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This Hakol brings together the messages of the season; the joy of spring, and the lessons of Purim and Passover to share Jewish stories and culture from generation to generation. We practice the mitzvot of sharing food with those in need, and strengthening community through joyous celebrations.



Mah nishtanah halilah hazeh? Why is this night different?...

by Rabbi David Spey

Every year at our seder tables, we read or sing "The Four Questions" as one of many rituals in observance and celebration of Passover, but we never answer the question "Why is Passover different from all the other holidays?" One of the qualities of our observance of Pesach is that the seder is almost exclusively observed at home. Another is the participatory nature of the seder. These practices help to ensure that everyone in attendance cannot just hear the story of Passover, but also understand it well enough to integrate the message into the fabric of their being, into their personal identity. This is, after all, the point of the seder. More important than eating matzah ball soup and brisket is telling the story. We are instructed by tradition, by Jewish law, even by our

Hagadah to tell the story in a manner that everyone can grasp. This is why we tell the story through all of the different methods and symbolic items like the four questions, the two acts of dipping, the four sons, the seder plate, the telling of the story itself, and even the image of Elijah. This instruction to tell the story so that everyone from the oldest to the youngest, from the most brilliant to the least equipped to appreciate it is itself a lesson in the significance of Passover. Franz Rosenzweig, a pre-eminent Jewish theologian of the last century wrote, "In contrast to all instruction, which is necessarily autocratic and never on the basis of equality,

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the sign of a true and free social intercourse is this, that the one who stands—relatively speaking—nearest the periphery of the circle, gives the cue for the level on which the conversation is to be conducted. For this conversation must include him. No one who is there in the flesh shall be excluded from the spirit. The freedom of a society is always the freedom of everyone who belongs to it. Thus this meal is a symbol of the people's vocation for freedom."

It is expected that those in attendance listen to the words and instructions of the leader of the seder, but when attention shifts to the youngest for the four questions, we not only teach but also live out the principle of embracing true and free social discourse, which is at the heart of any strong community.

May it be, that on this Passover, as we celebrate the freedom of our ancestors, that we appreciate the freedom that we enjoy, sharing openly and freely with one another, as we continue to work as a partner with God, in the creation of freedom in safety and peace for all. In this way, we will help to create a world worthy of Elijah's visit.

Chag sameach ve kasher! May this be a happy and fitting holiday!

Yom HaShoah

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year on 28 Nisan, 5779, corresponding to May 1-2, 2019.

In cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Temple Bat Yam is providing congregants with materials for home observance on Yom HaShoah. This year, a special Yellow Candle™ made in Israel has been reserved for you and is available to be picked up at your convenience. Please join with members of Jewish communities all over America. On Wednesday evening, May 1, light a Shoah Yellow Candle™ in memory of a victim of the Holocaust. Light the candle to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF who safeguard our liberties. Light the candle in memory of all victims of terrorism. Put the candle in your window as a reminder that, if we ever forget, another Holocaust will descend upon us again like another plague of darkness. And if you are moved to help support this program, donations are greatly appreciated.

Instant Pot Passover Roast

Ingredients

- 3 lb beef chuck roast
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 14.4 oz frozen white pearl onions
- 6 crushed garlic cloves
- 2 lb potatoes quartered
- 1 lb baby carrots
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbs Kosher for Passover soy sauce
- 1 tbs brown sugar
- 1 tbs Worcestershire sauce

Instructions

1. Turn on Sauté setting.
2. Add olive oil and brown beef chuck on both sides.
3. Remove meat from heat.
4. Add garlic and onions and cook until tender.
5. Mix balsamic vinegar, beef broth, soy sauce, brown sugar, and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl. Pour into Instant Pot.
6. Add potatoes, beef chuck roast, and carrots.
7. Cook on Manual + High for 45 minutes.
8. Naturally release.
9. To thicken sauce, 1/2 cup of pot roast broth with thickener making sure there are no lumps. Add mixture back into the Instant Pot with the with the gravy. Cook on Sauté setting until the gravy has thickened. Pour over roast and potatoes.



Magic, Mystery and a Great Gala.

Each year TBY Gala Committee, led by indefatigable Terri Voss, finds new ways to entertain us while creating the friendships that make TBY such a great community. From Casinos to Mysteries and so much more, Terri's imagination keeps the Gala a fun event for TBY's supporters.

The 2019 Gala was an evening of "Magic, Mystery and (pretend) Murder." A talented group of actors from the Murder Mystery Co. led Gala-goers through a real life game called "Of Sound Mind and Dead Body." Costumed members, in good spirit and good humor, played the parts of sleuths and suspects. The food fit the mood as well, with a catered buffet from Culinary Artz. This year, thanks to support from sponsors, ticket sales and auction donations, the Gala raised \$12,800. The Gala Committee members were Melissa Comras, Rita Goldfine, Arnie Pittler, Autumn Sheridan and Terri Voss.

If you want to see more of the Gala, check out the video at this link: <http://bit.ly/tbyvid2019>.

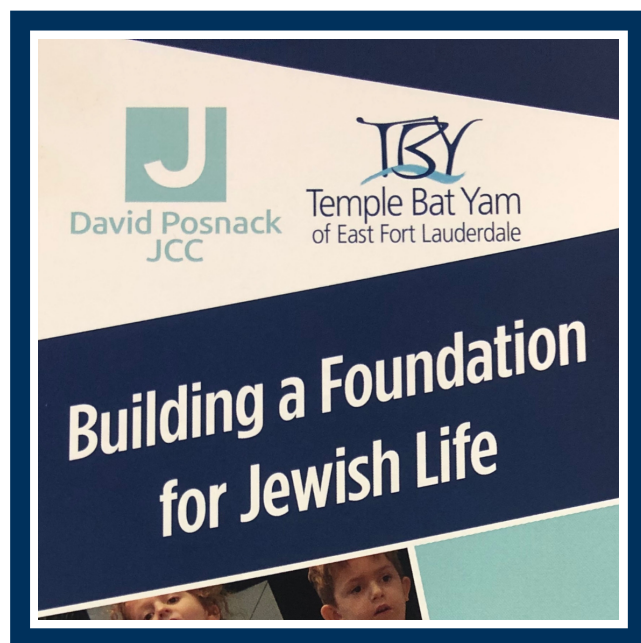


News from the Early Learning Center at TBY

As Passover approaches, we are reminded about the importance of sharing our Jewish heritage from generation to generation.

Progress is being made on the Preschool and Early Learning Center. Len Weiselberg reported that they had a productive meeting with representatives of the David Posnack JCC and our architect. The architect is finalizing plans and finishes and creating two renderings so we can see what we have all been imagining.

We can now begin to get estimates for renovations and fixtures, furniture and equipment that will make the new Early Learning Center a state of the art facility. Temple Bat Yam has received contributions that will enable us to move forward. We are reaching out to the Temple Bat Yam community and the larger South Florida Jewish community to help us build a facility that will start our children and grandchildren with a strong Jewish identity. There are lots of "naming opportunities"- from providing funding for the playground or a classroom, or to naming a mezuzah for one of the doors. Please contact Len or the Temple office to arrange a time to talk about our future.



A Springtime of Sisterhood



Thanks to co-presidents Joan Sternberg and Lois Pittler, the Bat Yam Sisterhood is buzzing with activity. Events of the last few months include a Paint and Pinot event, where members enjoyed an evening of creativity, a morning of Mindfulness and Mimosas where Dr. Dara Spey presented the basics of bringing mindfulness to our days, and weekly Game Day Mondays at the Social Hall.

A highlight of the spring was the visit from Cheryl Temkin, a member of the Women of the Wall. Women of the Wall, (Neshot HaKotel) is a group of Jewish women from Israel, and around the world, who strive to achieve the right to wear prayer shawls, pray and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall (Kotel). Ms. Temkin was able to update congregation members on recent activities related to their goals.

The Sisterhood, always a mainstay of the congregation, is building its programming to bring TBY women (and a few men) together for fun and education. Look for more great programs- book discussions and a cookbook- in the future.

Update on Security at TBY

TBY, like other Jewish institutions around the world, has recognized increased threats and vulnerabilities. The Rabbi, staff, lay leaders and expert consultants have done an assessment of risks in the building and the outside environment, and are implementing changes based on their findings. TBY has worked to enhance the safety and security of visitors to the Temple and the School, while still maintaining the welcoming atmosphere of our community.

Closed circuit cameras have been improved and TBY has contracted for regular security officers at school and events. The new routine for school pickup is similar to that used in most elementary schools.

These are challenging times and security is a responsibility we all share.

It's Empty Bowls Time

Tuesday April 2 from 5-7:30 pm

Each year Temple Bat Yam members and their guests join together to help to address the challenge of hunger for individuals and families in Broward County. We fill our empty bowls with soups, in recognition of those who wish for hearty soups to fill their stomachs. Our donated soups are delicious, but the event shapes our understanding. Each eater is asked to make a Tzedekah donation of \$10 or more.

This year's event, on
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benefits LifeNet4Families. They explain that they "serve approximately 5,000 individuals and families annually. There is a dire need for food services with the target population plagued with issues of food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty.

LifeNet4Families works to ensure that individuals and families residing in Broward County and facing hardships are able to obtain food and other basic necessities.

While reducing hunger is the primary goal of the organization, LifeNet4Families works to help clients regain or maintain stability by providing clients with access to on-site shower facilities, haircuts, clothing, counseling, referrals, job readiness preparation, emergency financial assistance, mailing address usage, and mail retrieval services."

In addition to participating in the Empty Bowls dinner, TBY community members can volunteer at LifeNet4Families in many ways. Volunteers cook, serve, stock the pantry, manage clothes donations and many other jobs. The website provides suggestions for ways to contribute.



What's Happening at Gan Noar by Cantor Eric Lindenbaum

Gan Noar, the Temple Bat Yam Religious School has been busy this spring. The Students have participated in Friday Evening Shabbat services, leading songs and prayers. They participated in an environmental program at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park celebrating Tu b'Shevat, in coordination with the TBY 5K Race.

The students were the core of Mitzvah Day, working with members writing letters, preparing food, organizing toiletries for



the homeless, and much more. This tradition brings together members of all generations.

The Purim Carnival included games, face painting and a waterslide. Morah Noa's class presented a Play about the Purim Story and students also watched a presentation about the 6 Points Summer Camp that is sponsored by the URJ. Sunday's fun was followed by a Megillah reading and songs - Purim words sung to the tunes of the Beatles. The evening was a great success.

We are looking forward to preparations for Passover. The students will be learning Seder songs and the 4 Questions and all about the 10 plagues.

Gan Noar is a great place to be this spring. Stop by on a Sunday or Tuesday afternoon to join the fun.

Intergenerational Mitzvot2019 by Lyn Saberg

Temple Bat Yam had another wonderful Mitzvah Day on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Congregants, our School Children, and their parents came together in an "Intergenerational" approach to complete so many projects benefiting Community Agencies. Car washes benefited HOMES, a program addressing the needs of aging out Foster Care Youth. The Tzedakah Collection of \$490 went to the Ann Storck Center who serve the Developmentally Disabled. Toiletries, socks, and Baby items were delivered to the Women in Distress Shelter. Sunflower Butter & Jelly Sandwiches were delivered to the United Church of Christ's Ruth's Feeding the Homeless Program. Lovely Mugs were created by our youth to be donated to the Cantor Senior Center's Pesach Seder. Handwritten letters to our Troops and First Responders were completed, and used and new Books were collected to be given to two schools in Oakland Park and Pompano Beach. The LEV Children's Museum also participated with a wonderful project designing magnets, and many participated in the Blood Bank and Gift of Life Programs. It was a great day and a true example of Mitzvot!! Todah Rabbah!!



TBY Life and Legacy Initiative

THIS PASSOVER
REFLECT ON THE
PAST AND IMPACT
THE FUTURE



Please remember the Jewish community in your will, estate plan or by beneficiary designation.

TBY has responded to a challenge from the Howard Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and the Jewish Foundation of Broward County to build a culture of Legacy giving to support our community for the future. Legacy giving differs from the annual donations that we all make to our congregation and other Jewish organizations: it is the designation of a gift in your will or IRA or other retirement account.

A legacy gift helps create the support that Temple Bat Yam may need in the future for education, staffing and infrastructure. A legacy gift can sustain TBY and help perpetuate the traditions that you have valued throughout your lifetime.

Anyone regardless of age or wealth can create a legacy: it only takes planning as you review assets and retirement accounts or restructure a will. Some legacy gifts are for specific amounts while others may be more open-ended. Legacy gifts are created by modifying a retirement account, or may be established as part of a will.

TBY members Arnie Pittler, Elissa Mogilefsky, Joan Sternberg, Lois Pittler, David Simon, Autumn Sheridan and Rabbi Spey have taken part in training by the Jewish Foundation of Broward and the HGF focused on building a commitment to legacy giving. The Howard Grinspoon Foundation provides a financial incentive to congregations establishing new legacy commitments. More information about the program will be available at the Passover Seder and at the Annual Meeting.

