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Temple Bat Yam
of East Fort Lauderdale

***Hakol brings together the messages of the season and the joy of community.
We recognize that now, in the time of social distancing, Temple Bat Yam is a
community of worshipers and learners who value our connections.
We can be a temple beyond our walls.***

FALL 2020



A Holiday Message from Rabbi Spey

When will schools resume in person? Will our kids return to college? Which businesses will survive the pandemic economy? When will life return to normal? These are just some of the questions that vex us these days, causing us anxiety and distress. As we process these questions, we realize that though we learn more each day, we are dealing with uncertainty. Fact and opinion, are mingled and manipulated, create a divisive atmosphere. This challenges our ability to hold the important discussions and civil debate necessary to move forward in a healthy and cohesive way. What is the remedy to these challenges?



In the movie *Grosse Pointe Blank* (1997) an answer is provided, **shockabuku** – “a swift spiritual kick to the head that alters your reality forever.” Yes, we are in need of a shocking and profound change in our perspective. Fortunately, our Jewish tradition provides this blow. Our High Holy Days ask that we take time for radical introspection and self-improvement.

This Jewish **shockabuku** is good for us. It helps us to determine how and where we best fit in the world; how we can become better people and thereby improve the world around us. While the introspection may be radical, the steps that we take to improve may be small and gradual. And all this begins in the Hebrew month of Elul, the month that precedes Rosh HaShanah. It is a month to begin again.

This year, we are living through unprecedented challenges that have forced us to experiment with new and different modes of social interaction, business conduct, education, governance, etc. It may seem that we are too busy to take the time our tradition asks of us, but taking this time will be of benefit. Simply adapting to the everchanging situation around us may not allow us the time to evaluate if we are still living in a way that enhances our lives.

Our High Holy Day season, beginning in Elul, may provide the shockabuku that we need. May our spiritual knock to our head allow us to see the world anew, with the hope and possibility for a better, more fulfilling life and world. May this season open our eyes to see the similarities in those who are different from us and help us to find common ground with which to create peace. May these Holy Days allow us to improve ourselves so that we can have a sweeter, happier, and more fulfilling year.

A Message from the President



Reimagining the High Holy Days

Arnie Pittler

Regardless of what is happening in the world and community around us, rest assured that together we will welcome 5781 on Friday, September 18th.

This year we have a license to reimagine our High Holy Day experience. But what does it mean to “Reimagine the High Holy Days?” To answer that question, the Rabbi and the Ritual committee have started with the following questions:

- On the day after Yom Kippur what would you like to say “happened” in our community?
- What was the most meaningful experience for the people in our community?
- What do we need from our High Holiday season or experiences this year? How might that differ from what we’ve needed in years past?
- What previously held assumptions about the High Holidays do we want to keep?

What do we want to throw out?

To help us answer those questions we distributed a survey to the entire congregation to gather feedback. To those that participated – thank you.

With your information in hand, we have “Reimagined our High Holy Days.” Our services will be online only, for members and their guests. With a rapidly changing pandemic, planning for in person services, with social distancing and masks was not practical. “Virtual tickets” will be mailed with information on how to log on to our services, in the same way we have mailed physical tickets in the prior years.

We all need to consider that online services are not set up for grandeur but for intimacy. That said, our High Holy Day services will continue to be interactive and familiar. Rabbi Spey will be leading all our services. Bill Hildebrant will continue as our accompanist; Kim Sherman will still be our Baal Tekiyah; and Alan Barsky and George Lachman still will chant/read the Book of Jonah during Minhah.

As usual, members of our congregation may be leading in worship from the Temple patio, in front of our High Holy Day Ark, though they will be prerecorded, as will those who open the Ark. Reimagining our services presents us new opportunities. We will be able to project prayers and images from the new Mishkan Hanefesh on the screen shared with Rabbi and Cantor. Rabbi Spey will hold several online classes to introduce Mishkan Hanefesh and to explain how to using the online Flipbook. The Rabbi and Cantorial Soloist, Jenna McMillan are hard at work to prepare our new High Holy Day Service experience. The “exclamation points” of High Holy Day services will remain but services will be shorter.

Reimaging this year’s High Holy Days means we need to find a different way to meet our friends and family to offer our personal L’Shanah Tovahs. This many mean transferring experiences we have when we gather together back to our homes. Add beautiful flowers at home where you will be viewing our services, just like we do on the Bima. Have you always wanted to blow your own Shofar? This is the year that you can join Kim Sherman in sounding the Shofar from your home (yes, you can order a shofar from Amazon).

We are used to gathering as a community during the High Holy Days. If you are comfortable, invite a small number of family or friends into your home to share our online services. Make the New Year holy and special by dressing as you would when you come to services. If you live in a community where you could host a small group, and if you feel comfortable gathering, TBY has a limited number of large screen TVs to loan for services. Please contact the office so we can arrange delivery and setup well in advance of Rosh Hashanah.

We will celebrate as a community, facing extraordinary times together. May everyone have a safe, sweet and healthy New Year.



The Sound of the Shofar: Tradition and observance

By Kim Sherman

I am the Shofar blower; the fifth generation. My father, Sidney Sherman, taught me to play the ram's horn, and his great grandfather, Isaac Barshefsky, taught him to play. I was honored to sound the shofar at age thirteen in the K.A.M. temple on the south side of Chicago, under the direction of Max Janowski, a famous composer of Jewish liturgical music. The sounding of the shofar harkens back to the revelation of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai. The blasts are intended to get peoples' attention. It is uniquely part of our Jewish traditions. It is a ram's-horn trumpet used by ancient Jews in religious ceremonies and as a battle signal, now sounded at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



**Kim Sherman's
great great grandfather,
Isaac Barshefsky, Shofar blower**



What do the shofar blasts mean? During the week before Rosh Hashanah, the first blast announces the start of the days of Awe. On Rosh Hashanah, the first series is blown before the Musaf silent prayer (Amidah). The second series is blown during the repetition of Musaf, integrated into narratives describing God's kingship (Malkiyot), remembrance of our ancestor's merit (Zichronot), and hopes for the messianic era (Shofarot). On Yom Kippur, a single long blast is sounded at the end of the final service to mark the conclusion of the fast. As Yom Kippur ends, we mark God's ascension to his higher realms with a shofar blast. Additionally, in Biblical times the shofar's call was a battle cry. Symbolically, it rallies us as God's soldiers to action: it's our wake-up call to leave the day's solemnity behind and fight to live the best life possible.





Jenna McMillan

*To Listen to Jenna sing
Mi Shebeirach*

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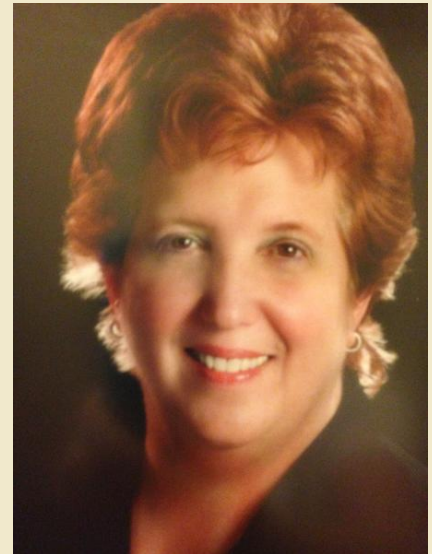
A message from our High Holy Days Cantorial Soloist

I am so honored and privileged to be spending the upcoming High Holy Days with the lovely, vibrant community of Temple Bat Yam. Although it will not be in person as we had hoped, I look forward to getting to know you and learning from your congregation in every capacity afforded to us by the technology we employ. I can't wait to feel a part of your community and experience everything you have to offer! Together, we will create a holy, sacred prayer experience for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Jenna



Cantor Wendy: How will we worship at home on High Holy Days 2020?



This year, the celebration of our High Holidays will be very different. We will not be seeing others in our Bat Yam community in person which always, for me, was part of the joy of the holidays.

Many congregants in our community who do not attend weekly Shabbat services DO come to the High Holiday services. It will, to say the least, be very different. I have some thoughts on how you might make your home a little bit special as you attend services "online."

Call someone that you wish you could see, and extend best wishes, or exchange a recipe for your holiday meal, or send them a jar of honey to wish them a sweet year.

Go online for services with your Shabbat or Holiday candles and challah and light them and eat your challah together with your TBY community.

Download or purchase a High Holiday prayerbook to use at home if you don't already have one so it is easy to follow along. Even though you are by yourself or with your own family, you can feel a part of a group. There are many pages of meditations and prayers in the prayerbook before the actual liturgy starts. Take a look at them and read some of them out loud. Some of them are incredibly beautiful and can get you in the right mood for prayer. Worshipping on Yom Kippur can be difficult as it is an all day affair. Again, if you are getting tired or your eyes are blurry, take a break and think about how you can do better next year. Also, in the prayerbook, there are many "alternative" readings and meditations that are very poignant and appropriate for the spirituality of the holiday. Use them to help and guide you through.

Even though we will not be together physically we can try to be together spiritually. Bruce and I wish you all the sweetest New Year and look forward to getting together in person really soon.

L'Shanah Tovah - a good year to you all.

Much more than Zoom- behind the scenes at TBY for the High Holy Days



A lot of preparation always goes in to High Holy Days services, but this year has more than most.

We have a new Mishkan Hanefesh, for High Holy Days prayers.

We have a new Cantorial soloist.

A video production company, has been working with TBY to develop professional High Holy Days productions that integrate music, readings, images and aliyot.

Although we no longer need to pay rental for the Broward Center, the cost of the "new normal" is the same as if we were at the Broward Center. If you would like to be a sponsor for the High Holy Days services, please contact Arnie Pittler.

Happy Rosh Hashanah!



Please send your High Holy Days pictures to info@templebatyam.org- of your table, your family, your worship, so that we can put them in HAKOL to celebrate together.

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 PM
Havdalah and Selichot

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18 at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 AM

FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday, September 19 at 1:15 PM

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Second Day ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 20 at 10:00 AM

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High Holy Days

Schedule

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**Your personal login information will
follow in the mail**

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 25 at 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 26 at 10:30 AM

YOM KIPPUR KOL Nidrei

Sunday, September 27 at 8:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 28 at 10:00 AM

FAMILY SERVICE

Monday, September 28 at 1:15 PM

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Monday, September 28 at 2:30 PM
Healing Service followed by
Yizkor and N'ilah



How to Heal the World: at least we can start



We learn of the concept of Tikkun Olam, to heal the world. The steps sometimes seem huge and daunting. But change takes place with local steps and there are many actions that we can take alone or together.

The YWCA 21 Day Social Justice Challenge, sponsored by the YWCA of South Miami, left us with the challenge to take action.

The first step is to BE COUNTED.

Fill out your census.

Register to vote, and register to vote by mail. You can request the form at <https://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Vote-By-Mail-Voting/Absentee-Ballot-Request-Form>. You will be able to drop off your ballot at a polling place if you choose not to mail it in.

Remember to VOTE.

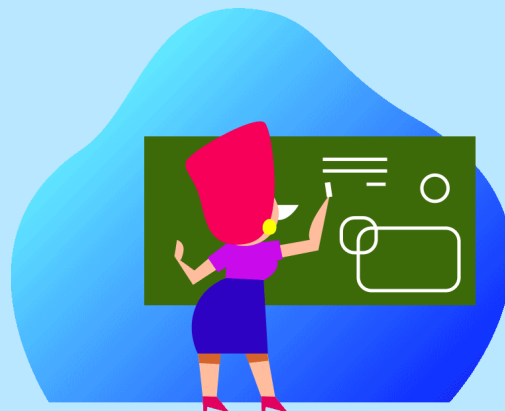


The second step is to work to improve education in our community.

You can read about the impact of unequal education at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/02/learning/lesson-plans/still-separate-still-unequal-teaching-about-school-segregation-and-educational-inequality.html>

The shortcomings of our schools affects us all, even if we do not have children who are directly affected. Make sure to learn about our local School Board, vote for representatives who are committed to equity and excellence. Attend a board meeting or write to your local representatives to advocate for action.

School



The third step is to improve our criminal justice system.

Learn how the Florida Rights Restoration System, <https://floridarrc.com/> is advocating for reform. Reach out to Ladies Empowerment Action Program (leapforladies.org) to learn how they are assisting women.



Learn about the role of State Attorneys in this reading, <https://aclufljusticevoter.org/the-power-of-the-state-attorney> and make sure to vote.

If you want to learn more about Criminal Justice Reform, visit the site of the Marshall Project , <https://www.themarshallproject.org/records/2346-life-after-prison> for articles and videos.

The fourth step is to advocate for equity in public health and health care. Even if you aren't a health professional, there are steps you can take. Broward Healthy Start Coalition, <https://browardhsc.org/> promotes the health and well-being of women, infants and families to achieve a successful pregnancy and a healthy start in life. Listen to David Williams' TED Talk, How Racism Makes Us Sick. You can also write a letter to your local elected officials urging them to declare racism a public health crisis. This approach has been adopted in cities across the nation to make sure that issues of racial equity are considered in developing policies for health programs and more.

The fight for racial equity is our fight. As Jews, we know personally and painfully the dangers of unchecked hatred, particularly when it infiltrates systems and is harbored by those in power. The effort to combat injustice and intolerance requires all of us, from Temple Bat Yam and beyond.



Tikkun Olam, to heal the world.

What do students learn at TBY Gan Noar Religious School?

These Hebrew prayers are the building blocks of the Hebrew curriculum.

7th grade

- Preparation for B'nai Mitzvah
 - Torah Portion
 - Haftarah portion
- Service Preparation

6th grade

- Torah Blessings
- Haftarah Blessings
- Torah Service
 - Aleinu
- Mourners Kadish

4-5th grade

- Nissim B'chol Yom
- Kiddush and Barchu
- Shema and its blessings
 - V'ahavta
- Avot v'Imahot
 - Gvurot
- Kedushah

3rd grade-

- Food Blessings
- Shabbat Blessings
- Special Holiday Blessings
 - Four Questions
- Synagogue and Holiday words
 - Shema

K-2nd grade-

- Shabbat Blessings
- Synagogue and Holiday words
 - Shema



Israeli Author Book Club

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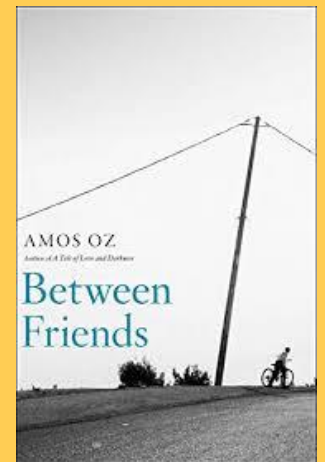
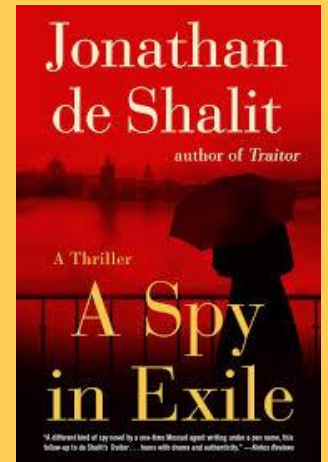
Future selections

Monday, August 31 at 7:30 - "Someone to Run With" by David Grossman. "The story of a lost dog, and the discovery of first love on the streets of Jerusalem are portrayed here with a gritty realism that is as fresh as it is compelling.

"Wednesday, September 30 at 7:30 pm EDT "A Spy in Exile" by Jonathan de Shalit. "[A] cerebral and suspenseful novel of high-stakes intrigue in Israel's top intelligence agency.

"Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm EDT "Between Friends" by Amos Oz. " 'On the kibbutz it's hard to know. We're all supposed to be friends but very few really are.' ... glimpses into the secrets and frustrations of the human heart, played out by a community of misfits united by political disagreements, intense dissatisfaction and lifetimes of words left unspoken."

All books available on Amazon
ALL READERS WELCOME!



**TBY at the movies-
discussion with Dara Spey
Sunday, Aug 30 at 7:30 pm**

"A Stranger Among Us"



SOCIAL ACTION & CARING COMMUNITY

High Holy Day Food Drive

Fill a bag with non-perishable foods and drop it in the boxes on the TBY porch.

Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am - 12 Noon.
No need to come inside, no need to even see anyone.



Our Shul may be closed, but we have continued to collect food and deliver your donations to the WECARE Food Pantry. Every year, Temple Bat Yam holds our Annual Food Drive during the High Holy Days, and this year is no exception. Our annual food drive will be a bit different, and your support will be essential, but every donation that you make will make a difference in the lives of those in need.

It has been a long hot and stressful summer. With schools lock down for months, and many children not able to attend summer camps or day programs due to the COVID19 plague. Millions of children and their families are facing hunger and food insecurity every day. In the wake of COVID 19, unemployment has soared, people are losing their homes, and the food pantries are begging for supplies to feed those in need. Taking action on this is all the more urgent now!!



You can also make direct deposit to to Mazon or your favorite charity:
However you choose to help, please be generous, and keep in mind that no child in America should be hungry, and the need is greater this year more than ever.

Have you seen our TBY in local neighborhood magazines?



Temple Bat Yam
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A warm and welcoming Reform congregation dedicated to exploring and embracing Jewish heritage from a liberal perspective.

JOIN US FOR HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah: Friday-Sunday September 18-20
Yom Kippur: Sunday-Monday September 27-28

These are uncertain times for all of us but please know Temple Bat Yam is here for you during the upcoming high holidays season.

Contact us for attendance options and to reserve your place in TBY's holiday observances.

Shana Tova

Regular Friday night and Saturday morning streaming services available at Templebatyam.org

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Temple Bat Yam stands with all our brothers and sisters during this period of reflection and mourning over the murder of George Floyd.

"Morally speaking there is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings, that indifference to evil is worse than evil itself, that in a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible."

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

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We stand with our LGBTQ brothers and sisters in celebrating the Supreme Court ruling protecting gay and transgender people from workplace discrimination.

"When all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love we are all more free"

— Barack Obama

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Recipes for a Sweet New Year

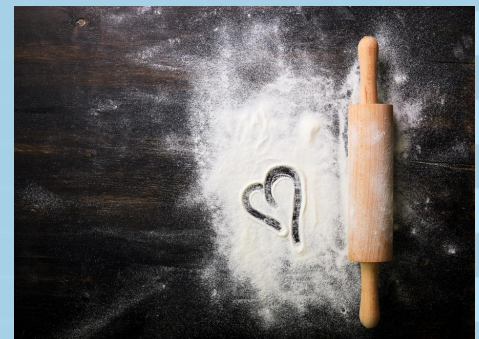
Traditional Rosh Hashanah Honey Cake

INGREDIENTS

3 1/2 cups (440 grams) all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon (5 grams) baking powder
1 teaspoon (5 grams) baking soda
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
4 teaspoons (about 8 grams) ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1 cup (235 ml) vegetable oil
1 cup (340 grams) honey
1 1/2 cups (300 grams) granulated sugar
1/2 cup (95 grams) brown sugar
3 large eggs at room temperature
1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
1 cup warm (235 ml) coffee or strong tea
1/2 cup (120 ml) fresh orange juice
1/4 cup (60 ml) rye or whiskey
1/2 cup (45 to 55 grams) slivered or sliced almonds (optional)



Fits in three loaf pans, two 9-inch square or round cake pans, one 9 or 10 inch tube or bundt cake pan, or one 9 by 13 inch sheet cake. I made mine in 3 disposable - 8.5" X 4.5" X 2.5" pans. Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously grease pan(s) with non-stick cooking spray. For tube or angel food pans, line the bottom with lightly greased parchment paper, cut to fit. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves and allspice. Make a well in the center, and add oil, honey, white sugar, brown sugars, eggs, vanilla, coffee or tea, orange juice and rye or whiskey, if using. (If you measure your oil before the honey, it will be easier to get all of the honey out.) Using a strong wire whisk or in an electric mixer on slow speed, stir together well to make a thick, well-blended batter, making sure that no ingredients are stuck to the bottom. Spoon batter into prepared pan(s). Sprinkle top of cake(s) evenly with almonds, if using. Place cake pan(s) on two baking sheets, stacked together (this will ensure the cakes bake properly with the bottom baking faster than the cake interior and Bake until cake tests done, that is, it springs back when you gently touch the cake center. For angel and tube cake pans, this will take 60 to 75 minutes, loaf cakes, about 45 to 55 minutes. For sheet style cakes, baking time is 40 to 45 minutes.



Apple cake

INGREDIENTS

3 cups sifted flour
1 3/4 cup sugar
3 tsp baking powder
1 cup canola or vegetable oil
1/3 cup orange juice
1 tsp lemon extract
3 eggs, beaten
2 cups apples, chopped
1 tsp cinnamon mixed with 1/2 cup sugar

Combine flour, sugar, and baking powder in a bowl
Combine oil, orange juice, lemon extract and eggs in separate bowl

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients. Batter will be thick

Grease and flour 10 inch tube pan. Optional: place waxed paper over bottom of greased pan

Spread 1/2 of the batter in bottom of pan

Spread 1/2 chopped apples over batter

Sprinkle 1/2 of the cinnamon sugar mixture over apples

Repeat layers

Bake 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hours or until done

Remove from pan after 10 minutes

This cake stays fresh for several days and freezes well

Enjoy

Linda Shansky



Scrumptious Apple Spice Cake

serves 10-12

INGREDIENTS

1 2/3 cups crushed cinnamon graham crackers (about 9 whole crackers)
10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) unsalted butter, melted, divided
2 tablespoons plus 1 cup (packed) golden brown sugar
2 tablespoons ground almonds (optional)
1 cup all purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon (scant) salt
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice or ground cardamom
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 6-ounce Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut into 1/3-inch cube
1 1/4 cups coarsely chopped walnuts or almonds
3 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 325°F. Butter 13x9x2-inch glass baking dish. Mix graham crackers, 6 tablespoons butter, and 2 tablespoons brown sugar in medium bowl. Press mixture evenly onto bottom of prepared dish. Bake crust until golden brown, about 12 minutes.

Whisk flour, cinnamon, baking powder, salt, and allspice/ cardamom in medium bowl; blend well.

Using electric mixer, beat 4 tablespoons melted butter, 1 cup brown sugar, eggs, lemon peel, and vanilla in large bowl until mixture is blended and thick, about 4 minutes. Beat in flour mixture.

Fold in apples and walnuts. Spoon batter over crust. Sprinkle with 3 tablespoons sugar. Bake cake until golden brown and firm to touch in center, about 38 minutes. Cool cake completely in dish. Cut into squares and serve.

Joan Sternberg



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Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center



We are excited to open the Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center, a David Posnack JCC Preschool. Our educational and recreational facilities include: classrooms equipped with developmentally appropriate materials, the state-of-the-art, age appropriate outdoor playgrounds, technology activities and a kids' kitchen. Licensed, certified, professional faculty use the JCCA Sheva framework of Jewish values as a guiding principle for curriculum development. Our health, safety and security systems and procedures have been adopted to protect the health of families and teachers, and to assure safety of our students.

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<https://www.dpjcc.org/baer>

Help us spread the word. Tell your friends and neighbors about our amazing, state of the art, new learning center.

Sisterhood

In Memoriam: Bette With An 'E'

That is how our dear sister Bette Heidenrich z"l would introduce herself to guests. She was defined by her uncompromising love and legendary generosity. Bette truly understood that her value was measured by how much she gave and not by what she received.

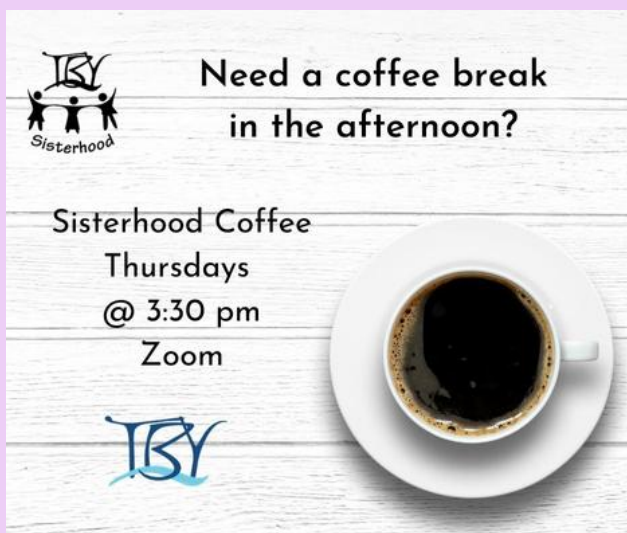
Bette's was a life well-lived and well-loved by so many, especially in our Sisterhood. Bette no longer walks at our side, but to live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die. And so she lives on in our hearts and memories, with love.



We remember Bette with an 'e'—her carefully coiffed white hair, her manicure fresh, her graceful kimono-style tops flowing. On Friday nights, she and Marvin would enter through the side door, having transported many friends who otherwise had no way to attend Shabbat services. These were acts of generosity and kindness. Bette and Marvin would take their seats in the sanctuary, surrounded by their many loving friends, and then, one could watch Bette holding Marvin's hand and tapping her feet in rhythm with the band.

We remember her tending to our Oneg Shabbat tables. Bette with an 'e' would not allow paper plates or simple white beverage napkins on her tables. She was classier than that. Our tables groaned with the weight of fancy cakes for every taste and cheeses as savory sides.

Bette with an 'e' practiced acts of openheartedness. The tables at our Sisterhood events-- always populated with her many invited friends and guests-- were loaded with colorful, hand-made treat bags and plates of fine nuts and chocolates. Bette worked the room, stopping at all the tables to make sure every guest was well taken care of, though she never sat down or ate a morsel herself. She donated many enormous gift baskets and raffle prizes to our local restaurants.





There are still opportunities to support the **Baer Family Early Childhood Learning Center** through naming classrooms and other spaces. This beautiful silver mezuzah, crafted by TBY member Joel Schwartz, can mark a classroom in your name. Contact Len Weiselberg for more information, LBWthe1st@gmail.com



TBY Welcomes New Members

David & Jeffrey Landsman-Wohlsifer

Robert & Beverly Baker

Robert Weiner & Mark Martin

Marilyn Berkoer & Suzanne Newman

Michelle (Shelly) Komito & Abbe Forman

Ruth Schachter & Gloria Becker

Samuel Jacobs & Bill Kennedy

Staying Connected and Continuing to Learn

Notes from Marion Fass, HAKOL editor

Two months ago, I started a column for HAKOL in this way. It remains true.

It has been a long time since we met face to face. It seems as if hugs are only a memory.

We are suffering from quarantine-fatigue. But many of us have discovered the joys of learning in our 'living rooms. Like our children, we are learning on line.

My online learning started with Rabbi Spey's Torah Gems class. I went when it was face to face. I liked studying with people. But I also like the comfort of my own home, sitting and drinking my coffee. If I don't feel like talking, I don't have to. I can turn off my video. These classes are open and ongoing- please join if you can- and participate if you like. Rabbi Spey's new class on Judaism in Modern Life, is available on the TBY website.

With the recent social upheaval, Evan Goldman suggested that TBY members join the YWCA 21 Day Race and Social Justice Challenge. The YWCA posted short readings and videos to frame today's issues, and Evan hosted a weekly discussion.

TBY members Bill and Karen Knauf have been leaders in bringing the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs to Fort Lauderdale. Sidelined by the pandemic, the OLLI board scheduled an online series on Social Justice. More classes will come in the fall. You can learn about upcoming programs, in Fort Lauderdale and online at <https://ollifll.fau.edu/wordpress/> .

Where else can you learn? The Institute of Jewish Knowledge and Learning in Broward County sponsors classes and lectures (ijkl.org). In fall they will be offering the "Pillars of Judaism" class. Joan Sternberg and Elissa Mogilefsky recommend these classes. The 92nd Street Y in New York has put its classes online (92y.org). These both charge for classes. Kveller, www.kveller.com, has lots of articles and videos about Jewish culture and Jewish lives.

There are many secular choices as well. FAU Research in Action has a series of online lectures about scientific advances. You can take a virtual tour through the museums of the world or a course from the Museum of Modern Art, free on Coursera (coursera.org). The 10-17 minute mini-lectures by great thinkers at TED.com are free and always engaging. The Washington Post and other papers sponsor lectures on current events. It seems as if there are opportunities to learn everywhere.

Through HAKOL and through the daily TBY emails, We are trying to send out interesting links, classes and videos. Lifelong learning is at the center of Jewish life and we will continue to learn and share. In so many ways we are very lucky.

כי לא על הלחם לבדו יחיה האדם

(Deuteronomy 8:3)

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