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Simchat Torah

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Featuring

Oct. 2

Simchat Torah

Join us for a joyful evening of celebration at Simchat Torah



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.

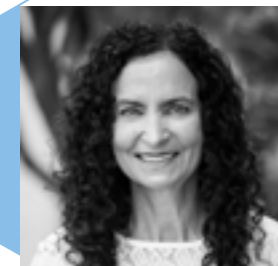
Live Streaming

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



As I write this in August, I am preoccupied by the upcoming holidays -- and by the head-spinning incidents of antisemitism and anti-Zionism in politics and the media -- in the U.S and around the world.

Last Shabbat, a man entered Central Synagogue in Manhattan as services began, charged the *bima*, and assaulted a congregant and a member of the security team -- an act of antisemitic violence at a place close to my heart, where I served as a rabbinic intern for two years. Thankfully, the assault was stopped, and the clergy, congregation and security team all responded with calm and grace.

This week (in August), we welcomed back our Innovative School students. Greeting parents in the Welcome Center, I met several new families. A few told me they'd moved here because of our school. One, from Berlin, said they'd left Europe because of the rising antisemitism there. More surprising, was a father who told me his family had left New York because of escalating antisemitic and anti-

Zionist hostility. I never imagined Jews would feel unsafe in the city with the largest Jewish population outside of Israel.

There are too many threads to untangle in this rise of hateful volatility. For readers who want to think it through further, I recommend Dara Horn's new book, *The Final Solution to the Jewish Question: A Love Story for the Living*, and Sarah Hurwitz's *As A Jew*.

By the time this edition of *HaKOL* reaches you, we will likely be nearing the end of Sukkot -- a holiday that reminds us of our vulnerability. We dwell in flimsy huts, echoing the ones our ancestors used while wandering in the wilderness: shelters that offer some cover but cannot fully protect us from rain, predators or enemies. Another rabbinic tradition teaches that these were not huts of branch and leaf at all, but "*anene kavod*", or miraculous clouds of glory, with which God shielded the Israelites.

Both explanations still speak to us. In the evening prayer of

Hashkiveynu, we ask for God's sheltering presence. Many of us take comfort in the image of a loving Parent watching over us -- the *anene kavod* view. But Judaism has never treated that faith as a substitute for our own vigilance.

The Israelites did not sleep exposed under the open sky. They built *sukkot* to protect themselves. So must we be vigilant and proactive in protecting ourselves. Our *sukkot* are meant to be sturdy even in their impermanence -- built with our own hands, often with help we ask others to give. Like the Israelites, we create shelter for ourselves. Together, we create the shelter of community. Individually, each of us must do what we can for Jewish security; nourish our Jewish identity and pride through learning, vote with intention, and show up with our presence and our support.

Sukkot reminds us of our fragility. It also reminds us of our capacity -- to build, create and connect.

Gayle Pomerantz

Save The Date

Scholar-in-Residence November 6-7: Dr. David Bernstein

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. David Bernstein, Dean Emeritus of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, to Temple Beth Shalom from Israel on November 6-7 for a special Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat. Dr. Bernstein will join us throughout Shabbat, including Friday evening and Shabbat morning Torah study, bringing his deep knowledge, engaging teaching, and love of Jewish text to our community. His visit will also mark the launch of an exciting new adult learning initiative at TBS: Shalom Scholars, a fellowship for those looking to deepen their Jewish learning through serious study, meaningful conversation, and community.

We are deeply grateful to Manuel Zaiac's (*z"l*) family for entrusting us to carry on his love of learning through the newly created Manuel Zaiac Adult Education Fund, which makes this weekend possible. We look forward to a wonderful weekend of learning together!

For more information, contact Rabbi Loiben (rabbiloiben@tbsmb.org).





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President's Message

Suzanne Meltzer

As we emerge from the High Holy Days and begin a new year together, I am deeply grateful for our Temple Beth Sholom community.

There is something extraordinary about gathering as a congregation during this sacred season - seeing familiar faces, hearing the beautiful melodies of our tradition, and sharing moments of prayer and connection. I hope you felt the same warmth and sense of belonging that I did.

Our High Holy Days are the result of months of thoughtful preparation. I want to express my deepest appreciation to our clergy for guiding and inspiring us, and to our exceptional professional staff for the countless hours spent ensuring every detail was handled with care.

Thank you as well to our Board of Trustees, Relational Design team, ushers, greeters, musicians, adult choir, and everyone who helped make this season so meaningful. Most importantly, thank you to you, our congregants. Your presence, generosity, and commitment are what bring Temple Beth Sholom to life.



As we begin this new year, we already have so much to celebrate.

Our educational community has begun the year with wonderful energy. Thank you to our Education Chairs, Rachel Samek and Lauren Cantor, for helping welcome Rabbi Mitgang into



our community. Our 9th and 10th grade students and families gathered at the Cantor home for a meaningful opportunity for our teens, families, and clergy to connect as we began the year together. We're also grateful to Stacy Penson and Jen Katz Burk for a fabulous first day of school that set the tone for a year of learning and Jewish connection. We invite you to visit our Innovative School anytime and experience firsthand the magic and wonder of how we educate and inspire our children.

Nothing says "welcome back" quite like a community BBQ. Thank you to Mark Baranek for hosting our Grille and Chill event. What a delight to see old friends reconnecting, new families meeting, children and adults enjoying time together - a reminder that our most meaningful moments often happen when we simply gather.

Our community also enjoyed a fun day at Marlins Stadium, while our clergy and staff shared a meaningful experience of their own with a visit to the New Education Center at the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial. Guided by TBS members Caryn Pardo and Barbara Schulhof, they had the extraordinary opportunity to meet a 101-year-old Holocaust survivor - a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving these stories.



Finally, a heartfelt thank you to those who have already contributed to our High Holy Day Appeal. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference and helps plant the seeds for the next generation. Your gifts make so much of what we do possible - from nurturing and educating our young people to building connections among new and longtime families that enrich our community. If you haven't yet participated, I warmly invite you to consider a gift at any level that feels meaningful to you.

As we look ahead, I hope we carry this spirit of connection with us throughout the year. Whether through worship, learning, volunteering, or simply showing up for one another, each of us plays an important role in strengthening the community we share.

There is so much to look forward to in 5787, and I am excited for all that we will experience together.

Warmly,

Suzanne Meltzer



A Measure of Philanthropy

Madeleine Novack
Director of Philanthropy

The Shelter We Build Together

Sukkot asks us to step outside.

For seven days, we leave the permanence of our homes and dwell in a sukkah, a temporary shelter, open to the sky, fragile enough to remind us that nothing is truly permanent. The sukkah is beautiful because it is temporary. It invites us to notice what we might otherwise rush past: the people beside us, the meals we share, the stories we tell, the moments that will not come again in quite the same way.

To me, there is something both beautiful and painful about being together: sometimes the time we have with one another feels far too brief. Children grow up, friends move away, a loved one is no longer at the table. Seasons of life changes before we are ready for them to end. Even the happiest gatherings eventually break apart, and we are reminded that our time together is fleeting.

Perhaps that is part of what Sukkot asks us to hold: the joy of being together alongside the knowledge that togetherness is never guaranteed.

How do you hold that kind of tension, those uncertainties of what would come next, or how you would find your way? Who was there for you? Who offered a listening ear, a meal, a helping hand, a word of encouragement? How did you make it through?

Chances are, you did not make it through the journey entirely alone.

We lean on one another. We find shelter in community.

That is what Temple Beth Sholom is: a home and a place of belonging, whether you walk through our doors once a year for the High Holy Days, join us every week for Shabbat, bring your children to school each morning, or find your way here whenever you need us.

But a community like this does not simply happen. We build it together.

This Sukkot, we invite you to reflect on what TBS means to you—and to consider how you might help

sustain this home for others. Philanthropy takes many forms: your time, your expertise, your presence, your generosity, and your financial support. Every expression matters. Every contribution helps keep the light of this community shining.

The sukkah reminds us that our time together is precious. Let's cherish the moments we have—and help make sure there will be many more to come.

Join us. Build with us. Belong with us.

Madeleine



Membership

Craig Berko
Director of Membership

Celebrating Community, Tradition, and the Year Ahead

As we move from the High Holy Days into the joyful celebrations of **Sukkot and Simchat Torah**, we are reminded of the many ways Jewish tradition brings us together throughout the year.

Sukkot invites us to appreciate the blessings in our lives and the importance of community, while Simchat Torah gives us the opportunity to celebrate Torah, tradition, and the continuity of Jewish life from one generation to the next.

At Temple Beth Sholom, these meaningful moments are possible because of you.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and annual membership commitment. Your generosity helps sustain a vibrant Jewish community that is present not only during the holidays, but throughout the entire year. It allows us to celebrate together in moments of joy, support one another in times of sorrow and crisis, educate and inspire our children, and provide individuals and families with a meaningful place to belong.

Our **2026–2027 membership year**, which began June 1, continues through May 31, 2027. If you have already renewed your membership or begun your payment installments, please accept our heartfelt thanks. If you have not yet completed your renewal, we warmly encourage you to do so and continue your support of Temple Beth Sholom for the year ahead.

Membership is about much more than attending services. Some members are with us regularly, while others connect during holidays, lifecycle moments,

educational programs, community gatherings, or simply through the comfort of knowing that Temple Beth Sholom is here when needed. However you choose to connect, **your membership and support matter.**

As we celebrate Sukkot and prepare to rejoice together on Simchat Torah, we are especially reminded of the responsibility we share to sustain Jewish life for those who are here today and for the generations that will follow us.

The annual membership commitment is **100% tax-deductible** and includes children through age 25. We also recognize that every household's circumstances are different. Should you have questions about your membership commitment or wish to discuss financial arrangements, please contact me directly at **305.538.7231, ext. 230**, or **craig@tbsmb.org**. I am always available for a confidential conversation.

Thank you for being part of Temple Beth Sholom and for helping make everything we do possible. We are truly grateful for your continued dedication and support, and we look forward to celebrating, learning, and building community together throughout the year ahead.

Be Inspired. Be Nurtured. Belong. Start Here.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Craig

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Mazel Tov To...

Longtime member Tamara Nixon who received the Volunteer of the Year Award for Small Congregations in New Hampshire, where she spends part of her year. In August, she was honored at a banquet in Boston. Mazel tov Tamara!

Rita and Robert Swedroe celebrated their 70th Anniversary

The Heart of the Innovative School: Our Teachers



At the heart of the Innovative School are the educators who know our learners, understand their strengths, and are deeply invested in helping them thrive.

Our intimate class sizes allow teachers to build meaningful relationships with learners and create personalized academic experiences that allow each child to maximize their potential. Our small school advantage means that every child is seen for who they are, challenged in the classroom, and valued in our community.

Our teachers are deeply experienced, devoted to an environment of excellence, and committed to ongoing professional development. We are proud to have such a talented and dedicated faculty – the best on Miami Beach!



Innovative School

Stacy Penson
Director of Elementary Level



Dear Families,

Now that we are several weeks into the school year, the energy of a new beginning has settled into something even more meaningful: the rhythm of a school community fully in motion. Our classrooms are busy with questions, ideas, relationships, and learning. New families are finding their place, returning learners are stepping into new challenges, and our educators are doing what they do best: knowing children deeply and creating the conditions for them to thrive.

Last year gave us so much to celebrate. Our learners achieved extraordinary things, from strong academic performance and robotics competitions to service projects, environmental advocacy, exhibitions, performances, and experiences throughout our city. We welcomed more than 300 learners into our community and continued strengthening a school where joyful learning and academic excellence go hand in hand.

As proud as we are of those accomplishments, this new school year has me thinking less about what we have done and more about what has made that progress possible, and what it will take to continue growing with intention.

At the center of that work are our educators.

Our teachers bring years of experience, deep knowledge of child development, and an extraordinary commitment to their work. Every assistant teacher holds, at minimum, a Child Development Associate credential, and every Foundation Level lead educator has a bachelor's degree. At the Elementary Level, all teachers have a bachelor's degree and Florida State Certification, while most also hold in-field master's degrees.

Those qualifications matter. They reflect the level of expertise we believe children deserve. But they are only



part of what makes an exceptional educator. Our teachers know children. They notice what excites them, what challenges them, when they are ready to be pushed further, and when they need more time. They understand that children learn best when they feel known and supported, and that strong relationships are not separate from academic excellence. They are the foundation of it.

We have also made an intentional investment in the number of adults supporting our learners. Across much of our school, our ratios are close to one educator for every seven learners. Classroom educators are supported by literacy and math coaches, specialists, and pedagogical leadership. This means that when a learner needs additional challenge or support, someone notices. When a teacher wants to strengthen instruction or reach a learner in a new way, colleagues are alongside them. That level of attention matters, especially as we grow.

More families are choosing the Innovative School each year, including families relocating to Miami who are seeking both the education they value and the community they want their children to grow up within.

As we grow, we must protect what makes this school special. Children should continue to feel deeply known. Families should feel connected to the people educating their children. Teachers should have the time, support, and resources to understand their learners. And our school must continue to feel like a Kehilla, a community rooted in relationships,

Jewish values, and shared purpose.

Our children are growing up during a period of tremendous change. Technology and artificial intelligence will reshape how we work, communicate, and access information. Our role, therefore, cannot simply be to deliver content. We must develop thoughtful, capable, curious human beings.

That means strong literacy and mathematics, as well as critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, collaboration, creativity, and perseverance. It also means empathy, kindness, integrity, and the confidence to contribute something meaningful to the world around them. This is the work our educators engage in every day.

As I walk through our school this year, I see tremendous momentum. I see it in our teachers, our learners, our families, and in the growing number of people who want to be part of what we are building.

We will continue investing in exceptional educators and their professional growth, strengthening academic support, deepening our partnership with families, and creating opportunities for children to engage meaningfully with their community and the world.

And as we grow, we will always return to the same North Star: placing our learners at the center of every decision. I am incredibly proud of where we have been, inspired by what I see throughout our school today, and excited for all that lies ahead.

Stacy



YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Michael Mitgang
Rabbi

Zoe Rosenberg
Youth Director



Hi everyone! I hope you had a great Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. I know Zoë had a blast at the Youth Experience, and I was so honored to lead my first High Holy Days here at Temple Beth Shalom.

BESHTY is in full swing this year, with our Micro (K-2nd) and Mini (3rd-5th) BESHTY friends building Sukkahs... In the Sukkah! JR BESHTY (6th- 8th) kicked off with a delicious trip to the Museum of Ice Cream!

Up next, High School BESHTY will be traveling to Orlando! We will volunteer with Give Kids the World, and amazing organization where children with critical illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations.

After we volunteer, we will get very scared at Halloween Horror Nights! This trip is one of our favorites that we run – but don't take it from us, hear from some of our past participants!

"I loved volunteering at Give Kids the World because the energy and positivity throughout the village was incredible. Getting to interact directly with the families and help bring a smile to the kids faces made it one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had."

– Lexi Weissman, BESHTY President

"Give Kids the World was an amazing experience and such a fun and fulfilling activity. Being able to help the kids and cater to their needs truly felt amazing because I was able to make an impact and see that i'm act in real time. Plus, going to Universal afterwards is so much fun! Even just spend in the weekend with fellow BESHTY board members is a great bonding experience. Everyone gets the opportunity to make a difference, and it's an experience I would definitely recommend."

– Chiara Steen, Co-Lead LEADS

"Give Kids the World was an incredibly rewarding experience. I felt as though I was helping people first-hand and really making a difference through small actions. We also had the opportunity to go to Universal as a group and had such an amazing fun time together."

– Ellie Feldman, Fellowship Chair



jLAB News

Barb Shimansky, RJE
Senior Director of Judaic Studies

Beginning with Wonder

As we settle into a new year of learning, one of the greatest gifts we can offer our children is not simply knowledge - it is curiosity.

Whether in our Innovative School classrooms or in jLAB, we want our learners to know that Judaism is a tradition that welcomes questions. The Torah does not always provide simple answers, and our sages understood that. For centuries, they engaged in midrash - asking questions, imagining possibilities, and exploring the deeper meaning behind our sacred stories. In many ways, they modeled what we hope to cultivate in our learners today: thoughtful inquiry, respectful dialogue, and a lifelong love of learning.

This year, our educational programs are intentionally creating more opportunities for learners to wonder, collaborate, and take ownership of their learning. In our classrooms, learners will investigate big questions, work together to solve problems, and discover that there is often more than one meaningful way to understand a text or a tradition. These experiences help children build confidence, deepen their Jewish identity, and see themselves as active participants in the ongoing Jewish conversation.

October also brings us into the rhythm of the post-High Holy Days and Sukkot season, inviting us to reflect on where we have been and where we hope to grow. The sukkah itself reminds us that learning and life often happen in spaces that are open, flexible, and filled with possibility. Just as the roof of the sukkah allows us to see the sky above, our classrooms should leave room for curiosity, imagination, and new perspectives.

I have the privilege of working alongside our dedicated faculty in both the Innovative School and jLAB. Their commitment to creating engaging, meaningful Jewish learning experiences is inspiring. Together, we are striving to ensure that every child feels seen, challenged, and connected - to Jewish tradition, to our community, and to one another.

Thank you for partnering with us on this journey. Your conversations at the dinner table, your celebration of Jewish life at home, and your encouragement of your children's questions all reinforce what they experience in our classrooms. When school and home work together, Jewish learning becomes not just something children do, but something they live.

May this season inspire all of us to continue asking

meaningful questions, embracing new ideas, and growing together as a community.

October Highlights

Erev Simchat Torah with Consecration

Friday, October 2 | 5:00 pm Family Dinner | 6:00 pm Service with Consecration

Consecration is a beautiful milestone as we welcome our newest elementary learners and celebrate the beginning of this stage of their Jewish education. Families are invited to join us as we bless our learners and affirm our community's commitment to nurturing their lifelong journey of Jewish learning.

L'dor Vador

Saturday, October 17 | 12:30-2:30 pm

Join us for the launch of **L'dor Vador**, a new intergenerational program that brings children, teens, adults, and older adults together for Jewish learning, storytelling, service, and community.

Through meaningful conversations, shared experiences, and a hands-on mitzvah project, participants of every age will learn from one another while exploring the Jewish values that connect us across generations. Together, we'll discover that everyone has something to teach, something to learn, and something meaningful to contribute.

Come build relationships, strengthen our community, and help carry our Jewish story l'dor vador - from generation to generation.

Intergenerational Shabbat

Friday, October 23 | 5:00 pm PreNeg | 6 pm Shabbat Service | 7:00 pm Shabbat Dinner

Join us for a joyful Intergenerational Shabbat as learners, families, grandparents, and congregants come together to celebrate Shabbat as one community. Through music, prayer, and connection, we'll experience the richness of sharing Jewish traditions across generations. Everyone is welcome!





Social Justice Activities

Jeff Agron

Social Justice Director

VOTE

Get out &

Tuesday, November 3 is general election day. Every voice and every vote counts. Our goal is to be a 100% voting congregation

At stake are elections for:

- Governor
- US Senator
- All US House members
- Florida Senate and House
- State Cabinet
- State Supreme Court and Appellate Courts
- State Ballot Measures
- Municipal Elections & School Board

Check out our TBS Election web page for up-to-date information:



Key Election Dates At-A-Glance

- The General Election is Tuesday, November 3, polls are open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Voter Registration deadline is October 5



Sukkot Diaper Bank collection

Last day to drop off is Simchat Torah, Friday, October 2

- Vote-by-mail ballot request deadline is October 22
- Early Voting in Miami-Dade County is October 18 to November 1
- Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7:00 pm on November 3. They can be mailed or dropped off at the Supervisor of Elections office in Doral. Mail by October 27 to ensure timely delivery. Everyone must apply for a new ballot in 2026.

Special Note: *The new Florida law requiring documentary proof of citizenship will not affect the 2026 elections because it is not effective until January 1, 2027.*

Visit the Supervisor of Elections Website for details.

ELECTION DAY

On election day, November 3, you may only vote at your assigned

precinct as shown on your voter's registration card. Please check carefully as many precinct locations have changed. Remember to bring your picture ID. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. If you have a vote-by-mail ballot, you may vote in person and turn in our VBM ballot at the precinct. If you are in line at 7:00 pm, you will be allowed to cast your ballot even after 7:00 pm.

Get involved. Join our Get out the Vote Team. Email Jeff Agron. jagron@tbsmb.org

Other Social Justice programs in October:

- 10/17 - Blessings in a Backpack
- 10/19 - PACT Annual Assembly
- 10/19 - Chapman Partnership
- Every Sunday morning - Weekly Food Rescue

All of these events with registration can be found on our SJN calendar, tbsmb.org/social-justice/

DECODE THE BALLOT:
A Voter Education Event at Temple Beth Shalom
Join TBS for the League of Women Voters
"Decode the Ballot" — a clear, nonpartisan breakdown of what's on your ballot and how to navigate it with confidence. We'll pair it with a conversation on why Jewish tradition sees voting as an act of communal responsibility.
Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm
Open to the TBS community and beyond. Nonpartisan — this event does not endorse any candidate, party, or ballot measure.
RSVP: tbs.shulcloud.com/event/get-out-the-vote.html



The Israel Pillar Committee has been hard at work over the summer on a strategic plan and on developing a calendar of programs and events for the coming year, 2026-27, that will be thoughtful, compelling, and meaningful to our congregation. We hope to foster an open and inclusive dialogue about the issues, ideas, and experiences that are important to us as a Reform Jewish community. Our goal is to create opportunities to learn from one another, to hear diverse perspectives, and to deepen our connection to Israel and the Jewish people.

The committee will be sharing its proposed calendar and welcomes your feedback and suggestions for programs that would be of interest to you and your family. We are considering topics across a range of areas, including **culture, education, current events, commemoration and holidays, advocacy and engagement, travel and people-to-people connections, youth and family engagement, innovation and technology, and antisemitism and anti-Zionism.** If you have an idea for a speaker, program, discussion, or event—or a topic you believe our congregation should be exploring—please contact **Jeff Agron or Mark Baranek** to share your suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you and building an engaging year of Israel programming together.

We will be kicking off our learning with a Middle East update from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies on October 14, and a three-part series on the October 27 Israeli elections. — Lee Kaufman

The Israel Elections 2026 Demystified

Israel will be holding new elections on October 27, 2026. Israeli elections are confusing and baffling to most Americans (and Israelis). We are offering a series of learning session to explain how the elections work, how the Knesset operates, and what we can expect out of the new Israeli government.

Part #1 October 12 at 7:00 pm. Overview of the Israel Electoral System, History of Knesset Elections, Understanding the Difference between Israeli and American Systems.

Part #2 October 19 at 7:00 pm. The 2026 Elections on October 27 - The Candidates, the Parties, and Predictions.

Part #3 November 2 at 7:00 pm. Election Aftermath - Deciphering the results, who will be able to form a government, the future of US -Israeli relations, and much more.

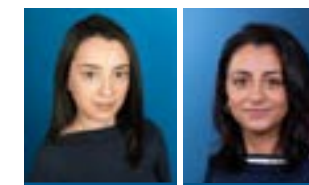
FDD at Temple Beth Shalom: National Security & Foreign Policy Update

DATE
Wednesday, October 14 | 7:00pm ET



Middle East Update - Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm
with Israeli food reception after.



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Senior Research Analyst

Mariam Wahba
Research Analyst

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Save The Date!
The Future is Peace: A discussion with Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon
Israel program panel discussion in partnership with the New Israel Fund
March 9, 2027 at: 7:00 pm

Simchat Torah

October 2, 2026

A joyful evening celebrating Simchat Torah and welcoming new learners through our Consecration ceremony. Includes music, dancing with the Torah scrolls (*hakafot*), a festive dinner, and a meaningful community blessing to begin the Jewish learning journey.



Family Dinner

Family dinner before services; adult dinner after services

5:00 pm Simchat Torah, Family-friendly dinner,
Adults \$18, Children \$12

6:00 pm Simchat Torah and Consecration Celebration

7:00 pm Simchat Torah Adult Dinner \$36



Adult Dinner

Panim: A Time for New Beginnings

As we come out of the High Holy Days, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new Jewish year. For many of us, it's also the start of a new school year, new routines, and a chance to pause and reflect. This time of year invites us to think about what we want to carry with us into the year ahead and perhaps what we might want to do differently. Sometimes, a new year is also the perfect opportunity to try something new, meet new people, or find a deeper connection within our Jewish community.

If you've been looking for a way to get more involved with our temple, meet new members, or simply share meaningful Jewish conversations with others, maybe this is your sign to give a Panim group a try. There's something special about taking a small step outside of your routine and discovering a new community along the way.

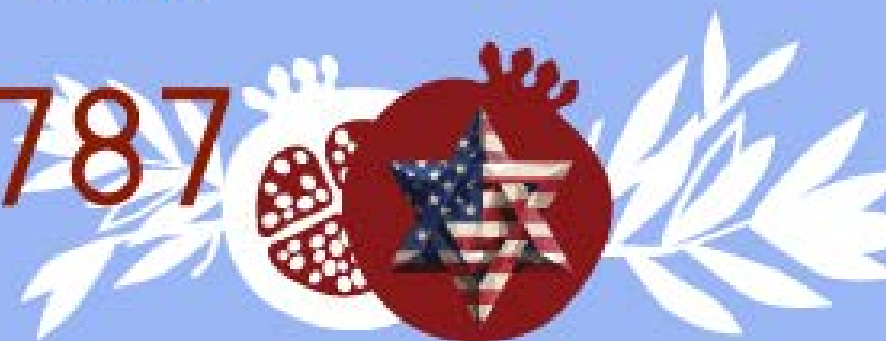
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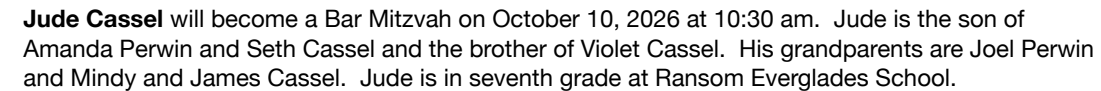


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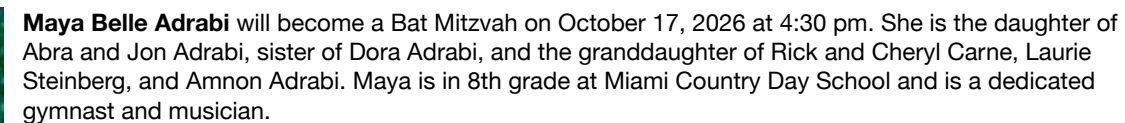
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Emma Weissman will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 4:30 pm. She is the beloved daughter of Ashley Weissman and the late Stuart Weissman, and the loving sister of Joey and Luke Weissman. Emma is the cherished granddaughter of Debbie and Richard Beckwith and Aida and Charles Weissman.

Outside of school, Emma enjoys traveling, playing basketball at the Miami Beach JCC, and spending time with her friends and family. She is grateful to be surrounded by the love of her family and friends as she marks this special day.

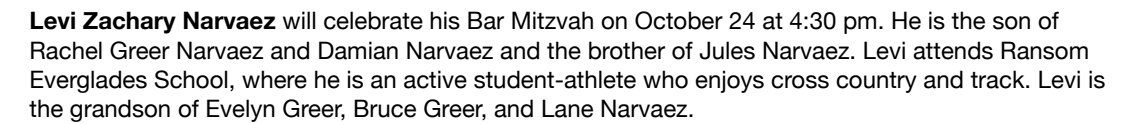


Please join us in congratulating Maya and her family as she celebrates this special milestone!

For his mitzvah project, Lane embraced the idea of "paying it forward" by sharing acts of kindness throughout the community, giving people a piece of candy for themselves and another to pass along to someone else, encouraging a ripple effect of generosity.



B-Mitzvah



For his mitzvah project, Levi is honoring his great-grandparents, who were Holocaust survivors, through the Holocaust Remember Us program, helping to preserve the memory of Holocaust victims and survivors for future generations. His Hebrew name, Shlomo, was chosen in memory of his grandfather, Sol, who was born in Poland and survived Auschwitz. Through this project and his Bar Mitzvah, Levi is proud to carry forward his family's legacy of remembrance, resilience, and Jewish tradition.

MONDAY
10.12.26

DINNER
6:00 TO 6:30
ORIENTATION
6:30 TO 7:30

6:30-7:30 PM: Orientation covering the B-Mitzvah timeline, expectations, important milestones, and what to expect throughout the year.

We encourage all families to attend. Students are welcome but not required.

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Birthdays



Happy Anniversary

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Anniversaries

October 1

Nicholas Altman
Marice Band
Ryan Bienstock
Charlotte Chaplin
Remi Chaplin
Hanna Cirocco
Andrew Fishman
Jill Hertzberg
Noa Koffler
Zachary Lewis
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Christopher Wands

October 2

Aviva Budde
Kimberly Hyde
Asher Lieberman
Zoe Linder
Tracy Moret
Julian Norkin
Mila Norkin
Joshua Ohana
Dianne Rubin
Millie Teich

October 3

Jose Benrey
Steven Chaneles
Jackie Drusinsky
Amanda Fisher
Jay Goldman
Susan Goldstein
Evan Grossman
Marisa Mendez
Alice Miller
Susan Sherr
Chloe Wiesenfeld

October 4

Kip Amazon
Michael Arnold
Karen Benett
Paula Bickman
Zach Bohm
Nikolai Diego
Lauren Feld
Ari Gutierrez
Mark Halpern
Hunter Lichtenberg
Eric Ostroff
Jacob Palmer
Vanessa Rascovsky
Cory Reiter

Jared Rosenberg

Jane Toll
Lexi Weissman
Deede Weithorn

October 5

Andrew Ansin
Daniele Braha
Steven Dickstein
Anton Diego
Michelle Edelstein
Nikki Goldman
Dean Schwartz
Henry Wodnicki
Jean Wodnicki

October 6

Terry Budebo
Simon Elmalem
Leah Grossman
Lorraine Rudenberg
Adam Squire
Robert Stein
Max Wagner

October 7

Jonathan Beloff
Jay Bloom
Roberta Chaplin
Oliver Mark
Parie Meshberg
Lorne Reiter
Asher Stapen

October 8

Sean Arviv
Jack Benson
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October 9

Sidney Ansin
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October 10

Barry Fine
Zachary Kosnitzky
Micaela Levine
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Fischmann
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Hannah Umlas
Max Umlas

October 11

Ariella Borak
Margaret Chaneles
Andrea Edelstein
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October 12

Amanda Adler
George Bassuk
Zak Colangelo-Trenner
Eldad Dahan
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Sophia Kasdin
Chinya Kornreich
Josh Squire
Lilou Stein

October 13

Gal Erlichman
Marshal Folstein
Miles Fridner
Mark Newman
Chana Sheldon

October 14

Gabriele Braha
Jeffrey Davimos
Agustina Goldbaum
Isabella Greenberg
Olivia Lamberg
Aaron Mandel
Beri Minick
Lynn Neifeld
Melanie Nudel
Judith Richard
Shelly Rotbart
Joey Tamuz

October 15

Aspen Kimel
Jordan Kristol
Ashley Litwin
Eva Ohana
Bruce Rudenberg
Adam Schwartz
Joshua Stern

October 16

Aviv Avramov
Jonah Bass
Javier Benitez
Ariane Bock-Davis
William Denebeim
Max Fink
Nica Rosenberg
Mia Weinstein

October 17

Gabrielle Baez
Karla Frech
Jack Gee-Robinson
Jesse Gee-Robinson
Benjamin Hirsch
Jonathan Hoffman
Aaron Nahmad
Shelley Niceley Groff
Stella Schimmel

October 18

Isabella Brod
Roger Epstein
Debra Goodstone
Carrie Levine
Indi Lewin
Ezra Maisner
Zak Marana
William Multack
Rose Rogers
Rowan Sherr
Jacob Silver
Peyton Wands
Marco Winer
Isaac Zacroisky

October 19

Micol Bonazzoli
Nala Braha
Aviva Gostin
Gail Harris
Ryan Loftus
Oliver Nadler
Denis Nazareth
Zoe Rosen

Lisa Rosenberg
Daniel Schwartz
Mirla Sousa
Vigo Strulovic
David Varanytsia

October 20

Sophie Ansin
Benjamin Dietch
David Dresner
Pamela Jones
Emmett Kopf
Andres Naftali
Liya Shaham
Jackson Traster

October 21

Danielle Beckerman
David Berg
Jack Cave
Tyler Ostroff
Emma Rappaport

October 22

Jhonatam Cordeiro
Rodrigues
Leo Dardashtian
Sunny Dreszer
Lane London
Michal Meiler
Joshua Tobin

October 23

Eva Jacobsohn
Milo Levy
Adam Schimel
Peyton Spolansky

October 24

Mark Burstein
Jacob Cohen
Evelyn Friedman
Melissa Horwitz
Honey Pachter

October 25

Loni Farhi
Leo Kallenberg
Pamela Rogers

October 26

Ellie Casares-Feinberg
Lisa Fairman
Ryan Goldman

Jessica
Hildebrandt-Ray
Daisy Jove
Andrei Gregory Steyn
Luka Zvir

October 27

Richard Baron
Leonard Friedman
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Vivien Ressler

October 28

Elijah Berg
Kai Blittner
Carlos Calmet
Keith Hartley
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October 29

Andrew Bahl
Michael Band
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Zoe Bodnick
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Alexander Holland
Ashlee Holland
Ava Levinson
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Miriam Steinberg
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Alexander Strulovic

October 30

Liel Abissidan
Joel Brown
Michelle Clerkin
Suzanne Kosnitzky
Chavie Lichtenberg
Leo Magnin
Matt Manes
Blake Weinstein
James Zelcer

October 31

Paloma Greenberg
Lori Mishkin
Atlas Szkolnik

October 1

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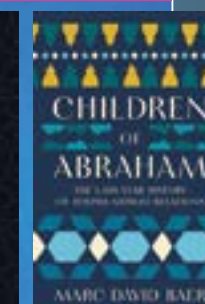


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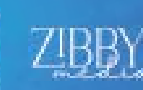


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