmatic U.S. policy toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S.-Israel relations, and regional diplomacy among policymakers and community leaders. Stay tuned for more details.

We will also be presenting a series of discussions highlighting the diverse voices from and about Israel.

Please join Mark Baranek via Zoom every Monday at 4:00 pm for our Weekly TBS Israel Get-Together and Meetup. Mark curates the latest news and culture from Israel. Check the online calendar for the Zoom link.

 The graphic features a portrait of Lee Yaron on the left. To her right is the cover of her book *10/7: 100 Human Stories*. The text on the graphic reads: 'JEWISH BOOK SERIES 2025-2026', 'A 5-PART SERIES EXPLORING A VARIETY OF THEMES', '1ST EVENT', '100 Human Stories 10/7 by LEE YARON', 'Friday, October 10 | 7:00-8:00 pm', and 'ZOOM only please RSVP'.

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