



**Welcome
Back To
School**



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Welcome Back BBQ!

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Shabbat Schedule

tbsmb.org/spiritual-life/shabbat
Shabbat is a taste of paradise. Talmud, Berachot 57a

Shabbat Evening Services

6:00 pm | Friday

Our Shabbat evening service will embrace you. Fresh and familiar music will enable you to give voice to your own spirit. Special occasions in the lives of our congregants, Jewish teachings, sermons from our rabbis, and special music will enhance "Shabbat—our sanctuary in time."

Torah Study on Shabbat Morning

9:30 am | Saturday

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

Tot Shabbat

10:00 am | 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 11:30-12:00 pm 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 Gabby at gabby@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 left (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

America at 250: A Jewish Story of Belonging, Service and Responsibility

Last month I hope you enjoyed a semiquincentennial celebration on July 4th. Whether it was a BBQ, fireworks, or apple pie, hopefully you had a moment to celebrate and rejoice in the freedoms of America. The 250th birthday of our country also presents an opportunity for us to reflect on the Jewish American experience from the time George Washington visited the Touro synagogue in Rhode Island to the present moment when our current and former presidents have Jewish grandchildren.

Throughout our upcoming High Holy Days, we will ponder how Jews have helped shape America and how America has shaped Jewish life. As well, we will consider how a new wave of antisemitism, the erosion of democratic norms, and political and cultural polarization have resulted in rising Jewish anxiety. At this moment,

more than ever, we must affirm our commitment to the ideals of America.

Across these sacred days, we will listen to stories from within our own community, honor service and sacrifice, explore the challenges and blessing of being Jewish in America today, and consider what it means to belong – to one another, to our people, and to the country we call home.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the synagogue for our annual homecoming with an Erev Rosh Hashanah light dinner reception. This is an opportunity to linger, enjoy warm conversation and renew your sense of belonging. Leave the cooking to us – let's welcome in the new year together (please RSVP!)

We look forward to introducing you to our newest rabbi, Mikey Mitgang, who was just ordained by the Hebrew Union College in May. I know you will feel his warmth and earnest desire to serve our community.

This year, as our cantorial search is underway, we will welcome Cantor Emma Maier of New York to our *bima* as our guest cantor, along with many of our familiar lay singers and some new voices singing time-honored melodies. (See page 23).

On Yom Kippur afternoon, we will once again share a prayerful, moderated clergy conversation entitled: "Being Jewish in America Today: Belonging, Responsibility and Hope." Questions may be submitted in advance.

I am looking forward to sharing this meaningful time with you and your families. As always, please feel free to reach out with any thoughts, questions or concerns.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer – vacations, reading and rejuvenating – and join us at TBS ready and refreshed to welcome the new year of 5787.

Get Prepared:
A Month of Awakening the Soul

High Holy Days 5787

This year for the month of Elul, as we prepare for the High Holy Days and begin a new year of learning together, join us for a special four-part Shabbat Torah Study series exploring Shai Held's acclaimed book *Judaism Is About Love*. Through thoughtful discussion of each of the book's four sections, we will reflect on the central role of love in Jewish life and tradition while launching Temple Beth Sholom's year-long learning theme, Layers of Love. Sessions will take place during Shabbat Torah Study from 9:30-10:30 am on August 15, 22, and 29, and September 5. No prior reading is required, though participants are encouraged to engage with the book as we journey together into the new year!



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President's Message

Suzanne Meltzer

There is something sacred about this season at Temple Beth Sholom—the return to familiar faces, enduring traditions, and the rhythms that bind us together as a community. Whether your summer was filled with travel, time with loved ones, or quiet renewal, I am looking forward to our Temple family beginning this New Year together.

Serving as your President is one of the great honors of my life. For nearly three decades, this congregation has been my family's spiritual home—the place where our closest friendships took root, where our children grew into their Jewish identities, and where our lives have been shaped by the values we share. It is a privilege to serve alongside our clergy, professional staff, Board of Trustees, and devoted volunteers as we build a congregation where every person feels they belong.

Our campus remained vibrant this summer. Campers filled the halls

with energy and joy, and our clergy and staff have been hard at work preparing a meaningful High Holy Day experience. We were also thrilled to welcome Rabbi Mitgang in July as our new Youth Rabbi. His warmth and enthusiasm are contagious, and he is already making his mark on our community.

As the school year begins, we welcome back our students and families. Under the outstanding leadership of Barb Shimansky, Stacy Penson, and Jen Katz Burk, our Religious and Innovative Schools continue to inspire the next generation through Jewish learning, values, and community.

Your Board of Trustees has been hard at work as well, preparing for the year ahead. Our focus is simple and ambitious: deepening our culture of belonging, strengthening how we lead and govern, and shaping a vision that will keep Temple Beth Sholom vibrant for generations to come.

The true strength of this congregation has always been its people. As the High Holy Days approach, we are given the gift of return—to our faith, to one another, and to this community we call home. My hope is that each of us finds our own meaningful way back through these doors, and to each other.

On behalf of my family and our Board of Trustees, I wish you and your loved ones a sweet, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Suzanne Meltzer

Please Give These Dates

Saturday, November 21

All Circle of Giving Gratitude Event with special concert by Dan Nichols (light bites and drinks).

Friday, January 8

Generational Shabbat & Dinner



A Measure of Philanthropy

Madeleine Novack
Director of Philanthropy

Welcome back!

On behalf of all of us at Temple Beth Sholom and the Innovative School, I hope you had a wonderful summer, whether you stayed close to home, traveled near or far, or simply found moments to slow down and recharge.

While summer offers many of us a chance to rest, it's also a season of preparation here at TBS. Behind the scenes, our clergy, educators, staff, volunteers, and lay leaders have been planning for the year ahead: meaningful worship, inspiring learning, opportunities to serve, joyful celebrations, and countless moments that bring us together as a community. Everything we do is guided by a simple hope: that every person who walks through our doors finds connection, purpose, and a meaningful way to engage in Jewish life.

One of the things that has struck me most is the strength of our community, which is solidified every time someone welcomes a new face, comforts a friend, volunteers for a project, celebrates a simcha, attends a class, or supports our mission.

There is so much life that unfolds within these walls. We gather for our greatest joys and deepest sorrows. It's easy to show up when life goes well; it's harder when it feels uncertain or painful. And yet, time and again, this community is there. That commitment: to be present, to care, and to invest in one another, is what makes Temple Beth Sholom such an extraordinary place.

During this year's High Holy Day season of reflection, I'm forever grateful to all of you who have built this congregation, nurtured Jewish life on Miami Beach, and strengthened the traditions that continue to sustain us today. As a newcomer, I cannot overstate the warmth I've felt since my very first encounter here, and I'm proud to be part of this community and share in the privilege of carrying our shared vision forward both for "now" and for the next generation.

There is much to look forward to this year. Across Temple Beth Sholom and the Innovative School, we're enhancing our shared spaces, investing in innovative learning for our children, creating new opportunities for connection, and continuing to strengthen the vibrant community we all cherish.

I hope you'll explore what's ahead and find the opportunities that speak to you. Whether through worship, learning,

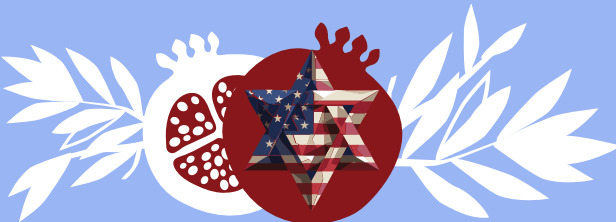
volunteering, celebrating, giving, or simply spending time with friends old and new, every act of participation enriches both your own experience and the life of our community.

Thank you for being part of Temple Beth Sholom. I look forward to seeing you in the months ahead and to sharing what promises to be an inspiring year together.

Wishing you and your family a meaningful, joyful, and sweet new year.

Madeleine

**HIGH HOLY DAY
APPEAL 5787**



Your gift to our High Holy Day Appeal is an investment in Jewish life on Miami Beach and a commitment to our shared future. One day, others will tell the story of this chapter in Temple Beth Sholom's history, and we hope that they will say our generation cared enough to leave this community stronger than we found it.

It is our turn.
Scan to learn more.




Membership

Craig Berko
Director of Membership

Now More Than Ever, Generation to Generation, Jewish Community Matters

At Temple Beth Sholom...

We gather in moments of joy and sorrow,
We gather in celebration and reflection, and
We create together a connected Jewish community.

As we prepare for the High Holy Days this September, the value of belonging to a Jewish community becomes even more meaningful. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur invite us to reflect, reconnect, and gather (together) in sacred community. And a strong Jewish future depends on strong Jewish communities, and each of us plays a role in sustaining that future.

We recognize that every member's journey is different. Some members join us regularly, some remain connected from afar, while others may attend only occasionally or during only the High Holy Days. EVERY form of membership matters. Your commitment to Temple Beth Sholom is about more than how often you enter our physical building. It reflects a belief that you believe Jewish community, tradition, and connection are

worth sustaining. Your support helps ensure that our congregation remains for yourself, your family, and future generations. Whether you are here every week or simply take comfort in knowing that Temple Beth Sholom is here when you need it, your membership makes a difference.

Jewish community now more than ever does matter. In a world that often feels increasingly disconnected, uncertain, and divided, we all seek places where we are known, valued, and welcomed. Temple Beth Sholom is more than a building. It is a community of people who celebrate together, mourn together, learn together, and support one another through life's joys and challenges. It is a place where friendships are formed, where children discover their Jewish identity, where adults continue to grow, and where every generation finds meaning and connection.

The question is simple: What will future Jewish generations say about us? Will they know that we cared deeply, and made a commitment to strengthen our community for those who would follow? Together, we are writing that story every day, a story that future generations will share, yours and mine.

Our 2026–2027 membership year began on June 1, and renewal statements have already been distributed. For those households that have already renewed,

thank you. Membership includes admission to all High Holy Day services for household heads and children age 25 and under.

We also invite you to help our community grow. There is no greater compliment than when a member introduces a friend, neighbor, family member, or colleague to Temple Beth Sholom. Your referrals help ensure that our congregation remains vibrant for generations to come.

If you have questions about your renewal or would like to explore new ways to contribute or become involved, please contact me at (305) 538-7231 ext. 230 or craig@tbsmb.org.

Be Inspired. Be Nurtured. Belong. Start Here.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Craig

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Celebrating Our Pre-K Pelicans and Fifth Grade Gumbo Limbos

This June, we celebrated two important milestones in our school community: the Pre-K Pelicans Moving Up Ceremony and the graduation of our fifth grade Gumbo Limbos, the Class of 2026.

Our Pre-K Pelicans have spent their Foundation Level years learning through play, exploration, creativity, and connection. Throughout their journey, they have grown into confident, curious, and capable learners, ready to take the next step into the Elementary Level!

For our fifth grade Gumbo Limbos, this celebration marked the culmination of years of learning, growth, leadership, and meaningful contributions to our school *Kehilla*. As our largest graduating class yet, they leave us prepared to become future changemakers who will make a positive impact wherever they go. As they begin their next chapter, we are proud to share that they will attend exceptional middle schools, including JLA, Cushman, and Basecamp 305.

As our learners take their next steps, one thing remains the same: they will always be part of our *Kehilla*. The relationships they have built, the memories they have created, and the values they have embraced during their time here will continue to connect them to our community for years to come. No matter where life leads them, they will always have a place in the Innovative School family!



Innovative School

Stacy Person
Director of Elementary Level



“Children are not waiting for the future; they are living their lives now. We sit beside them, looking out at the world together.”

— Loris Malaguzzi

As you read this message, the Innovative School is preparing to begin another exciting school year. This year, through the lens of our overarching big idea, One Community of Belonging, we will focus on two essential values: **Partnership** and **Participation**.

Partnerships are at the heart of everything we do. Educators partner with one another to support learning. Families partner with educators and staff. Our school and temple partner together to nurture a vibrant *Kehilla*. Most importantly, we partner on behalf of our children.

When we build a culture grounded in trust, care, and mutual respect, those partnerships flourish. Children benefit most when the adults in their lives communicate openly, work together thoughtfully, and remain connected through both celebrations and challenges. The stronger our partnerships, the stronger the foundation we create for every child to thrive.

Participation invites us to do more than simply be present; it asks us to engage. It asks us to listen deeply, remain curious, show up for one another, and contribute to the life of our community. Participation happens in classrooms, at school events, in temple life, on committees, during conversations, and through the many opportunities we have to connect throughout the year.

When families participate in the life of the school, children notice. They see that their education matters. They experience a greater sense of belonging. They develop stronger relationships, deeper confidence, and a richer connection to their community. Together, we create an environment where children feel seen, known, and valued.

As we begin this new school year, we recognize

that change brings many emotions. Parents may be separating from their children after a summer of togetherness, sometimes for the first time. Children will enter new classrooms, meet new teachers and classmates, and encounter new expectations. Our older learners will engage with new curriculum and be challenged in exciting ways as they continue to grow.

During these important milestones, our partnership with one another matters more than ever. The relationship between home and school is not transactional—it is covenantal. We are joined by a shared commitment to the well-being and growth of our children. Even when we see things differently, we can remain in relationship with one another. We can choose respect. We can assume positive intent. We can practice patience. We can ask questions with curiosity rather than judgment. These choices strengthen our community and model the values we hope to instill in our children.



The Robotics Team with their 1st place trophy

As we look ahead, there is so much to celebrate. We are excited to welcome our new lunch program, introduce an AI Advisory Board, revitalize our Nutrition and Wellness Committee, host our second annual

Innovative School -continued



Third Grade

(Give) Back to School Night, continue growing our school with mission-aligned families, and begin planning for our new library and media center. Through

it all, we will continue to demonstrate that Joyful Learning is Academic Excellence.

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of a school community that is innovative, caring, and deeply committed to children and families. Each of us plays an important role in shaping that experience. When we show up, participate, and invest in one another, our children reap the benefits. When we lead with love, pay attention to what we want to see more of, and create conditions where every child feels a sense of belonging, our *Kehilla* grows stronger.

Together, through partnership and participation, we can ensure that this year is not only successful, but deeply meaningful for our children, our families, and our entire community.

Stacy



Introducing: Women of Temple Beth Sholom

We are excited to introduce **Women of Temple Beth Sholom**, a vibrant umbrella community that brings together women of all ages and stages of life through meaningful learning, connection, ritual and engagement.

Women of Temple Beth Sholom encompasses our beloved Sisterhood, our new monthly Women's Torah Study (Women and Wisdom, our new initiative for women ages 50+), and Moms of TBS. Together, these programs create opportunities to build friendships, deepen Jewish learning, support one another, and strengthen our community.

Whether you are seeking spiritual growth, intellectual engagement, social connection, or simply a welcoming place to belong, there is a place for you within Women of Temple Beth Sholom.

We look forward to welcoming you throughout the year and hope you will join us for our kickoff celebration in the Sukkah as we begin this exciting new chapter together!



jLAB News

Barb Shimansky, RJE
Senior Director of Judaic Studies

August occupies a unique place in the Jewish and secular calendars. Summer is still with us, yet many of us are beginning to look ahead - to the start of school, the return of routines, and the approach of the High Holy Days. It is a month that invites both reflection and anticipation.

Over the summer, our children have learned in many different ways. Some attended camp, where Jewish life is woven naturally into daily experiences of friendship, creativity, prayer, and play. Others traveled, spent time with family, volunteered, read books, explored new interests, or simply enjoyed the gift of unstructured time. While these experiences may look different from classroom learning, they are no less meaningful. Jewish tradition reminds us that learning happens everywhere. Every encounter, every relationship, and every new experience has the potential to teach us something about ourselves, our community, and our responsibilities to the world around us.

As we prepare to welcome learners back to our Innovative School and jLAB classrooms, I find myself reflecting on a central question: What does it mean to be a learner in the Jewish tradition?

The Torah begins not with commandments, but with stories. Again and again, our sacred texts present individuals who ask questions, wrestle with uncertainty, make mistakes, and grow through experience. Jewish learning has never been about having all the answers. It is about cultivating curiosity, engaging deeply with ideas, and developing the wisdom to live meaningful lives.

This spirit of inquiry is one of the greatest gifts we can offer our children. In our classrooms, we hope not only to teach Hebrew, holidays, history, and Torah, but also to nurture thoughtful Jewish identities. We want our learners to ask big questions, explore different perspectives, and discover how Jewish values can guide them as they navigate an increasingly complex world.

As the new school year approaches, I invite all of us - children and adults alike - to embrace the role of learner. Whether we are returning to a classroom, joining an adult education class, attending services, or simply engaging in conversations around the dinner table, there are always new opportunities to grow.

May these final weeks of summer provide moments of rest, connection, and renewal. And may the coming year bring meaningful learning, deeper relationships, and countless opportunities to discover the richness of Jewish life together.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful August and a joyful start to the year ahead.

Barb



jLAB Enrollment Is Open!!

tbsmb.org/jlab/registration/

Left: Theater with jLAB



Social Justice News

Jessica Jacobs
Rabbi

We are tremendously proud of a packed year of justice work in partnership with PACT Miami - People Acting for Community Together. PACT is an interfaith justice organization that TBS has partnered with for over two decades.

This year we focused on two issue areas: affordable housing and support for the Miami Center for Mental Health and Recovery. After months of advocacy, education, and news coverage we are thrilled that on June 16 the Miami-Dade County Commission unanimously

voted YES to move forward with opening the Miami Center for Mental Health and Recovery. Members of the community and Temple Beth Sholom (as part of PACT) filled the Commission Chamber to hold our elected officials accountable to do the right thing. This Center was championed by TBS member Judge Steven Leifman for over 20-years.

PACT is also working in partnership with Commissioner Vicki Lopez to change definitions of workforce housing in our county to better meet the needs of working

individuals.

To top it all off, for our efforts in PACT we received two awards: The Ownership Award for an All-Star Justice Network committed to financially investing in the work of PACT, and the Jeremiah Cup All Star Clergy Award for Rabbi Jacobs' commitment to the Mental Health Center. Are you interested in partnering with neighbors of all faiths to make Miami Dade a better place? Reach out to Jeff Agron jagron@tbsmb.org.



Rabbi Jacobs being awarded PACT's Jeremiah Cup All Star Clergy Award.



Social Justice Activities

Jeff Agron
Social Justice Director

2026 Primary Election

As summer continues, all eyes are on the 2026 election season, which kicks-off this month with the primaries on **Tuesday, August 18**. For the primary election, Florida has closed elections, meaning that, in most cases, only registered voters with a political party affiliation may vote for candidates from that party in the primary. That applies to all races for Congress and the Florida legislature. Registered independents can only vote in non-partisan races. All registered voters vote in non-partisan races in Miami-Dade County for county judges, school board members, county commissioners, community council members, and community development district seats.

Important dates you need to know:

Register to Vote – The last date to register to vote in the primary has already passed. The deadline to register for the November 3 general election is **Monday, October 5**.

Vote by Mail – ALL REGISTERED VOTERS must renew their vote-by-mail ballots in 2026. Even if you have voted in the past by mail, that registration has expired, and you must apply again for all 2026 elections. We urge all voters to order a vote-by-mail ballot even if you plan to vote in person early or on election day. You never know what may happen and it is good to have the mail ballot, even if you ultimately do not use it.

The deadline to request a vote-

by-mail ballot for the August 18 primary is **Thursday, August 8**. Apply at miamidade.electionsfl.org/vrservices/mbrs#.

All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Election no later than 7 pm on election night.

Traveling in August? Receive your Vote-by-Mail Ballot at a different location. Many people will be away during the election and wish their vote-by-mail ballot to be sent to an address other than their home residence in Miami-Dade. Per Florida Statute, requests for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to an address not on file, must be in writing and signed by the voter using the DS-DE 160 Statewide Vote-by-Mail Request form. To complete your request, please fill out, print, and sign the form, which you can print from here bit.ly/3zhwgZX. You must return the form to the Miami-Dade Elections Department by mail, fax, or email as an attachment. Mail: P.O. BOX 521250, Miami FL 33152, Fax: 305-499-8401, Email: votebymail@miamidade.gov

Early Voting - In Miami-Dade County, early voting begins on **Monday, Aug. 3**, and closes on **Sunday, Aug. 16**. The hours for voting change depending on the day, so check the full calendar for times and locations before heading out to the polls.

Election day – on election day, August 18, you may only vote at

your assigned precinct as shown on your voter's registration card. Please check carefully as many precincts have changed and you may have received a new voter registration card.

You can learn about early voting locations and times, check your voter status, read a sample ballot based on your location, find your local polling place, and learn more using the QR code below.



Save the date:

Temple Beth Sholom's Every Voice, Every Vote Election Program – Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm

General Election is Tuesday, November 3.



Youth Department

Michael Mitgang
Rabbi

Hi everyone, welcome back from Summer! We're so excited we're back together again for another amazing year at Temple Beth Sholom. This summer, Zoe's been busy at Camp Coleman, planning our BESHTY trips and events, and of course, we're welcoming the incredible new Rabbi Mitgang!

Rabbi Mitgang and Zoe will be working with our BESHTY students to make this the most incredible year – we have a full schedule already! From Volunteering at Give Kids the World and going to Halloween Horror nights with our high schoolers, a Sukkot party for Mini & Micro BESHTY and Monday Night Hangouts for JR BESHTY, this year is full of fun and surprises.

Congratulation to our incoming 2026/2027 BESHTY Board (As of July 7)
President: Lexi Weissman
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Zoe Rosenberg
Youth Director



Emma Fernandez, Harper Harris
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We hope to see everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ on August 28, and can't wait to hear about everyone's amazing summers.

Best,

Rabbi Mitgang & Zoë Rosenberg



First Session campers at Coleman

GRILL & CHILL!



Welcome Back BBQ
Aug 28 • 7:00 PM
Palm Plaza

You're invited! Our annual Welcome Back Barbecue takes place in the Palm Plaza after services. We'll gather to reconnect and celebrate the start of a new season together.

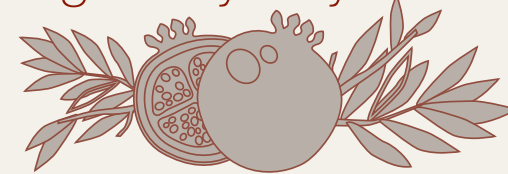
Enjoy hot dogs, burgers (including veggie options!), s'mores, and more while catching up with friends, meeting new faces, and welcoming everyone back to our community.

We hope you had a wonderful summer, and we can't wait to fire up the grill and celebrate with you!

Adults: Members \$25
Non Members: \$36



High Holy Days 5787



Tekiah

Shofar Blowing Workshop & Rehearsal

Tekiah:

Shofar Blowing Workshop & Rehearsal
6:00 pm | Tuesday, August 25

Please join Rabbi Jacobs and our other Shofar Blowers to prepare for this important role in our High Holy Days experience at a workshop/practice, Tuesday, August 25, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. 106 years ago, in 1918, Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz, the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, gave a Rosh HaShanah sermon "Ashray Ha-Am Yod'ay Teruah - Happy is the People that Know the Sound of the Shofar." I hope that we will bring happiness to our congregation through the performance of this important mitzvah. This workshop is open to all ages and all abilities.

Please RSVP to Rabbi Jacobs or Noemi:
rabbijacobs@tbsmb.org or Noemi@tbsmb.org



TBS Outing | Jewish Community Celebration
Miami Marlins vs Washington Nationals
LoanDepot Park, Miami, FL
Sunday, August 23 | 1:30 pm

INCLUDED: Souvenir Event Jerseys & Pre-Game Participation in On-field Parade!!



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Celebrating 250 Years of Jews in America throughout our High Holy Days

As America marks its 250th birthday, our High Holy Days will invite us to reflect on the Jewish experience in this country — how America has shaped Jewish life, and how Jews have helped shape America.

Across these sacred days, we will listen to stories from within our own community, honor service and sacrifice, explore the challenges and blessings of being Jewish in America today, and consider what it means to belong — to one another, to our people, and to the country we call home.

Erev Rosh HaShanah Friday, September 11

6:00 -7:15 pm Evening Service

Join us for our first High Holy Day service as we joyfully welcome 5787 and begin our reflection on America at 250 through the voices and stories of members of our own community.

7:15 pm Rosh HaShanah Homecoming

After services, stay and begin the year together. Whether you are a longtime member, newly connected, coming with family, or arriving on your own, this gathering is designed to make everyone feel welcomed, included, and at home. Join us in the Welcome Center and Courtyard for a **generous light dinner**, warm conversation, and a sweet first step into the New Year as one community. (RSVP) tbsmb.org/HHD5787

Rosh HaShanah (Day 1) Saturday, September 12

9:45 am Morning Service and concurrent Youth Experience (grades K – 5)

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

3:30 pm Tashlich Experience begins in Sanctuary

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

Rosh HaShanah (Day 2) Sunday, September 13

9:45 am Morning Service followed by Community Lunch (RSVP) tbsmb.org/HHD5787



Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 20

6:00 pm Family Service (appropriate for elementary age children and above)

8:00 pm Adult Service

Yom Kippur Day Monday, September 21

9:45 am Morning Service and concurrent Youth Experience (grades K – 5)

1:00 pm Study Session – in person

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

2:00 pm Meditation Experience: Encountering Your Future Self with Cantor Emma Maier

*3:15 pm An abbreviated Torah Service followed by a prayerful, moderated clergy conversation: "Being Jewish in America Today: Belonging, Responsibility, and Hope." Together, our clergy will reflect on the challenges and possibilities of Jewish life in America today. Questions may be submitted in advance.

4:45 pm Yizkor Memorial Service and Neila

*Please note changes to the Yom Kippur Afternoon Experience

Selichot

High Holy Days 5787
September 5



Selichot: Preparing the Heart for the High Holy Days

The High Holy Day season begins with Selichot, a sacred opportunity to pause, reflect, and prepare for the journey of repentance, renewal, and transformation ahead. Join us for an evening of community and prayer as we turn our attention toward the work of the soul and ready ourselves for the Days of Awe.

Friday, September 5

7:30 p.m. – Film Screening: Once Upon My Mother 9:15–9:45 p.m.
– Dessert Reception 9:45 p.m. – Selichot Service

We hope you will join us as we begin our transition into the High Holy Days.



Find your small group!
Questions? Contact Jaleh Bast at
jaleh@tbsmb.org

Our Small Panim Groups

Panim el panim — “face to face” — is what keeps our community vibrant. As summer wraps up and routines shift, it's the perfect time to stay connected through our small groups. Whether near or far, these circles offer a simple way to keep relationships strong and meaningful, carrying that sense of connection to our TBS community through the year.

Looking ahead, the new year and the High Holy Days will bring fresh energy — new groups, new friendships, and new ways to engage. We're excited that our Innovative School parent group has officially launched, adding another layer of connection for families, alongside our growing special-interest groups. Together, they set the stage for an even more connected and dynamic season ahead.

RAD Event Photos

Rabbi Davis Farewell Event



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August 2026



A Community-Wide Learning Theme: *Layers of Love*

We are thrilled to introduce our new community-wide learning theme, which is designed to create a shared educational language across our congregation, connecting every stage of Jewish life through one larger conversation. Our inaugural theme this year will be **Layers of Love**.

Beginning in Elul, we will anchor our learning in Shai Held’s *Judaism Is About Love*. From there, clergy and educators will explore the theme through their own passions and expertise. Topics may include self-love and human dignity, friendship and love in the Torah and our tradition, Jewish understandings of marriage and covenant, loving difficult people while honoring healthy boundaries, love of God, Torah, Israel, and the Jewish people, and what we love most about Judaism and Jewish life.

The goal is not sameness. The goal is connection.

A shared theme gives us a common thread, allowing children, teens, adults, families, clergy, educators, and community members to feel part of something larger than any single class or program.

In the spirit of *Echad*, this vision moves learning into a shared communal story. Through an annual congregational theme we hope to make Jewish learning one of the defining features of Temple Beth Shalom life, something we see, celebrate, talk about, and live together.

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Temple Beth Shalom’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 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 AUGUST 18, 2026**; email to Lois Kotzen at lois@tbsmb.org or by mail: Temple Beth Shalom, 4144 Chase Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33140

Please submit name(s) and by whom they are remembered..

☐ Please include the same information as last year. View last year’s presentation: www.yizkormemorial.com

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In memory of: _____

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We welcome any special notes or questions here: _____

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Thank you for participating in Temple Beth Shalom’s Yizkor Memorial 5787 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



B-Mitzvah



Ruby Citarella Bruck

Ruby celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on May 30, 2026. Ruby is a student at Miami Arts Charter, where she is part of the theater program and loves performing on stage. Most recently, she appeared as Eunice in the school's production of *Agatha Rex*. A dedicated student, Ruby takes great pride in her academics and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Outside of school, Ruby loves to travel, but her favorite pastime is riding her bike through the streets of Miami Beach with her friends.

Ruby is the daughter of Dr. Darren Bruck and Sofia Citarella and the sister of Viola, Kora, and Marlon. She is the granddaughter of Joseph and Suzan Bruck and Victor and Lilita Citarella.

Alona Sfarad

Alona celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on June 6, 2026. Alona recently graduated from the Innovative School of Temple Beth Sholom and will begin middle school this fall at Jewish Leadership Academy (JLA). Born in Israel, Alona lived there until moving to Miami Beach with her family two years ago. She is a kind and caring friend who loves going on adventures and enjoys learning, especially math, reading, P.E., and art. Outside of school, Alona enjoys playing volleyball, reading, and spending time with her friends.

For her mitzvah project, Alona is raising funds for the Dolphins Cancer Challenge in support of Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Alona is the daughter of Hadas and Liron Sfarad and the sister of Ivri and Dror. She is the granddaughter of Ilana z"l and Chaim Kadar, and Frida and Rahamim Sfarad, and the great-granddaughter of Amalia and Yosef Kadar, Mazal and Haim Yisha'yahu, Habib Michael and Munis Farhanghi Sherf, and Sarah and Nisan Sfarad.



Ryan Asher Danton

Ryan will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on the morning of August 22, 2026. He is the son of Gary Danton and Robyn Weisman and the brother of Adam Danton. Ryan's proud grandparents are Eileen Danton, Jaqualine Danton, Richard Weisman, and Diane Weisman.

Ryan graduated from the Temple Beth Sholom Elementary School and now attends The Cushman Middle School. He enjoys a wide variety of activities, including cross country, track and field, fishing, boating, scuba diving, archery, and table tennis. His greatest passion, however, is fencing. Ryan recently finished among the top 10% of Y12 fencers at the 2026 Summer National Fencing Tournament, an accomplishment that reflects his dedication and hard work.

Temple Beth Sholom is proud to celebrate this special milestone with Ryan and his family and wishes them a heartfelt mazal tov on this joyous occasion.

Moss Manes

Moss will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on the afternoon of August 22, 2026. Moss is a student at Miami Country Day School with a wide variety of interests and passions. He enjoys playing Roblox with his friends, challenging family and friends to competitive games of ping pong, and spending his evenings on the tennis court. A true foodie, Moss loves cooking classes, discovering new flavors, searching for the perfect pizza, and traveling to experience different cultures. He also loves spending time with his beloved rescue dog, Muse.

Inspired by Muse, Moss chose a mitzvah project that reflects his love of animals. He is volunteering with and raising funds for Jamie's Rescue, a nonprofit dog rescue organization dedicated to helping rescue dogs find safe, loving forever homes.

Moss is the son of Matt and Tasha Manes and the brother of Mash Manes. He is the grandson of Michael Manes and Carol Freedman, Barbara Gould, and Longin and Mary Kempski.



Temple Beth Sholom Welcomes Cantor Emma Maier for the High Holy Days

A note from Cantor Emma Maier:

What a deep joy to join the Temple Beth Sholom community as your visiting cantor for this High Holy Day season. Originally from Los Angeles, and now based in Brooklyn, I was ordained by Hebrew Union College in 2023 and have had the privilege of serving congregations including Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor, Michigan and The Village Temple in Manhattan.

Since before I can remember, the High Holy Days have been my favorite time of year. This sacred season is a precious time to pause, reflect, and strive for *teshuva*, return, together. I believe music is one of the most powerful ways to open our hearts and elevate our prayers. I look forward to sharing these *Yamim Noraim*, Days of Awe, with you. To learn more about me, visit cantormaier.com.

It will be an honor to stand on your *bimah*, and I so look forward to lifting our voices together. Wishing you and yours a *Shanah Tovah u'metukah!*





Happy Birthday

Birthdays



Happy Anniversary

Congratulations On The Time You Have Shared Together

Anniversaries

August 1

Graham Forman
Brooke Nieder
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August 2

Hunter Halpern
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August 4

Lucinda Camras
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Jack Schwartz
Jake Silberstein
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August 5

Shimon Alon
Robert Davis
Jonathan Fryd
Lucila Maltagliati
Adam Snitzer
Dillon Weissman

August 6

Danielle Goldfarb
Samuel Hyken
Carl Mozes
Ryan Ohana
Aubrey Reiter
John Tighe
Michael Tobin
Mark Troy

August 7

Dee Dee Berkowitz
Julian Bernstein
Reigner Charms
Remy Lamberg
Gaia Parlato
Morgan Posner
Robert Swedroe
Madeline Torban

August 8

Jake Berlin
Jaqui Broad
Chloe Cantor
Neil Dubrow
Rachel Edelstein
Tara Gavcovich
Jonathan Gaynor
Harper Green
Gary Kleiner
Stuart Miller
Kenneth Naylor
Tran Pham
Marty Sherman

August 9

Alana Agron
Barry Brodsky
Jason Charms
Igor Desyatnikov
Lila Desyatnikov
Riley Gilbert
Saul Gross
Andrea Holland
Karen Knuth
Mason Koczwara
Neil Matlins
Roger Miller
Diana Rosen
Joanna Schwartz
Astrid Sender
Steven Spolansky
Brent Steinberg

August 10

Sasha Allen
Raphael Ohana
Assel Wyler

August 11

Erica Graff
Abbey Lorber
Jasmine Pyle

August 12

Pierre Elmaleh
Stirling Fairman
Robert Friedlander
Sonam Glass
Sage Greer
Monica Haim
Lisa Revesz
Sami Shaio

August 13

Ruth Benoliel
Giuseppe Ceschelli
Marc Hurwitz
Hannah Linder
Moss Manes
Alexandra Schueler
Daniel Schwartz
Sylvia Smith
Adam Weinberg
Ariel Weinberg
Mark Weithorn

August 14

Carly Alacqua
Sophie Bernstein
Renato Bisconcini
Sofia Bruck
Jason Chroman
Ashley Gerson
Eli Gross
Alexandra Santinelli
Stephen Sawitz

August 15

Norah Alacqua
Diane Camber
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August 16

Jaden Adler
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Hadas Sfarad
Brian Sidman
Susan Zinn

August 17

Luca Akin
Michael Chaplin
Sharon Ellis
Alex Fernandez
Bodhi Genet
Meredith Hoffman
Rosalind Merritt
Alessandra Romero-
Fischmann
Isabella Slezzynger
Nicole Wrubel

August 18

Neil Bienstock
Hunter Hirschhorn
Steven Kagan
Isabel Kaiserman
Stella Kaiserman
David Karp
Andrea Kirsh
Debora Schirripa-
Schwartz
Barbara Schpilberg
Henri Spiegel
Alan Yoss
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August 19

Simon Attias
Izzy Diamond
Emma Fernandez
Wendy Hart
August Hirschhorn
Nancy Lipsitz
Malka Mordujovich
Blake Posner-
Ferdman
Anamaria Rotar
Tyler Shore
Stanley Smith

August 20

Darryl Alhadeff
Nina Amdur
Liel Cordeiro Rivo
Gabriel Fleurival

Jeffrey Gidney
Shelby Kempler
Jared Kopf
John Penson
Sasha Starke
Oliver Stern
Richard Streim

August 21

Matthew Adler
Gregory Andris
Mark Bisnow
Kora Bruck
Blake Willa Dubiner

August 22

Jordan Bassuk
Norman Braman
Eric Cohen
Samuel Halpern
Rita Schwartz

August 23

Ari Altman
Steven Brod
Lorne Cantor
Suzanne Landsman
Donald Lefton
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August 24

Lee Afigin
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Jaime Nasajon
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August 25

Santiago Billings
Natalie Broidy
Lin Cherry
Robin Coven
Amaya Dahan
Matt Liebowitz
Gerald Marshall
Lisa Newman
Oliver Quittner
Mila Rosen

Aaron Wyler

August 26

Howard Davis
Eugene Goldstein
Laura McDowell
Jessica Rhodes
Sarah Schor
Eran Silverberg
Cory Yeffet

August 27

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August 28

Roxanne Andras
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August 29

Virginia Akar
Joshua Levy
Eric Mindich
Thierry "Theory"
Sidman
Marc Sternbaum

August 30

Luca Blittner
Brett Harris
Carrie James
Barry Kutun
Lucy Roth
Adrian Spiegel

August 31

Lily Gellis
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August 3

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August 5

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August 6

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August 7

Marla and Michael Clark, Jr.

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August 11

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August 14

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