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

Tot Shabbat
10:00 am | Saturday
Join us Saturday morning at 10:00 am for a wonderful young family Shabbat experience. This interactive program is geared for families with children up to the age of five years old. Prayer, music, stories, movement, activities, snacks and much more will be featured. Following Tot Shabbat, families stay and enjoy time together in our beautiful playground. This is a great way for you to celebrate Shabbat with other families with young children. **tbsmb.school/programs/family**

Shabbat Morning Minyan
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'nei Mitzvah Service
Our b'nei mitzvah services are at 10:00 am and 4:30 pm. These services occur only when a member of the Temple is celebrating the occasion of becoming bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah. Please see *HaKOL* or **tbsmb.org** for the current schedule.

Oneg Shabbat
Join us after Shabbat evening services to be with old friends, meet new friends, listen to music, enjoy coffee, and celebrate the joy of Shabbat.

Live Streaming
Watch Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services on your computer at **www.tbsmb.org/watch** or on **YouTube.com/user/tbsmbtube**

Sacred Connections

Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

"The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone ("Rosh Pina")." Psalms 117:22

This verse from the Psalms, included in our festival Hallel prayers, contains the name of the community with whom we are connecting in our new Domim ("Alike") partnership program through the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism: Rosh Pina ("Cornerstone"). The community of Rosh Pina in northern Israel by the Galilee was founded in 1882, and soon became a cornerstone of Jewish settlement. Though Jewish ties to Rosh Pina are ancient, the Reform synagogue of Rosh Pina is only eight years old.

Many American synagogues choose to partner with Israeli communities to deepen ties to Israel. We are choosing to partner with a fledgling Reform congregation somewhat off the beaten track, to lend them our support and experience the excitement of creating a new congregation – in fact , their community currently meets in an old winery (which must make Friday night kiddush most convenient!).

As many of you know, Progressive or Reform Judaism in Israel is only now gaining some traction and receives a tiny fraction of the government support that Orthodox congregations do. We hope to enrich both our congregations through creating shared experiences and learning about each other. It is for this reason that we are looking forward to giving a warm welcome to Rosh Pina's Rabbi, Tlalit Shavit, at the end of this month (January 31/February 1). A few of our temple members and our Educator, Barb Shimansky, have already visited the congregation in Israel, and our TBS Israel trip this summer will also include a stop in their beautiful city.

Please learn more about this special congregation and our new partnership with Rosh Pina in this newsletter, which contains an article about their synagogue along with some beautiful photos. We are grateful to Richard and Susan Zinn for their support of this initiative.

As we work to strengthen Israel and her Reform congregations, January is also the month in which the World Zionist Congress elections commence. These elections present the only democratic opportunity for American Jews to make an impact in Israel by voting for ARZA (American Reform Zionist Association).

The elections determine who will represent us at the World Zionist Congress in October of 2020, which is the Parliament of the Jewish people. Rabbi Loiben and I are both potential delegates to this auspicious gathering. The WZC determines the leadership of Israel's important national institutions and allocates financial and other resources to various organizations, including the Reform Movement and congregations like Rosh Pina. This is a critically important election to grow and broaden the Reform Movement's impact in Israel, opening the door for many Israelis who are disenfranchised or disenchanted with Orthodox Judaism to find a meaningful spiritual alternative, as we have here.

The last WZC elections of 2015, ARZA gained 56 out of the 145 seats, making us the largest Zionist organization in the U.S. This win supported Reform congregations in Israel by the allocation of four million dollars a year for five years. Through this representation, we are also able to promote the values of equality, pluralism and democracy, and work toward influencing matters of conversion, divorce and marriage in Israel, where Reform Rabbis currently have no authority. We hope to far exceed 2015's gains this year in order to grow our influence and strength in Israel.

That's where you come in. You can exert your influence all the way from Miami Beach by voting in this election. The voting will take place from January 21 – March 11. Our goal is for every member of TBS who is 18 or older to vote. There is a nominal fee associated with voting to cover administrative costs. We will have a link on our TBS website for you to vote and there will be ample opportunities at Temple. Kudos to Rachel Kipnis Curtis and Yael Steinhart for championing this opportunity.

Temple Beth Sholom is committed to Israel and to promoting our Jewish values of human dignity in Israel. This month presents two opportunities: learn more from Rabbi Shavit about the experience of being a Reform Jew in Israel and share your voice and your strength by voting in the WZO elections. What a great way to begin 2020!

Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

January 2020 CALENDAR

JANUARY 1-7

Wednesday, January 1		**Building Closed**
Thursday, January 2		Winter Break & Winter Mini Camp through January 3
Friday, January 3	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
	7:00 pm	Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, January 4	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:00 am	Jack Nelson Bar Mitzvah
	10:00 am	Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Minyan Service
	12:00 pm	Kiddush Lunch
Tuesday, January 7	4:00 pm	Mazon Feeding Program
	6:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Kavanah Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Mitzvah Day Planning Meeting
	7:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Melton Class
	7:00 pm	Kavanah Meditation
	7:00 pm	SJN Meeting

JANUARY 8-14

Wednesday, January 8	9:25 am	Yoga as a Jewish Spiritual Practice
	11:00 am	Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
	7:00 pm	Shut the Front Door: Jews Grappling with Our Enigmatic World
	7:00 pm	Sisterhood Leadership Team Meeting
Friday, January 10	5:30 pm	Shabbat Sh'Boom
	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
	7:00 pm	Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, January 11	9:30 am	jLab Tefilah
	9:30 am	Torah Study Board Room - Mizrachah
	10:00 am	Reagan Appel Bat Mitzvah
	10:00 am	Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Minyan Service
	12:00 pm	Kiddush Lunch
Monday, January 13	7:00 pm	iEngage - Shalom Hartman Class Begins
	7:00 pm	Miami Jewish Film Festival
Tuesday, January 14	8:00 am	Tuesday Morning Buchers
	6:30 pm	SholomFest 2020 Host Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	L'Dor V'Teens: Parenting a Teen in the 21st Century
	7:00 pm	Miami Jewish Film Festival
	7:00 pm	Melton Class
	7:00 pm	Kavanah Meditation

Temple Beth Sholom
קהילת בית שלום

FRIDAYS
6:00-7:00 pm
Shabbat Evening Service

FRIDAYS
7:00-8:00 pm
Oneg Shabbat

SATURDAYS
9:30-10:30 am
Torah Study

SATURDAYS
10:00-11:00 am
Tot Shabbat

SATURDAYS
10:30 am-12:00 pm
Shabbat Minyan Services

SATURDAYS
12:00-1:00 pm
Kiddush Lunch

JANUARY 15-21

Wednesday, January 15	9:25 am	Yoga as a Jewish Spiritual Practice
	11:00 am	Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
	7:00 pm	Sisterhood Finance Event
	7:00 pm	Miami Jewish Film Festival
	7:00 pm	Shut the Front Door: Jews Grappling with Our Enigmatic World
Friday, January 17	6:00 pm	MLK Shabbat
	7:00 pm	Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, January 18	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:00 am	Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Minyan Service
	12:00 pm	Kiddush Lunch
Monday, January 20		**Building Closed MLK Day**
	3:00 pm	Mazon: Feeding the Homeless
Tuesday, January 21	8:00 am	Tuesday Morning Buchers
	12:00 pm	Coffee with Rabbi Davis
	7:00 pm	Miami Jewish Film Festival
	7:00 pm	Kavanah Meditation

JANUARY 22-28

Wednesday, January 22	9:00 am	Spiritual Parenting
	9:25 am	Yoga as a Jewish Spiritual Practice
	11:00 am	Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
	7:00 pm	Shut the Front Door: Jews Grappling with Our Enigmatic World
	7:00 pm	Miami Jewish Film Festival
Friday, January 24		**Kavanah Retreat with Rabbi Naomi Levy**
	5:30 pm	Shabbat Shaboom
	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Naomi Levy
	7:00 pm	Enhanced Pot Luck dinner
	7:00 pm	Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, January 25		**Kavanah Retreat | 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**
	9:30 am	jLab Tefilah
	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:00 am	Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Minyan Service
	12:00 pm	Kiddush Lunch
Monday, January 27	7:00 pm	iEngage - Shalom Hartman Class
Tuesday, January 28	7:00 pm	More Jewish Mindfulness and Meditation
	7:00 pm	Kavanah Meditation

JANUARY 29-31

Wednesday, January 29	9:25 am	Yoga as a Jewish Spiritual Practice
	11:00 am	Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
	7:00 pm	Shut the Front Door: Jews Grappling with our Enigmatic World
Thursday, January 30	9:00 am	Fire Truck Day
Friday, January 31		**Teachers' Professional Day (No Class)**
	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
		Celebrating our partnership with Rosh Pina
	7:00 pm	Oneg Shabbat

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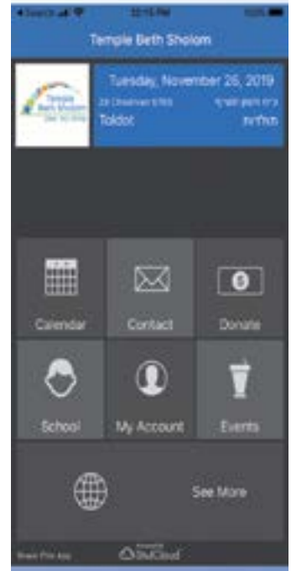

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TBS*IS* News

Margie Zeskind
Head of School

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM INNOVATIVE SCHOOL™

Dear Families,

Early on in my professional career I read an article by Ann Pelo, a world-renowned early childhood educator, who shared her thinking about engaging parents in her article, "From Borders to Bridges: Transforming Our Relationships with Parents." While I read this article back in 2002, its message has resonated with me for the past 17 years. Developing open, authentic, and collaborative relationships as a professional team has provided us with the foundation for inviting in our families and together creating a dynamic community.

I was invited to be a presenter and share about our family engagement at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Chicago this past December. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak about our goal to meet our families where they are and respectfully nurture them as they are transitioning from partners to parents. As they are seeking greater connections and community, we want to support them as they are defining their family unit outside of the home. We are growing opportunities to make time and space to hear their stories of their past experiences, current situations, concerns and goals.

I shared about how we are creating environments that are warm, welcoming, inclusive, inviting and exciting for ourselves and our families. We want to work together to help our families find meaningful connections within these settings. Our beautiful community comes from over twenty different countries, speaks at least that many different languages, comes from diverse backgrounds, family structures, and sexual orientations. Together we embrace and celebrate our differences daily. Our welcoming community is grounded in our values-based platform, our KEHILLA APPROACH™ (Kindness, Empathy, Honesty, Integrity, Life-Long learning, Acceptance). These values form the blocks for building our sustainable community and contribute to a positive sense of self in relationship to other. We understand that relationship building takes time. We want to give the time and space needed to build relationships with each other and our families.

Together we embrace and celebrate our differences daily.

I invite you to come by and visit our beautiful school community!

B'Shalom,

Margie Zeskind

Margie

Sisterhood

of Temple Beth Sholom

Co-Presidents
Kim Haber & Phyllis Winston

A Financial Re-charge

Wednesday, January 15
7:00 pm

Denise Desaulniers and Melisse Burstein will provide a tutorial and cliff notes about taxes, life insurance and long term care. . . a great way to start the new year!

No RSVP is necessary.

Wine Not Kosher Wine?

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, February 12
at 6:00 pm

Spend an evening with your Sisters to taste and learn about Kosher Wines at Total Wines at Fifth & Alton.

Only $36 per person and includes the tasting and nosh.

Seniors' Toiletries Gift Bags

Sisterhood's Mitzvah Day Project
Sunday, February 23

We will be collecting full size shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap or body wash and deodorant to create gift bags for the Seniors in our Miami community. These packages will be distributed through the Kosher Food Bank. There will be a collection bin at the Temple beginning in January that you can drop off the items at your convenience.

tbsmb.org/sisters

New To You

We have co-captained this Project for several years, helping to clothe hundreds of children and adults. This Drive allows the parents to spend their resources on school materials for their children rather than clothing.

We find this very rewarding, not only for all of us who have worked on this project, but for those who donate clothing.

Feel free to ask your friends, your co-workers and more to bring items to you for you to bring to the Temple. (You can begin bringing items in bags marked "New to You" as early as January 1).

If you have items and are unable to bring them, please reach out to us and we will make arrangements to pick up at your home.

WHAT WE NEED:

1. We need gently-used Clean Clothing of all sizes, from baby to adults.
2. We need items to be brought to the Temple starting January 2, 2020. There will be a box in the lobby to place your bags, marked "New to You"
3. We need volunteers, from ages 13 to . . .

We will be donating to several worthy causes.

Judy Barredo, Oleva Benrey, Kimberly & Matthew Haber, Phyllis & Martin Winston

Barb Shimansky, RJE
Director of School for Living Judaism

In the congregation where I grew up, there was a scholarship fund that allowed for two teens each year to attend Kutz Camp, the Reform Movement's teen leadership program. When I first learned of Kutz Camp during my junior year of high school, I was intrigued. I mentioned it to my mother, who told me that I could only attend if I got a scholarship – and that if I was awarded a scholarship, I HAD to take it.

I got one of the scholarships. So just a couple weeks after school ended that June, I got on a plane to Newark, and then a bus that took me to Warwick, New York.

At the end of the first week, I called home (collect from a pay phone inside a stifling booth), crying that I wanted to come home.

At the end of the second week, I called home crying that I wanted to stay for the rest of the summer.

Thanks to a work study program, I stayed. And that summer was transformative. I would not be who I am today, doing what I do, were it not for Kutz. And I would not have gotten there were it not for the scholarship fund at my temple.

When I returned to my home congregation post-college as the youth group advisor, I made sure that fund was used. I recruited one or two emerging teen leaders each year to spend a few weeks at Kutz in the summer. Those former teens are now teachers, parents, congregational lay leaders, and volunteers in their communities. One is even the rabbi of that same congregation!

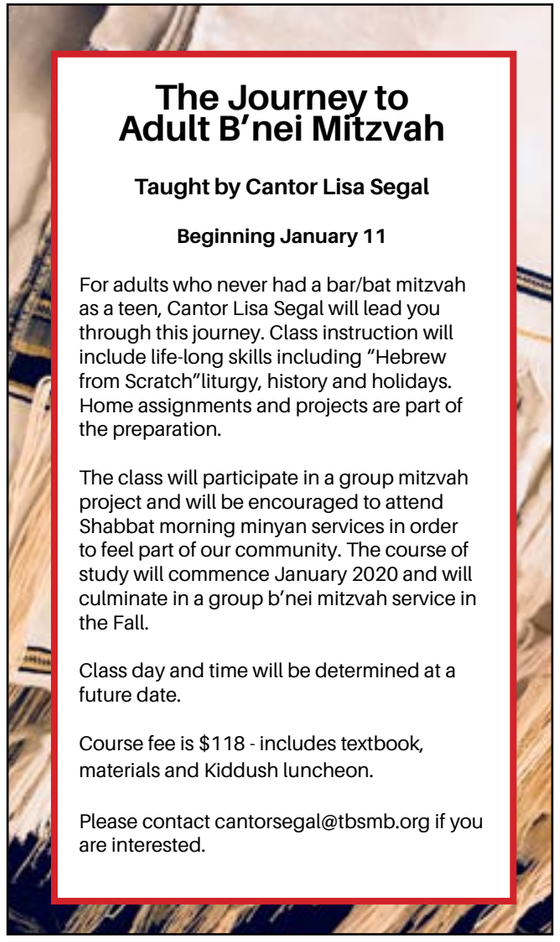
Sadly, a few years after my tenure there was over, the fund ran out of money and the congregation could no longer afford to send teens to Kutz. The benefits that the congregation gained from their investment in these teens also disappeared. There is so much value in supporting our congregational kids. That support can come in many forms, but often, it is money that is needed the most.

In this spirit, I invite you to join our Youth Campaign at whatever level you are able to contribute. Among some of the fundraising priorities, our efforts will help financially support our youth to attend overnight Jewish camps and Israel programs, providing them with transformational experiences that will shape their lives. These might seem like frivolous extras, but they most certainly are not. Studies have consistently shown that immersive Jewish experiences are the number one influence on whether a child will remain actively engaged in Judaism through college and into adulthood. The teen leaders of our youth group, a core piece of the fabric of our congregation, have generally participated in a Jewish camp and/or Israel experience, bringing what they gain from these experiences to share with the rest of our Temple community. Unfortunately, these experiences have only become more expensive over the years, causing them to be out of reach for too many families. Please, support our youth in whatever way you can. It is not an understatement to say that the future of our community depends on it.

To donate, please visit tbsmb.org/youth-campaign

jLAB Winter Break goes through January 5

Do you know how to read Hebrew? Do you have an hour a week to teach Hebrew reading to future B'nei Mitzvah? If you answered yes to both of these questions, please consider becoming a mentor for our "Let's Learn Hebrew Side-by-Side" program! Contact Barb for more info: barb@tbsmb.org



The Journey to Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Taught by Cantor Lisa Segal

Beginning January 11

For adults who never had a bar/bat mitzvah as a teen, Cantor Lisa Segal will lead you through this journey. Class instruction will include life-long skills including "Hebrew from Scratch"liturgy, history and holidays. Home assignments and projects are part of the preparation.

The class will participate in a group mitzvah project and will be encouraged to attend Shabbat morning minyan services in order to feel part of our community. The course of study will commence January 2020 and will culminate in a group b'nei mitzvah service in the Fall.

Class day and time will be determined at a future date.

Course fee is $118 - includes textbook, materials and Kiddush luncheon.

Please contact cantorsegal@tbsmb.org if you are interested.

Parent Workshops with Rabbi Joanne Loiben

I am excited to offer three different learning opportunities for parents of teens. Our sessions will cover important and relevant topics related to teens, beginning with the topic of Consent in January. This class will cover the idea of consent through a teenage lens as well as a Jewish lens. We will learn about the new and different ways consent is taught on college campuses. We will also be discussing what issues arise surrounding consent in the lives of teen-agers and how to speak with your teens about this subject. Please email me at rabbiloiben@tbsmb.org to register.

Tuesday, January 14 • 7:00 pm
Consent
March 10
Vaping and Substance Abuse
April 21
The College Application Process and Pressure

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She was in the first class of women to enter the Jewish Theological Seminary's rabbinical school and the author of several powerful books: *Einstein and The Rabbi*, *To Begin Again*, and *Talking to God*.

Register: tbsmb.org/kavanah-2020

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A 4-Part Workshop for Parents and Grandparents

Presented by Alec Lindenauer, CFP® and Laurie Wynn, CIMA™
Father & grandmother of two TBS Foundation School grads

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Tues, Feb 4	**Tues, Feb 18**	**Tues, Mar 3**	**Tues, Mar 17**
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JANUARY 21 AT 7:30PM

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JANUARY 22 AT 7:30PM

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Celebrating our new Partnership with our sister Reform Synagogue Rosh Pina, Israel

January 31-February 1 • Shabbat

We invite our congregation for this special Shabbat weekend to celebrate with and meet Rosh Pina's Rabbi Tlalit Shavit, one of Israel's 100 Reform Rabbis, and Dr. Anthony Luder, a Rosh Pina lay leader, Faculty at Bar Ilan Medicine School in Safed, and Director of Ziv Children's Hospital in nearby Safed. Come and hear about Reform Judaism's re-comittment to Israel Engagement: urj.org/israel-engagement

Rabbi Shavit leads worship in Rosh Pina

Friday, January 31
6:00 pm - During Shabbat services, Rabbis Pomerantz and Shavit will commemorate this new Partnership and speak on "America and Israel - Building Bridges Between Our Reform Movements."

7:00 pm - A special Israeli Oneg will be followed by a Parlor Meet and Greet with world-renowned pediatrician, Dr. Anthony Luder, who made Aliyah from England, helped found Israel's newest medical school in the Galil, and, as a Ziv Hospital physician, made international news for treatment of Syrian combatants and families.

Saturday, February 1
10:30 am - Shabbat Minyan. Rabbi Shavit will give the Dvar Torah
12:00 pm - Shabbat Luncheon with Rabbi Tlalit Shavit, and dialogue about the growth of the Reform movement in Rosh Pina and in Israel

SholomFest 2020 Bottle Pull

*Donations of wine and liquor are requested for our Bottle Pull at **SholomFest 2020.** This was a sell-out activity last year! Bottles must be a minimum retail value of $25 each, please. Bottles may be dropped off at TBS, preferably in a bag, and left at the front desk marked "For SholomFest/ Katy Boyask" or can be taken directly to Katy's office on the 3rd floor during office hours.

Celebrating our new Partnership with our sister Reform Synagogue Rosh Pina, Israel

The Galilee lies in northern Israel and is lush, green and mountainous, with forests, rivers and waterfalls. Unlike the center of the country it isn't densely populated. Its citizens mostly live in small towns such as Safed, Tiberias and Nazareth as well as in kibbutzim and other villages, spread through the area and along Israel's northern border.

Those living in kibbutzim and villages are often the descendants of early pioneers who arrived believing in a socialist way of life and saw little place for religion. For the most part today, kibbutzniks still lack religious inclinations, whereas Jews living in towns are more likely to lead a traditional way of life.

Against this background, we established the Reform Community of the Galilee eight years ago. Our aim was to provide a home for those families who do not feel connected to orthodox congregations, but who do feel connected to Jewish values, history and tradition. The group has, during these years, grown to be a warm supportive community that offers a Jewish way of life for its members. We work to bring Jewish education to our adult members as well as the children of the community in order to provide them with a Jewish basis. The community is the only one of its kind in the Northern Region and as such, our members feel they are pioneers of reform Judaism.

"To be honest, I had only seen a synagogue from the inside once in my life before we started the community here", says Ma'ayan, one of our Israeli born members. "But I did feel a deep desire to engage with Jewish life. I felt there was more to life than our day to day worries and that in a country, that is more and more dominated by orthodox streams, there should be a place for Jews like me with a different opinion"
"I wanted to be part of a kehila (community)", tells Tali, the present chair, "but this had to be a kehila that allows for different ideas about religion, that allows me to ask open questions and find answers that lead to meaningful action. We call that pluralistic: There's room for differences of opinion and beliefs."

One of our founding members is Professor Anthony Luder, a pediatrician. "As secular immigrants from England I and my wife were looking for a non-orthodox way to better educate ourselves in the heritage and traditions of Judaism. The community enhanced our feeling of belonging to Israeli society and provided us with support during a difficult period."

The community organizes regular services, especially kabalat Shabbat and we have a weekly Beth Midrash for our members. A very special feature of our community are the services we hold in ancient synagogues, which were built after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. They were abandoned in the early Middle Ages and since then have been in ruins. Now, once again the sounds of Jewish life, music and prayer can be heard when we meet together on a Friday night in these old places of gathering.

Currently our base is a community center in an old winery, but we are in the early stages of establishing our own synagogue in the town of Rosh Pina.

Rabbi Tlalit Shavit was born in kibbutz Sedot Yam and during her life followed a path of learning and teaching. She developed a deep personal connection to Jewish spiritual life.
We make efforts to reach out to other communities. Israel is absorbing large numbers of Ethiopian and Indian Jews. The process of integration in a modern western society is a slow and difficult one. We connect to these groups in our area and we have set up joint projects that can help strengthen these communities.

In the Galilee there is also a large Arab population. Our community supports a bilingual kindergarten for both Arab and Jewish children.

The Reform Community of the Galilee is seeking a sister community to consult when we need advice and to organize activities together. We value relations between Israel and the diaspora. They are an important lifeline for us. During the last year meaningful contact has been established with Marc and Karen Rivo of Temple Beth Sholom. We are looking forward to joining hands and minds for the sake of a bright future for our two communities.

Temple Beth Sholom
קהילת בית שלום

SHOLOMFEST2020
February 1 • 7:00 PM

Join us for a magical, fun-filled night featuring lively music, delicious food, an open bar and carnival-themed games! SholomFest 2020 will bring together the entire Temple Beth Sholom community: our school, jLAB and the temple, alumni and friends ages 21+. Dress code: Cocktail attire.

The Youth Campaign seeks to renovate our outdoor spaces and playgrounds, which includes enhanced security features and conservation of our seawall, and replenish our scholarship funds for school, summer camp and Israel experiences for children of all ages.

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Welcome our New CLASP Fellow!

Born in Pembroke Pines, Seth Cohen began his Jewish Journey in a Reform synagogue in South Florida and has a lifelong history in being involved in and with Jewish youth and camping. At the age of eight, he got a taste of Jewish Camp over one fall weekend and never looked back, attending Camp Coleman for five years.

After his experience, he was actively involved with his junior and senior youth groups at Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta, GA, where he served on the TYG board. Because camp has been such a meaningful part of Seth's life, he has been working at summer camps as a counselor since his freshman year of high school.

Following high school, Seth worked as a teacher at Makom Community, a Jewish after-school enrichment program in Philadelphia, PA. For the past two summers, he worked at URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy East, serving as a counselor and specialist, and most recently as the assistant program director. In December, Seth graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology from Penn State University. In his spare time, he enjoys watching and attending sporting events and snuggling with Simon, his miniature poodle. Seth is most excited to begin as the CLASP Fellow for Temple Beth Sholom, where he will help others discover and explore Jewish camp.

Their MEMORY is a Blessing

Jonathan Symons, who is survived by his community of friends who will miss him dearly.

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B'nei Mitzvah

JANUARY 2020

Jack Nelson will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 4, 2020. He is the son of Sarah Giller Nelson and John Q. Nelson and brother of Naomi Nelson. His grandparents are Honey and Ira Giller, Telma Nelson and John Nelson Sr., and Suzanne Kerns. His great - grandparents the late Frances and Norman Giller and the late Silvia and Burt Engels and his uncle is Sam Giller. As part of his mitzvot, Jack will be volunteering at the Jewish Food Bank and with Repair The World.

Diego Simon will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 9, 2020. He is the son of Karina and Alan Michael Simon and brother of Alex and Mila Simon. His grandparents are Bruno and Sara Zilberstein and Renata and Sergio Daniel Simon. As part of his mitzvot, Diego will donate Chanukah gifts for a family and serve meals with JCS.

Reagan Appel will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 11, 2020. She is the daughter of Rachel Sylvia and Gary Andrew Appel. Her grandparents are Andrea Wagner and the late Harvey Wagner, Andrea and Harold Appel and Evelyn and Harold Spitz.

Death Over Dessert
Saturday, February 8, 1:00-3:00 pm

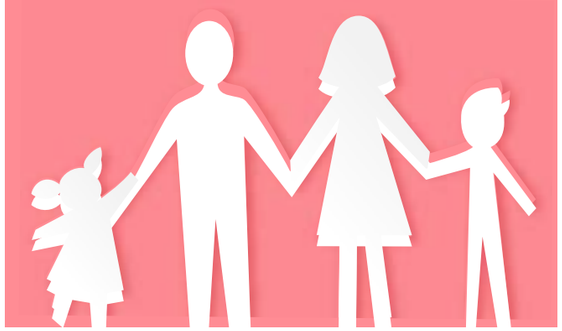
Join us for what might be the most unusual conversation you will ever have over coffee and dessert. Yes, we are inviting you to come and talk about death. Not to be morbid, but because talking openly about end of life issues is probably the most important and costly conversation Americans are not having. In a safe and congenial setting we will share our fears, concerns and hopes over what will happen at the end of our lives. Equally important, we will reflect on how we want our lives to look before we get there. This is a chance to lean into our fears, rid ourselves of inhibitions, connect to others and find a safe place to talk about issues you may not have been comfortable discussing with partners, family or friends.
To learn more you can go to www.deathoverdinner.org.
The session will be led by Ruth Mayer and Elise Magers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rabbi Ruth Mayer is a psychologist who has spent time working with people around the issues of death and dying, both as a chaplain at Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago and at the Federal Penitentiary. Ruth also teaches meditation and has had a private therapy practice for the last 30 years.

Elise Magers is the Assistant Director of the Replogle Center for Well-Being where she has done individual therapy and directed programming for the last 30 years. She is also a board member of an Illinois hospice where she has been involved in creating and leading programs on death and dying.

Sacred Parenting
with Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz

January 22 | 9:00 am
Clergy Conference Room
Parenting with Words of Affirmation and Words of Correction
March 4



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Jonathan Tamen is being recognized as among the National winners in the National PTA Reflections Arts contest on January 13 at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. His film will be included in a month-long exhibit of winners at the Department of Education.

His award-winning film, *The Silent Hero,* tells the story of Nicholas Winton, a British businessman who saved 669 Jewish Czech children from the Holocaust in the weeks before the start of World War II. Jonathan first learned about Nicholas Winton from a presentation at Temple Beth Sholom. And he learned digital film making skills at URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy!

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Jason Rubell
Aryeh Stern
Jordan Umlas

Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TIME YOU HAVE SHARED TOGETHER

January 1
Abbey Chase-Palgon
and Manny Palgon
Judy and Roberto Schaechter
Cathy Raduns-Silverstein
and Steven Silverstein
Nava Regev and
Mark Baranek

January 2
Irene and Jeffrey Brandon
Carolyn West and Evan Marks

January 3
Tiffany and Brad Hurwitz

January 4
Susan Leitner and
Daniel Moskovitz
Rachel and Jeffrey Weissman

January 5
Angelica and David Berezin

January 6
Michele and Andrew Burger
Sandra and Kenneth Cohen
Wendi and Alax Gittler

January 7
Claire Guillory Chassen and
Jon Chassen

January 8
Victoria and Jeremy Traster

January 9
Alisa and Ian Bacheikov

January 10
Jackie and Alex Fernandez
Viola and Stefan Kühlwein
Nicole and Michael Simkins

January 12
Mindy Glazer and
David Gaynor
Paula and Jonathan Hofman
Judith Ellenbogen and
Julio Rodriguez-Luis
Esther and Douglas Halperin

January 13
Kathy and Richard Lesser
Vanessa and Gary Ressler

January 14
Ana and Samuel Morjain

January 15
Rachel Kaplan and
Gregory Lawrence

January 16
Jill Braufman and Daniel Nir

January 17
Suzanne and Daniel Katz
Myrna and Robert Kirkpatrick

January 18
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January 19
Sari and Nate Shapiro

January 20
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January 21
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January 22
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January 23
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January 26
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January 27
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January 29
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Noah Liberman
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Calling all TBS*IS* Parents!

Want to host a Shabbat dinner for your classroom community?
We will provide one of our rabbis to teach you how to do Shabbat at home!
Contact Jewish Resource Specialist Greg Lawrence for details and to coordinate.

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Pre-Mitzvah Day Collection Projects

Please bring these items to be collected on Mitzvah Day. This year, in addition to collecting items in the Welcome Center, project captains will also be accepting Amazon delivery items to their homes. Please contact Allison_aronow@hotmail.com for the project captains' addresses and Amazon wish lists.

Baby Diapers - **Miami Diaper Bank**

Personal hygiene items - (soap, toothpaste, deodorant,feminine products, etc.)
Overtown Youth Center

New and gently used instruments
Local elementary schools

School supplies, books, and magazines for the children and adults at Chapman **Partnership Homeless Shelter**

New and gently used clothing
Various Shelters

Children Books - new and used
The Children's Trust

Gently used toys
Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

This past year, we kicked off our annual Project Isaiah High Holy Day food drive in the month of September. When asked why we fast on Yom Kippur, the Prophet Isaiah responded, "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry?" (Isaiah 58:6). For three weeks, we collected non-perishable food items to donate to Feeding South Florida, a food bank serving several counties throughout the region. The drive has traditionally taken place solely on Yom Kippur day, but this year we wanted to shake things up a little bit.

In working with Margie Zeskind and Barbara Shimansky, we were able to get our TBS*IS* and jLAB students involved in the process and empower them to make change during the High Holy Days. Our jLAB students spent a morning of Shabbat school decorating our lovely collection boxes. The students reflected on questions like "What does giving look like?" or "Why is it important to give to others?" when designing these boxes. The resulting art was beautiful!

Concurrently, I went into TBS*IS* classrooms to read a story about the mitzvah of giving food to others who are less fortunate than we are. Our students engaged in meaningful conversation on how we can help others and ensure that everyone has access to food.

In addition to the participation of our students, hundreds of congregants collected food in the weeks leading up to Yom Kippur and throughout the day. Thanks to everyone's food donations, our community raised 1,418 lbs of food for Feeding South Florida. This translates into about 1,181 meals that go to our South Florida neighbors. Because of everyone's efforts, we have made a huge direct impact.

-- Rachel Lilenbaum, SJN Fellow

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BESHTY volunteering on MLK Day
January 20, 2020

February:

BESTHY Grades 9th-12
February 14-17, 2019
- Give Kids the World -
TBS Teens will serve as volunteers at Orlando's Give Kids the World Village. This is a 79-acre, non-profit "storybook resort" where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to a week-long cost-free fantasy vacation. Teens will serve alongside medical professionals as volunteers helping to create a camp-like atmosphere during the day for the families. Separate nighttime activities are planned for teens. Thirty hours of community service awarded with full participation.

While we are in Orlando for the long weekend, we will spend a day at Universal Studios.

BESHTY Mitzvah Day Program:
February 23, 2020

Please join us at The Lotus House as we host a day of fun for their residents.

We will craft, plant, paint, teach meditation/ yoga, decorate cupcakes, participate in a magic show and more.

Lunch will be provided for all residents and volunteers.

Ages 6 and up are welcome!

Contact Suzanne Meltzer for project information at srmeltzer@gmail.com or 305.633.2372

The Lotus House Project Dates

January 12, 2020
March 29, 2020
May 17, 2020

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Miami, FL 33136

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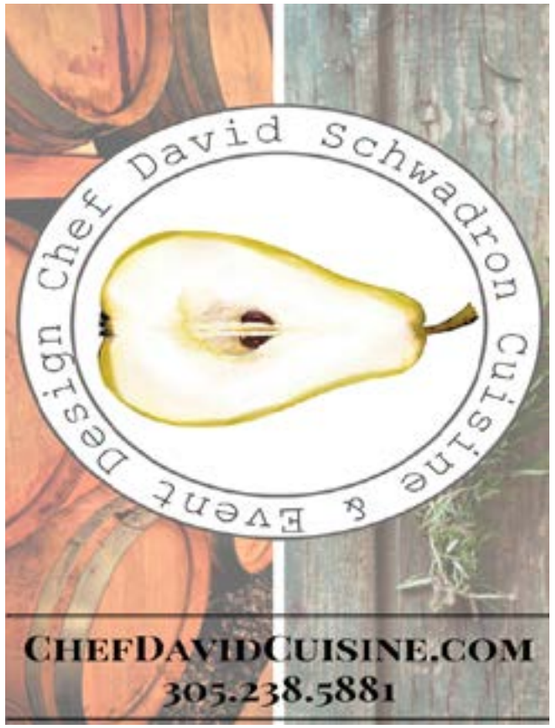

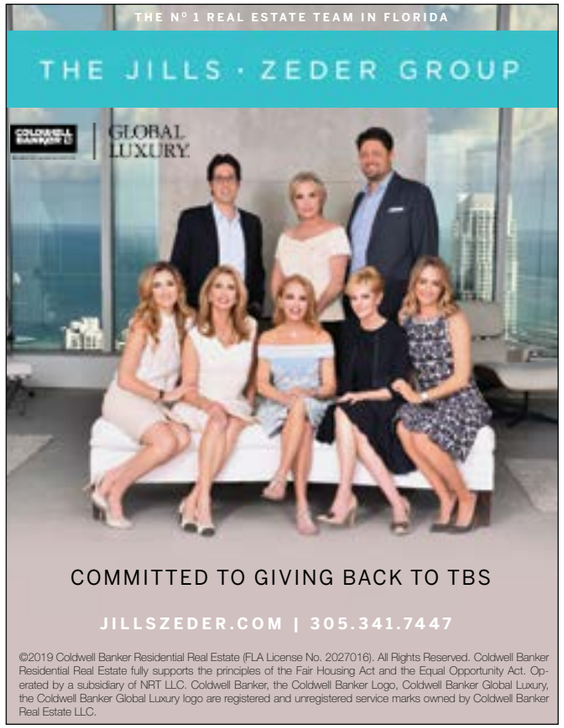

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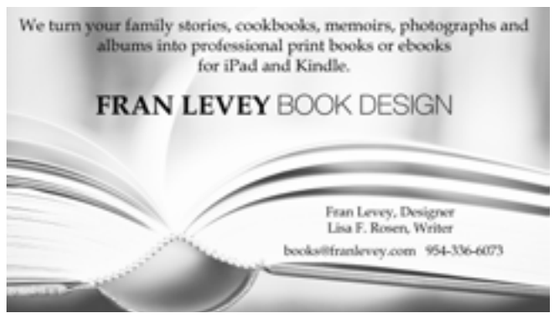

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