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Hakol brings together the messages of the season and the joy of community. We are excited to begin worshipping, learning, and playing together face to face, while remaining respectful of the health of all of our community.

Tikkum olam:

Repairing the world



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MESSAGE FROM RABBI DAVID SPEY

What is Tikkun olam?

Tikkun olam is a phrase thrown around Jewish communities and institutions quite freely, but what does it mean and where does it come from? A literal translation of the term is rendered 'world repair,' but this translation does not capture the rich history and nuance of this term as we use it today.

Isaac Luria, arguably the progenitor of Kabbalistic Judaism, a mystical approach to Jewish living originating in the 16th Century, raised the prominence of this phrase in his telling of the story of God's creation of the world. In the beginning, God, being infinite, filled every corner of the universe. In order to make room for the products of God's creating, God had to contract, go through the process of *tzimtzum*, pulling back or inward. God created *kelim*, vessels of light, to contain the excess divine presence, some of which shattered upon contact with divinity. While most of the divine presence returned to reunite with God, some stuck to the broken shards of the *kelim*. It becomes the role of Jews and people to try to find and repair these vessels, thereby repairing God's creation.



The Lurianic story of *Tikkun olam* is based on an older utilization the term. The term is first coined in the *Mishna*, the body of rabbinic literature codified in about 200 C.E. by Judah the Prince and considered to be the foundation of the Oral Torah, teaching revealed at Sinai by God to Moses to be transmitted orally as a companion text to the Written Torah, the Jewish Bible. In the *Mishna*, the term refers to social policy and legislation that provides extra protection for those who are disadvantaged in society. **It is a term refers to a system of creating and ensuring social justice, and righteous treatment of all.**

The history of this term infuses our current understanding with spiritual, practical, and political meaning. *Tikkun olam* becomes for us today a way to approach fixing and improving the world around us that includes advocacy for social justice, practical hands on projects, charitable giving, and more, all of which can result in a sense of spiritual fulfillment. Connecting our spiritual life to our practical life is after all the religious endeavor. May we all find fulfillment in our lives and work to make the world a little better in the process.

TBY Social Action Committee



Mitzvah Day, February 27



By Lyn Saberg and Rick Isserman

Temple Bat Yam's Mitzvah Day, on February 27th 2022, is a day of caring and service, a day of social action activities where we undertake a range of volunteer projects for those in need in our community. The literal meaning of the Hebrew word Mitzvah is a "Commandment", and the Talmud tells us that there are 613 Commandments in the Torah. In the generally accepted sense, Mitzvah is that of a "Good Deed", with the emphasis on deeds, conscious acts of empathy and kindness.

Won't you join us on this day of social action when we can all make a positive difference in the world in which we live by giving our most valuable possession, our time.

Mitzvah Day was born out of the belief that we can all make a positive difference to our world by taking action – together. Our vision is to reduce hardship and poverty, to help our environment and to bring a little joy where it is needed, all through hands-on participation. It is a way for people to take an active part regardless of their religion, age, sex or location. Mitzvah Day brings enthusiastic volunteers to those who need support.

Mitzvah Day serves as a platform for creating local relationships, Jews with Jews and Jews with those from other faiths and communities. By working together for the common good we build stronger communities making them better places to live. Tzedakah is the giving part. . To be a *tzadik* is to be a righteous person. Join us on February 27th so that Temple Bat Yam can be that shining light on the hill.



*Photos from
Mitzvah Day 2020-
in person.*



MITZVAH DAY **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022**



Will you make a difference this Mitzvah Day?
Join participants of all ages working together !

Let's start collecting now!



Travel size toiletries and diapers for donation to
Women in Distress

New socks for nursing home residents

Packaged and canned foods



**BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY
AND PLACE THEM IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

Mark your calendars to attend Mitzvah Day and
join projects with Religious School students

COVID Precautions at TBY

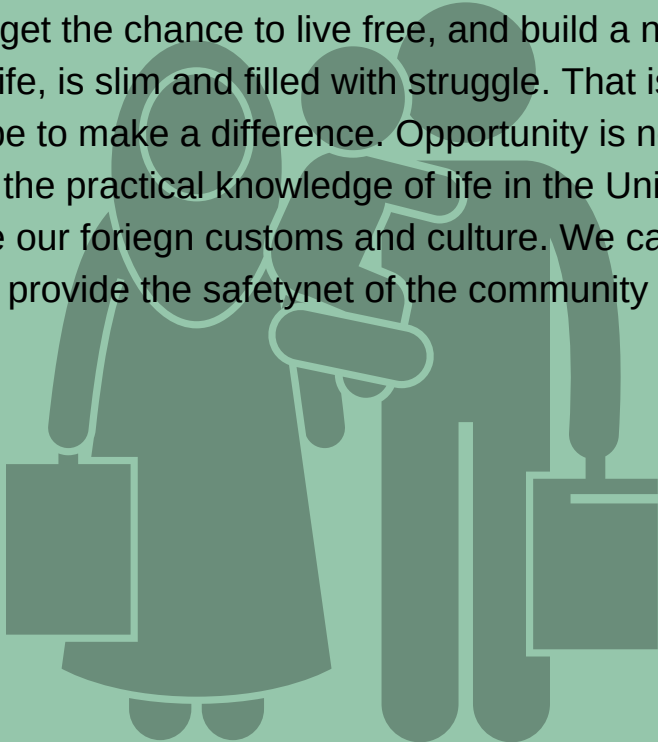
Keep it simple, keep it safe.
But keep connected, online and
safely in person.

We can help Afghan refugees

By Barry Solomon

As you may have already heard, the Temple is organizing a few teams of volunteers to assist newly arrived Afghan refugees in our area. We are volunteering through a South Florida organization named the Refugee Assistance Alliance (RAA), and their Navigating the USA with Community Sponsorship Teams program. RAA provides organizes teams of volunteers who get paired with a family for 6 to 12 months. The volunteer team will help their assigned family learn to live in the United States, make them feel welcome, and helping them understand and find their way in their new community. They will try to give them context for an alien culture and support them as the family strives to regain self sufficiency. They will help them get back a little piece of the life they lost.

As Jews, we know the trauma of being forced from our homes, losing our loved ones, and having to start over in a new place. For many Jews in America this is our story, and the story of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. It's also the story of our ancestors throughout the generations. But this isn't just a Jewish story. Countless times in human history, this has been the story of basically every other religion, ethnicity, and nationality there ever was. And unfortunately that is still true today. Around the world, every day people are forced from their homes under threat and fear of persecution, torture, and death. Of those, a very lucky few are allowed to enter a new country as refugees, and they are given a chance to try and rebuild a part of the life they have lost. They won't be able to bring back the loved ones they have lost. They won't get to see the home they left behind. But they will get the chance to live free, and build a new life. But even that, the chance to build a new life, is slim and filled with struggle. That is where the volunteers from Temple Bat Yam hope to make a difference. Opportunity is not just taken, it can be given. We can help provide the practical knowledge of life in the United States. We can help guide them and translate our foreign customs and culture. We can show them kindness and friendship. We can help provide the safety net of the community they lost.



Refugees continued

We help because we are grateful to the ones who helped our ancestors. We help because we can imagine being the ones who need help one day. We help because we are able. If you would like to help with this effort you can by being part of a team or by raising funds to help refugees purchase essential items. Each team needs to raise \$5000 to help families with emergencies. TBY Sisterhood has pledged \$500 to this effort. And although two teams from TBY have already been formed, we could create additional teams if there is interest. There will be more refugees who need help. If you are interested in volunteering or helping fundraise, or have any questions, you can contact Barry Solomon at barrynsolomon@gmail.com or 954-790-1335.



**Donations can be made to RAA and be sure to put
For TBY Teams in the comment line. You can donate
online at**

<https://www.refugeeassistancealliance.org/donate-now>

Reproductive Justice: an important Jewish issue

CELEBRATE REPRO SHABBAT, January 28



By Marion Fass

This is a challenging time for women's access to reproductive health care. Efforts to limit access have reached the highest courts in the nation. **Temple Bat Yam will celebrate Repro Shabbat, as identified by The National Council of Jewish Women, on January 28-29.** This will be a time to recognize our commitment to reproductive justice. A committee of Evan Goldman, Lyn Saberg, Joan Sternberg, Dr. Sam Jacobs, and Marion Fass has been discussing programming for this weekend and future learning opportunities.

The National Council of Jewish Women has adopted the perspective of reproductive justice, as an extension of basic human rights. As Jews, we are taught, "tzedek tzedek tirdof," to pursue justice for all. Reproductive justice reaches beyond keeping abortion safe and legal, but makes the effort to assure that all women- all people- have access to the care that they need. This is particularly acute for women of childbearing years, where access to care has been limited by restrictions on insurance, and by threats of violence.

Reform Judaism.org provides a perspective on women's health at <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-views-womens-rights-reproductive-choice>. Please read this to understand where Reform Judaism stands. They identify our communal responsibility to care for our bodies.

The League of Women Voters of Florida is also focusing on actions to protect women's access to accurate health education, health care and reproductive services. One of their aims is to oppose legislation that puts restrictions on healthcare options for women. The LWV is also committed to shedding light on how issues of reproductive justice are affected by judicial appointments and legislative policies. <https://lwvfl.org/issues/reproductive-health-justice/>

We are at a pivotal point here in Florida, and it is time to let our voices be heard. NCJW encourages us to work to ensure that every single person can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their body, health, and future. Our legislators are considering laws that will limit access to information and to abortion services and are creating an environment that puts women's health at risk. Tools for activism are available at <https://www.ncjw.org/act/action-resources/?tax-work-areas=reproductive-health-rights-justice>

We can hopefully make a difference by contacting State legislators and voting for legislators who will protect women's health.



Inspiring books to integrate the lessons of Esther and Torah for children

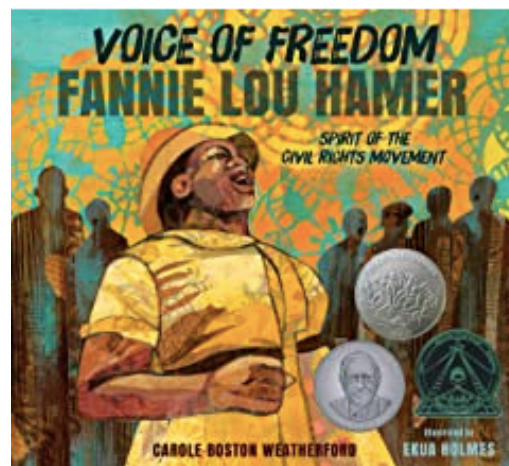
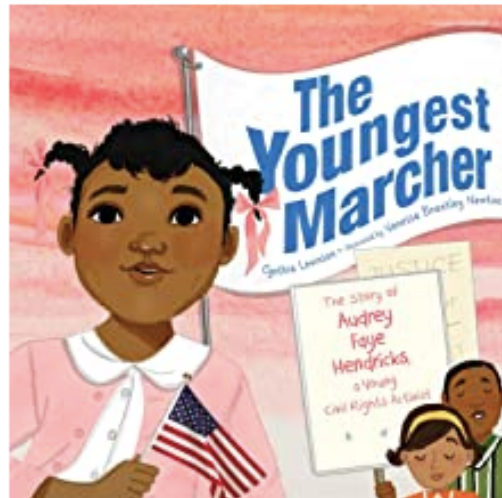
By Ashley Solomon

Purim, arguably the most joyful and fun-filled Jewish holiday, is the celebration of the story of Esther, who courageously stood up for her community in the face of adversity. While children love the dress-up aspects of the holiday and hamantaschen are delicious, the real spirit of the holiday is that courage and fortitude. It is important to remind our children that while we as Jews have a long history of standing up for our people and our community, we are not alone in that experience. There are Esthers in every community, who have courageously stood up when others would not, to save their communities. Seeing our Jewish history in the histories of other groups acts as a way to connect us to other people in our greater secular communities. It also teaches our children to really practice and integrate the lessons of the Torah into their annual holiday celebrations. Below are a few book and movie options that tell those stories. These are available at the Broward Library, at Amazon.com or at bookshop.org.

Civil rights/BLM:

Elementary

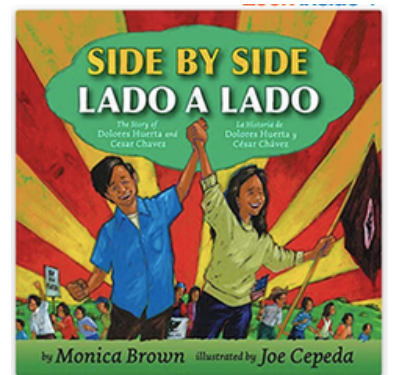
- The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander
- All Because You Matter by Tami Charles
- The Youngest Marcher by Cynthia Levinson
- Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
- Voice of Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford





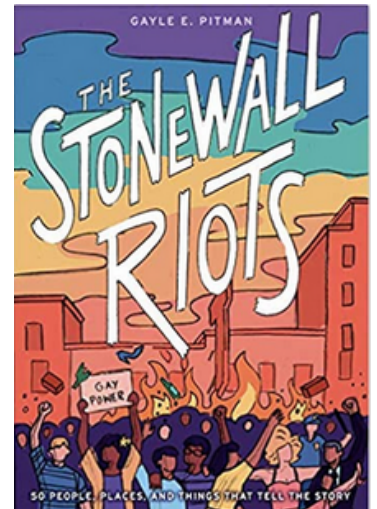
Civil rights/BLM: Middle School

- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas



Cesar Chavez/UFW:

- Harvesting Hope (elementary) , story of Cesar Chavez
- Side by Side by Monica Brown and Joe Cepeda the-story-of-dolores-huerta-and-cesar-chavez-
- First Day in Grapes by L. King Perez and Robert Castilla
- **Stonewall:**
- Stonewall: A Building A Revolution (elementary) by Rob Sanders
- Stonewall Riots Coming Out in the Streets (middle school):

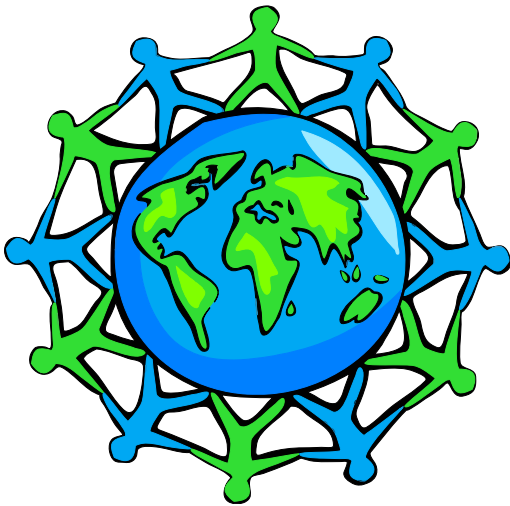


In the service of others: A mitzvah

By Lois Pittler

Perhaps the most important and profound question put before God was uttered by Cain after killing his brother Abel. Cain queried “How should I know; am I my brother’s keeper?” God responded by cursing Cain for the remainder of his life. By God’s swift admonishment of Cain’s actions, it was made perfectly clear that yes; We are indeed, our brothers’ keepers. If humankind is to survive, it is only by the caring for the collective good.

Reform Judaism fully embraces this mitzvah of Tikum Olam, repairing the world. Temple Bat Yam’s Social Action Committee in partnership with Sisterhood and Brotherhood takes this to heart and are working on awareness and action in several areas; on a national level, encouraging congregants’ to call legislators to support the ‘Freedom to Vote Act’ and the ‘John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act’, urging our Senators and the White House to act ethically and responsibly on one of the most important freedoms we have as American citizens.



Each year, Lyn Saberg, the chair of TBY’s Social Action committee, organizes Mitzvah Day; a day in which our congregants, both young and old, come together to help provide for the community through many actions: by collecting and distributing food and personal necessities such as toiletries and new socks, by writing letters to our troops serving near and abroad, by collecting books to be distributed to schools in need, and by providing comfort to the elderly in group facilities. Participants can also give blood at the Blood Mobile in our Parking Lot.

Our Sisterhood and Brotherhood also provide events that educate us on subjects that affect our communities in the areas of women’s health, domestic abuse, understanding issues in our elections, civil rights, and more.

This spring the Social Action Committee is providing opportunities for congregants to volunteer serving food at one of our local churches and an organization serving the homeless. TBY volunteers can also assist in the reception of Afghan Refugees who are coming to Broward and Dade Counties in the coming months.

***Mitzvah Day
activities will
be outside***

IF NOT ME, WHO

By Alan Tinter with Rebecca Jade Tinter

Until 20 years ago, I was a non-practicing, cultural Jew. I knew I was Jewish, but my late wife and I celebrated holidays and Holy Days in our own fashion. No organized affiliations, but not hiding the fact of our Jewishness.

Then, after my wife passed, I met and married Rebecca (Becki) Jade. Falling in love exposed me to a new world. I spent Jewish holidays in a more organized and religious way. While I may have started out trying to “impress” my future Mother-in-law, I got to learn more about what some of our rituals mean and I became more “comfortable” with my own religiousness.

And, for the first time in my life, I was exposed to what really went on in Europe in the 1930s and 40s. I met Holocaust survivors (my Mother-in-law, as well as many of her friends). My in-laws had been in hiding for almost three years, welcoming my Brother-in-law into the world while in hiding and surrendering him to a righteous family to raise for his first 2 ½ years of life. At a Passover Seder one year, my Mother-in-law’s friends showed me their tattoos – imagine being branded as you waited your turn for the gas chambers of Auschwitz. Until these moments World War II was as close to me as the Civil War or the American Revolution – ancient history. Now it was real!

Becki & I have become supporters of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center (HDEC) in Dania Beach and the Craig & Barbara Weiner Holocaust Center at the NSU Library in Davie. One of the most rewarding activities is participating in the Student Awareness Days presented by HDEC, when High School students get to meet with and ask questions directly to Holocaust survivors. It is not surprising that today’s High School students feel much like I used to – WW II is ancient history. Many of these students have never been introduced to the history of the Holocaust and it is very important that they do. This program helps connect them with the past and makes them more knowledgeable when they hear prejudice and/or antisemitic comments.



**12/3/2019 Student Awareness Day, with
Holocaust survivor Magda S. Bader**

IF NOT ME, WHO continued

We have become involved with the Jewish Federation of Broward County; a way to connect with other Jews in the community. As part of one of the activities 10 years ago, we got to hear stories of our Jews who arrived in Ft. Lauderdale 50 years earlier. Not a hospitable environment then.



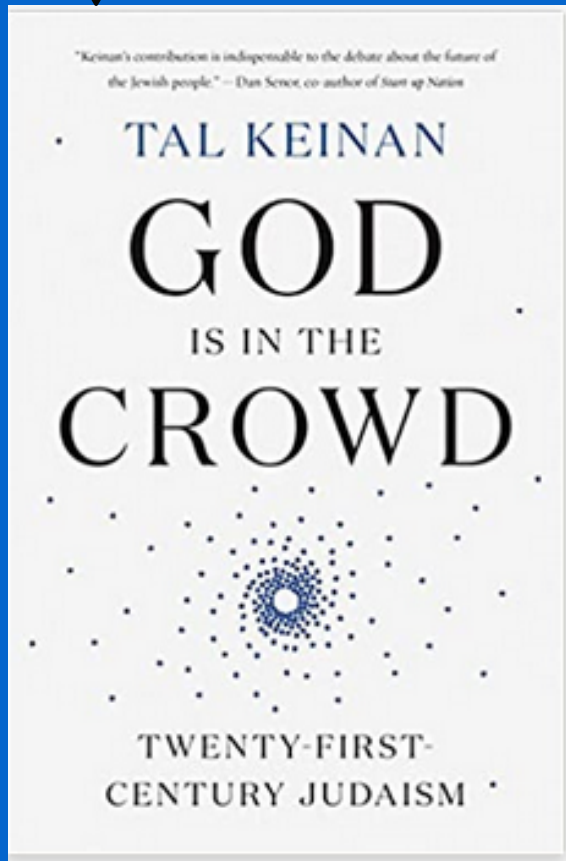
**East side Federation
"Parlour"**

Our involvement with the Jewish Federation has grown, while my connection to my Jewishness has become stronger. I serve on the Federation's Board of Directors and Co-Chair the Eastside Committee, while Becki Chairs the Chai Care Committee of the Federation. Chai Care provides assistance to some of our elderly Jewish citizens, especially those who are alone.

Temple Bat Yam has become home for us, as well. Besides Federation and TBY, We can all get involved in our Jewish community. There are agencies throughout the County that will welcome new, enthusiastic volunteers. Ask yourself "If not me, who?" I asked myself that question and am very glad I did.



Reading about the future of Judaism: A book review by Rabbi Spey



**On Tuesday, February 8
at 8 pm, Rabbi Spey will lead
a ZOOM discussion of
God is in The Crowd
with the TBY Book Group.**

Everyone is invited.

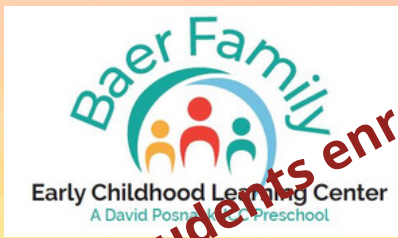
Author Tal Keinan was born in a secular Jewish family in Florida, and then moved to Israel and joined the Israeli Air Force, where he served for 9 years. After leaving the Air Force, he ran an Israeli-US investment firm, and eventually moved back to the US.

He brings together his two perspectives on the future of Israel and of the Jewish people, contrasting the views of religious and non-religious Jews in Israel, and the expectations that American Jews hold about Israel.

Keinan's nuanced observations give us new ways of thinking about our relationship to Israel, about commitment to the core values of Judaism, and about ways to secure a future for our religious teachings. This is a book of ideas to agree with, and to disagree with.

*God is in the Crowd is available from booksellers on line, on Kindle
and available on Audible. It would be a great book to listen to.*

Check for ZOOM link in TBY daily emails.



97 students enrolled

Every Day is an Adventure at Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center

By Beth Hickman

We just celebrated our one year anniversary this week and we sure had a lot of fun. We sang, we danced, and of course we had cupcakes. It's hard to believe, that a year ago, we opened our school during the height of the pandemic, and here we are again, in the height of a pandemic, with **ninety-seven children**. I could not be more proud of our staff, our students, the parents, and the support of the JCC and temple staff. We did it!

Every day is an adventure at Baer. Music, art, crafts, water play, movement, playground time, and Shabbat with Rabbi Spey, along with language, science, math, social skills, technology, and sensory activities, round out our hands-on curriculum.

Throughout the day, as I pop in the classrooms, I am so happy to see teachers and students thoroughly engaged in all kinds of creative experiences. Feeding the fish, watering plants, cooking, and painting at the easel or playing at the light table are probably the children's favorite activities. They are having so much fun, and yet it is amazing how many skills are being learned.

We are accepting registration for the new school year. School and camp brochures will be out shortly. Please tell your friends about us. Tell them to call us to book a tour. We love showing off our beautiful school.



**LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO
READ STORIES!**

For more information go to
<https://www.dpjcc.org/baer>





Temple Member, Sheldon Voss, (Mr. Sheldon) is now the Music Specialist for the Baer Preschool



TBY Playground Playdates for families with young children

Families will meet at local playgrounds



February 12

March 12

April 9

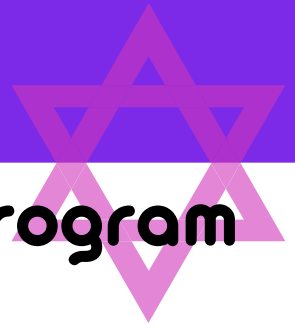
May 14



**Contact Barry at 954-790-1335
for info about playgrounds**



TBY Sisterhood



Women in Distress: Sisterhood Program POSTPONED 'til Spring

By Shelly Komito

Temple Bat Yam is proud to present a speaker from Women in Distress of Broward County. in Spring 2022, when we can again gather together. Emily Janas, Education and Prevention Manager will discuss what domestic violence looks like. She will also discuss how community members can support survivors and contribute to preventing and ending domestic violence.

Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc. is the only nationally accredited, state-certified full service domestic violence center serving Broward County. Their mission is to stop domestic violence abuse through intervention, education and advocacy. They are committed to providing prevention education and resources to all members of the community in order to break the recurring cycle of violence. Temple Bat Yam, through its Social Action Committee, has been involved with Women in Distress for as many as 20 years by providing help with different projects and by collecting and donating urgently needed items for the women that they serve.

It is important to include some thoughts regarding the intersection between Jewish Values and Domestic Abuse. One in four women will experience domestic abuse in her lifetime. Some members of the Jewish community believe that it is something that happens to other communities. This false assumption may cause domestic violence within our community to be ignored and silenced. This may discourage victims from seeking help. As Jews, we have an **obligation to “*bakesh shalom v’rodfehu*”** or to “seek peace and pursue it.” It teaches us to reach out and recognize when something is wrong and to help. ***Bakesh shalom v’rodfehu*** instructs Jews to be proactive in helping others, including by organizing others to do the same.

Hopefully, the speaker from Women in Distress will assist all of us in our obligation to *bakesh shalom v’rodfehu*. If you want to donate to Women in Distress for Mitzvah Day, please bring a baby item (diapers, baby toiletries, baby clothing) to Temple Bat Yam or send a check to the address on their webpage.



24-HR Crisis Hotline: (954)761-1133 (954)527-5385 TTY/TDD

<https://www.womenindistress.org/>



TBY Religious School: "HALFTIME REPORT"

By Dr. Gloria Becker

"Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht" is an old Yiddish adage meaning, "Man Plans, and God Laughs." In our case, we plan, and COVID laughs. This year has been a very challenging year for our entire community in so many ways. The good and bad news is that we are living in Florida. The bad news is that agreement on factual COVID information is hard to come by. The good news is that we can be outside most of the year where COVID transmission is lessened. In the Talmud (Sanhedrin 37a), we learn, "Whoever saves a single life is considered to have saved the whole world." Many Jews feel that this is the most important mitzvah of all 613 we are commanded to perform. Saving a life takes precedence over keeping Shabbat, regardless of the work required. This verse in the Talmud has been our guiding principle when dealing with the COVID-19 situation. We had many exciting plans at the beginning of the school year. Perhaps COVID will stop laughing at our plans?

First off, I'd like to thank everyone for being so patient and understanding with our schedule changes and classroom rearrangements. I appreciate that you send your child(ren) to school with their masks and individual snacks. I love that your kids come to school with great attitudes, willing to participate and learn. Our teachers tell me how much they enjoy working with your children every week and how lucky they feel to be a part of the TBY community. I know how they feel because I agree with them.

We are looking forward to Mitzvah Day and finding ways to do mitzvot to help our community and keep everyone safe and healthy. This past week, we had to arrange our learning spaces to ensure that we were in the largest spaces we could be in, including outdoor spaces. I hope using these larger and outdoor spaces will carry us through this challenging time, so we do not have to move to online learning on Sundays, as some congregations in South Florida have had to do.



Maccabee races at Chanukah

TBY Religious School Continued

Nevertheless, we created fun family programs such as our Tzedakah, Trunk, or Treat morning and our Hanukkah Field Day. Rabbi Spey helped us press our own olive oil from actual olives! We have more programs like these planned for the spring to celebrate Purim and Passover, and we will make them safe.



A bright spot in our religious school program is our Hebrew learning. Hands down, students will tell you that they love the Hebrew Through Movement part of their Sunday morning. Ms. Ally gets everyone to participate in fun activities using only Hebrew words. Our weekday Hebrew learning program for second through eighth graders is also working very well and unaffected by COVID. Our online tutors can individualize each student's lessons based on how they learn and what pace feels comfortable. In addition, the tutors develop personal relationships with students and their families to work together to motivate our students to learn as much as they can. Working together, we will make this a year filled with health and wonder!



Mark your calendar for



**Saturday
February 19,
2022**

7:30 pm

**The competition is fierce.
Can your team beat Team Spey?**

We will be back on ZOOM-
Teams limited to 6 players

\$36 registration per team
Registration link coming soon!

Welcome to "The Neighborhood": TBY's new LGBTQA+ affinity group

By Abbe Forman

Welcome to "The Neighborhood," Temple Bat Yam's LGBTQA+ affinity group. The Neighborhood is a place where TBY's LGBTQ members and allies can meet and socialize. We chose to become an affinity group, similar to the TBY Book Club, because this is the preference of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ). They define an affinity group as, "A space for strength, empowering, and belonging." In accordance with that, The Neighborhood has adopted this purpose statement,

Our purpose is to provide outreach, support, and fellowship in accordance with the primary mission of Temple Bat Yam and the URJ.

We hope that folks will come together within The Neighborhood to meet others who share interests, passions, and life experiences. To that end, we have been planning our 'coming out' event to be a screening of the film "Open Dialogues," followed by a discussion with a guest speaker. Sadly, because of Covid, this event continues to be pushed to the future. We are confident that we will be coming out as soon as it is safe to so.

Please keep an eye on the TBY calendar and email for notification of this Coming Out event, SOON! May your rainbows be many. Contact info@templebatyam.org for more information.





Christmas- and Chanukah- on Las Olas

By David Yalen

More than 20 people volunteered to represent **Temple Bat Yam** at the he 59th annual **Christmas on Las Olas**, held Tuesday November 30, 2021. It was the 2nd night of Chanukah, and menorahs were part of our booth. Candles were “lit electrically” at sundown, with Hebrew songs and prayers. EACH volunteer brought their own personality and people skills, contributing to new sign-ups for the TBY email list and reconnecting with former TBY members who seem ready to rejoin!

The TBY Booth was shared with **Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center**. There was a large banner promoting both TBY and the Baer Pre-school. Chanukah gifts was a theme of the booth, decorated with gift wrapping the tabletops. String lights and Hanukkah decorations hung from the roof of the booth and there were large photos of TBY events/services/kids/Rabbi Spey/etc. Each volunteer had a TBY name tag to increase friendliness and easy conversation.



Baer Pre-School staff were FANTASTIC in drawing folks with kids into the booth. This led the adults to come over to the TBY side, while the kids were given dreidels/games/stickers/and water-based tattoos!

We distributed 100 Children’s gift bags with gelt, dreidels and stickers. 50 Adult gift bags were handed out, with information about TBY, Shabbat candles and prayers.

It is hard to measure success, but the TBY participants were enthusiastic. Thanks to great organizational skills of David Yalen, who with Kathalyn Haimo, chaired the event. We are already planning next year’s participation, with lessons learned from 2021. Stay tuned for ways to support our outreach events.

Latkes and Vodka: A great evening at TBY

Thanks to Ellen Fischer and her large active committee for creating an elegant night for celebrating Chanukah.





Thank you!

To all the volunteers at Temple Bat Yam

The board

The band

**The Sisterhood and
Brotherhood
members who help
whenever asked**

**Garden Gang
who weed and
rake to keep
TBY beautiful**

**The committee members
who make events happen**

To everyone who makes TBY special



**Be remembered forever by Temple Bat Yam.....
Create a Legacy gift in your will, trust, retirement
account or life insurance policy..... ask us how!**

Have you thought about what your Legacy will be?

A legacy gift stands as a testament to your values and allows your impact to continue beyond your lifetime. You have an opportunity to join the many congregants in our TBY community who have left a gift to the temple in their will, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. You, too, will become a member of the Ner Tamid Society.

Unlike traditional charitable donations, a legacy gift requires no check-writing today. You create a meaningful gift that only gets paid out in the future, yet you are celebrated and receive all the Kavod – all the honor – today, without reducing any of the funds available to you during your lifetime.

Temple Bat Yam is one of the 12 Jewish organizations in Broward participating in the LIFE & LEGACY initiative. Three years ago, the Jewish Foundation of Broward County embarked on a mission to enter into a 4 year partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation called LIFE & LEGACY. The program's goal is to promote after- lifetime giving to build endowments that will sustain valued organizations and vibrant Jewish communities for the next generation and beyond.

The LIFE & LEGACY program does more than encourage Jewish communities to have legacy conversations with their most loyal donors- it has provided us with structure, training, mentoring and monetary incentives to ensure a Jewish community's success in integrating legacy giving into its philanthropic culture.

As we approach Purim and Passover, it is a time to count our blessings. If you would like to find out more about this program, please contact anyone on the TBY Life and Legacy committee. If you have already filled out a declaration of intent, we would like to know if you have formalized your intended gift, so we can follow up with a confirmation form.

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on her Bat Mitzvah
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