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Temple Bat Yam
of East Fort Lauderdale

This special issue of HAKOL celebrates the Grand Opening of the Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center, a JCC Preschool, at Temple Bat Yam



**Thanks to all who contributed time
and money, heart and soul,
to making this dream a reality**

Making their dream a reality

Thanks to the Baer Family for making their dream of bringing Jewish Early Childhood Education to the Eastside of Broward County a reality at Temple Bat Yam.



Terri and Sheldon Voss opened the afternoon with the Jewish camp song, “Wherever you go, there is always someone Jewish”



Words and Music by Larry Milder

Wherever you go, There's always
someone Jewish. You're never
alone when you say you're a Jew.
So when you're not home, and
you're somewhere kind of newish,
The odds are, don't look far –
'cause they're Jewish, too.

Some Jews live in tents, and
some live in pagodas, And some
Jews pay rent, 'cause the city's
not free. Some Jews live on farms
in the hills of Minnesota, And
some Jews wear no shoes, and
live by the sea. Amsterdam,
Disneyland, Tel Aviv – oh, they're
miles apart, But when we light the
candles on Sabbath eve, We share
in the prayer in each one of our
hearts.



Invocation by Rabbi David Spey



Eternal our God,
we ask Your blessing for our children
now embarking on what we pray will be a
a time marked by fulfillment and growth.
As they prepares for life,
it is our hope
that they will gain a greater sense
of the words of our people,
and will come to embrace the
traditions and values
of Klal Yisrael, the community of Israel.
Like those ancient Israelites before us
who learned from both the challenges
and the rewards of their journey,
may they overcome all obstacles,
cherish all blessings,
and learn from all of the experiences that will
be apart of this meaningful journey.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God,
Sovereign of the universe,
who hallows us with mitzvot,
commanding us to engage with words of Torah





Blessing of New Building

In every generation,
a small group of leaders carries the heaviest load.
They place the ark on their shoulders.
They elevate the Torah with the work of their hands.
Out of their imaginations arises a building.

We offer you a blessing
you who have helped to create this sacred school and home,
and to turn a vision into reality,
you who have made it possible to fashion this modern tabernacle,
this place for God to dwell among us.

Just as you were blessed when you entered this place,
so many you be blessed when you emerge from here
and warmth in your heart.

Dreams do come true!

From Elissa Mogilefsky:

“Dreams do come true! Ana Galimidi Ehrlich, I am so glad we switched seats on our bus on the 2013 Israel mission so that my husband Len Weiselberg and your husband Scott Ehrlich got to sit next to each other. This was the beginning of a conversation that developed into today’s collaboration between Temple Bat Yam and David Posnack JCC.



What a glorious day today at Temple Bat Yam in East Fort Lauderdale - It was the grand opening of Baer Family Early Childhood Center- A David Posnack JCC Preschool in Fort Lauderdale.

There was major commitment and hard work from the boards and staff of the JCC and Temple Bat Yam! Kudos to Scott Ehrlich, Rabbi David Spey, Arnie Pittler, Jerry Baer and the rest of the Baer family, Carey Fischer, and my husband, Len Weiselberg. What an accomplishment!”



Congratulations from local officials

Mayor Dean Trantalis wrote:

It was a joy to partake in the opening of the Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center at Temple Bat Yam over the weekend. This community effort between the Synagogue, the Baer family, and David Posnack JCC is a welcomed addition to the fabric of FTL's diverse family.



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Dear Arnold Pittler,

Congratulations on the Grand Opening of the Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center. I regret that I cannot not make your Ribbon Cutting ceremony, but please know I am there with you in spirit and excited to see your project come to completion. It seems like just yesterday we were at the Ground Breaking ceremony!

The Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center is a great addition to the City of Fort Lauderdale and I know it will serve the community well. Once again, congratulations on your Grand Opening.

Sincerely,

Heather Moraitis
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The blessing of the mezuzot, uniting the community and the school



Mezuzot made by Rabbi Spey and TBY members and friends for the school



And silver mezuzot made by Joel Schwartz

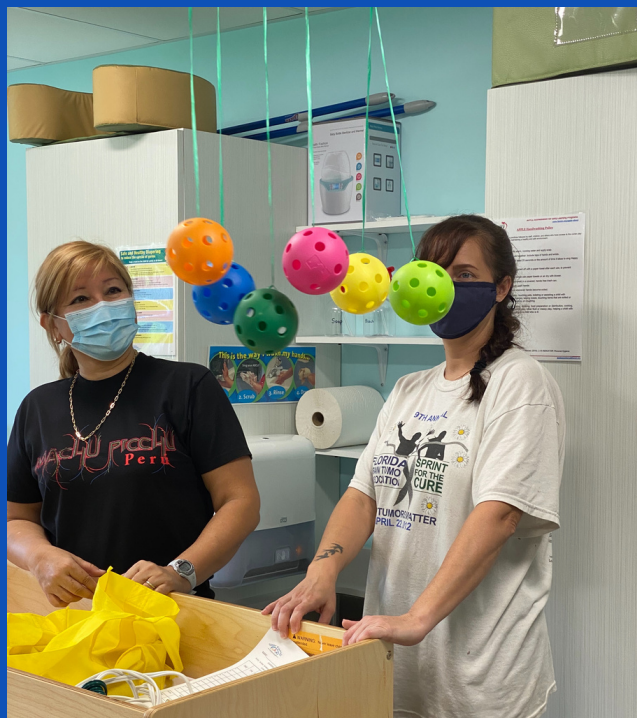


Joan Sternberg and Lois Pittler, representing Sisterhood members, installed a mezuzah at the Sisterhood classroom. They wrote to Sisterhood, "We thank you once again for your generosity over the past few years. Every time you sponsored an oneg, made a donation at our in-person events, or participated in our fundraisers, you made it possible for us to help Temple Bat Yam achieve its dream. Dor L'dor."



An exciting day at TBY!







**And the
ribbon
was cut!**





It's a great
day in VPK!



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