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Hakol brings together the messages of the season and the joy of community as we prepare for the new year.

High Holy Days Service Schedule

SELICHOT at Temple Bat Yam
Saturday, Sep. 21 at 8:00pm
Coffee Hour at 8:00pm, followed by Havdalah and Selichot
ROSH HASHANAH
at Amatur Theater
Sunday, Sep. 29 at 8:00pm
Monday, Sep. 30 at 10:00am
followed by Tashlich
Family Service, Open to Community- Monday afternoon,
Sep. 30 at 1:15pm
Second Day ROSH HASHANAH
at Temple Bat Yam
Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 10:00am
SHABBAT SHUVAH
at Temple Bat Yam

Friday, Oct. 4 at 7:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10:30am
YOM KIPPUR
at Amatur Theater
Kol Nidrei
Tuesday Oct. 8 at 8:00pm
Wed, Oct. 9 at 10:00am
Family Service, Open to the Community, at 1:15pm
The Afternoon Service including a Healing Service will
begin at 2:30pm, followed by Yizkor and N'ilah

This year, there will be no bus service from Temple Bat Yam. If you need help in obtaining a ride to services at Amatur Theater, please call the Temple.

Let's Discover Mitzvot

Gan Noar's classes begin on Sunday August 25 with an **Open House** to meet the teachers at 9:45, and a **Bounce House and Barbecue** at 11:15. Families and friends are invited to come and learn why we are so excited about our new curriculum which focuses on the essentials of Jewish life. Scott London, School administrator, shared the cover of this 3rd and 4th grade textbook that illustrates the important symbols and actions that define the day to day aspects of being Jewish. TBY's religious school brings students into the world of Judaism, through learning and through doing.

The textbook **Let's Discover Mitzvot** introduces students to the actions that structure Jewish life. The lessons move beyond the study of holidays to look at the ethical choices that Jews make in their everyday actions. 3rd & 4th grade students will do projects that focus on protecting the earth, understanding food insecurity in Broward County and much more. Of course, students also learn about prayers, music and Hebrew.

Registration forms are available on line and at the Open House.



Arnie Pittler enthused by URJ Presidents' Forum

Arnie Pittler, the new President of the TBY Board, returned from a Union for Reform Judaism seminar for new presidents enthusiastic about the URJ's initiative for building strong and inclusive Jewish communities. In conversation with lay leaders and with the Rabbi, Arnie envisions many opportunities for TBY to energize the Jewish experience within our community. Recently retired from management roles in the software development industry, Arnie is experienced in program development and team building and is excited to take on the presidency of the TBY Board.

At the seminar, Arnie learned about the URJ initiative for "Audacious Hospitality." These are transformative spiritual practices, rooted in the belief that we will be a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community when we welcome and incorporate the diversity that is the reality of modern Jewish Life. At TBY, this may include more outreach and more educational programs, including programs for people interested in exploring Judaism. It is leadership development - preparing for new leaders to move the congregation to meet the needs of members of all ages. And it is creating opportunities to connect with our larger community through service and tikkum olam, our efforts to repair the world.

As we move ahead, we be experimenting with new ideas. If you have been to services, you may have noticed that through the summer we have made a change to make our services more inclusive and engaging. The chairs have moved, and now everyone sits at the same level in a semi-circle.

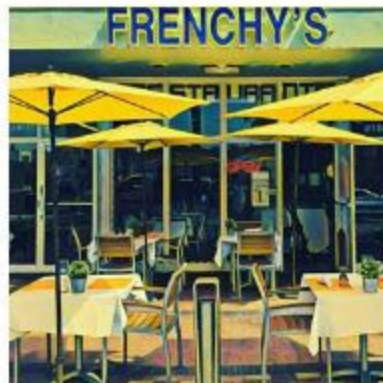
Arnie is ready to address the question, "What do I get for being a member of TBY?" and to build ways that bring new relationships and impact to the community. Talk to him about your new ideas, and be ready to volunteer to bring your energy to TBY.



TBY Dine Around the World

TBY friends and potential members have been meeting once each month for dinner. June's event was pizza on the beach, while July found members at Casa Frida for Mexican food. Mark your calendar for great evenings - Sunday September 1 at Frenchy's on Commercial Blvd, and back to third Sundays - October 20, November 17 and December 15. Contact Kathalyn Haimo for more details.

On October 20, instead of eating at a restaurant, we will feast for Sukkah and Simchat Torah with a picnic around the Sukkah. Watch for details on all these events!



From The Golan to Nesher: Rabbi Spey reflects on summer travels

Time often paints history with very rosy colors. Each year I forget how busy and exhausting camp is. This year, perhaps, even more so. 6 Points Sports Academy, a URJ Summer Camp, invited me to escort their inaugural trip to Israel. Rather than attend camp, high school juniors have the option of traveling to Israel for three weeks, where they will not only tour the country visiting historical, cultural, and religious sites, but also interact with young Israeli athletes, train at the Wingate Institute (an internationally renowned athletic training facility), and even train with the Israel Defense Forces. It is a packed three weeks.

My trip started in NY, where I met the state-side staff of NFTY in Israel, our Reform movement's youth program. The 6 Points Sports kids were joined by participants from 6 Points Science and Technology camp and from the URJ's Mitzvah Corps. These 60 kids were going to join another 350 Reform Jewish Teens on several trips offered by NFTY in Israel. Along with one other rabbi, we just had to get them there. With one wallet and two passports misplaced (but found after some panic) and about 18 hours of travel, we arrived Thursday and were greeted by the NFTY in Israel staff, several of whom were veteran counselors from 6 Points.

After an orientation session and more than 3 hours on the bus, we arrived at Kibbutz Sha'ar Golan, Gates of the Golan, just south of the Kinneret. On Friday, we went north to the Bannias Springs National Park and took a three-hour hike to a beautiful waterfall. Then we went to Mt. Ben Tal, a decommissioned IDF outpost in the Golan Heights overlooking the Syrian Border with Mt. Hermon visible to the North. We returned to the kibbutz in time to get ready for Shabbat. Finally, time to rest and recoup. A Shabbat dinner, services, Torah reading, and a Shabbat nap.

Sunday morning, we packed up and headed out. The kids practiced and scrimmaged with the U18 National Champion Upper Galilee basketball team. Then after a quick bus ride and a little falafel, we spent an afternoon of adventure games and sports including rafting on the Jordan River. Unfortunately, while the group headed to Acco, on the norther coast of Israel, I hopped on the train and headed to Haifa.

Located between the Mediterranean Coast and Mt. Carmel, Haifa is the site of many biblical stories. I took the opportunity to retrace some of the steps of Elijah the prophet and to explore this modern and highly integrated city where Arab and Jew, religious and secular live side by side, proving that more than co-existence is possible.

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Campers at Waterfall at the Bannian National Park in the Golan Heights

Rabbi in Israel, continued



Rabbi Spey with Einat Winter, Living Bridge Coordinator, Nesher



Entrance to the cave of Elijah the Prophet in Mt Carmel

I visited our sister city, Nesher, for the first time. It is a unique town, full of social and economic diversity and promise. With the Partnership staff, who facilitate our sister city projects, I visited schools, scouts, and programs for vulnerable members of Israeli society including first and second generation Ethiopian olim, new immigrants to Israel. As well, Nesher is the site of Hanging Bridges Park, a spectacular site in the hills with hiking trails and pedestrian suspension bridges over natural canyons providing incredible vistas of Haifa and Mount Carmel. After a day of hiking in the Mt. Carmel National Forest and visiting animal rehabilitation center, I was off to Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv is bustling with new construction. New museums, shops, hotels, restaurants abound, so I chose to stay in an older neighborhood. I stayed in an off the beaten path Yemenite Quarter, adjacent to the Shuk haCarmel, a very large open air market. I tried to make a thorough comparison of the lauded hummus shops in area, but alas, time ran out, and I journeyed up to Jerusalem to reconnect with the kids for Shabbat. The joke among the tour guides is that the city bird of Tel Aviv is the crane, the construction crane.

Despite the hectic nature of this trip (but that is the nature of Israel – so much to do and so little time to do it), I wish to thank you all for the opportunity to spend this time becoming reacquainted with Israel and an opportunity to rejuvenate my passion and hope for our Jewish homeland. Despite its flaws and weaknesses, from Nesher, a young, vibrant, growing city, to Haifa, where co-existence is not just modeled, but nurtured on a daily basis, to Tel Aviv, with its progressive politics and high tech hum, to Jerusalem, resoundingly unique, Israel continues to offer the hope of the fulfillment of our Jewish mission to be a light unto the world helping to lead us to universal peace and harmony.

Join TBY for the tradition of SELICHOT

On the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah, in the Jewish month of Elul, it is traditional to prepare for the Days of Awe with reflection and penitential prayers. While the prayers of Selichot are often scheduled between midnight and dawn, the service at Temple Bat Yam will begin at 8 pm. There will be a coffee hour and discussion, then havdalah service followed by the Selichot prayers.

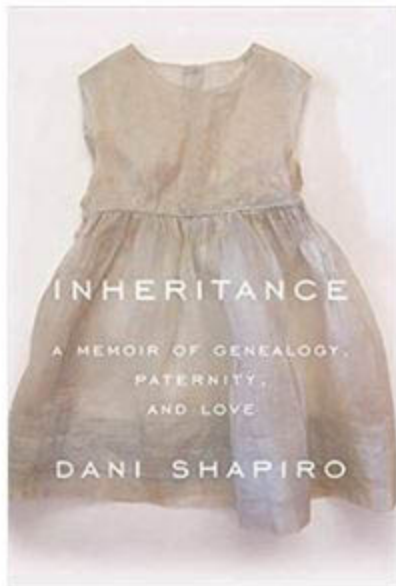
Like many Jewish prayer services, Selichot dates back more than 1000 years. Prayers and poems for forgiveness are found in prayer book of Rav Amram Gaon, from the ninth century. In addition to prayers, Selichot is the time for changing the torah covers to the elegant white covers that are used on the High Holy Days.

Please join Rabbi Spey and Cantor Lindeman in this special evening of preparation, Saturday September 21 at 8 pm..

What's Ahead for Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam builds our feeling of community. The Women of Temple Bat Yam create events that are fun, cultural, spiritual, or intellectual, and remind us to be socially conscious. Providing a sense of belonging, these bond us to the temple and Jewish community.

Sisterhood hosts Games Galore on Monday at 10:30 am, with Mah Jongh and lunch. If you are interested in playing, or in learning to play, contact Joan Sternberg. Sisterhood hosted a fantastic summer book club luncheon and discussion on **The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel** by Heather Morris. This memoir-inspired novel inspired many of us to connect on the themes of resilience and the personal qualities which help us overcome adversity. This story comes from the memories of 90 year-old Lale Sokolov, as told to Australian social worker Morris. Sokolov did not speak publicly about his wartime experiences until after the death of his wife in 2003 due to fears of being perceived as a Nazi collaborator. The stories are filtered and perhaps embellished through the lens of memory but are no less compelling.



Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love by Dani Shapiro will be the focus of the next Sisterhood Book Discussion on Sunday, August 25. In this age of assisted reproduction and DNA testing, new information may confront us with questions of who we really are. Shapiro, the blond granddaughter of an Orthodox rabbi, learns through DNA testing that she is not related to her half-sister, the daughter of her father and another mother. Who is her father, if not the loving, observant, Orthodox Jew who raised her? How is this possible? Shapiro leads the reader through her investigation of her inheritance and her understanding of the contributions of genetics and upbringing to her sense of her Jewish self. The questions she raises should form the basis of our interesting discussion. This discussion is open to all. We will gather on August 25 at 1 pm for tea and cakes and discussion at Plaza South Condo, 4280 Galt Ocean Drive. Contact Marion Fass, 608-751-6167 for more information.

Sisterhood will host many events planned for the fall including a program on October 24 about how heart disease is different in women. We hope to have a cardiac specialist at this event to inform us of new technologies and answer our questions. Also planned are the annual Appreciation Luncheon on November 10, a challah-making event at the temple and a Tu B'Shvat Luncheon in the spring. Please save the date, December 13th, for our meaningful Sisterhood Shabbat service. Also watch out for popular spring events such as the Concert on the Green that we co-sponsor with the Men's Club.

Sisterhood offers something for everyone—we hope you will join us.
Lois Pittler and Joan Sternberg, Co-Presidents



TBY members join in Federation Mini-Mission to learn about Broward services.

On Friday July 12, members of the Eastside Jewish community spent the day learning about the work of the Jewish Federation of Broward County. They met at Temple Bat Yam for introductory presentations. Scott Ehrlich - David Posnack JCC Director and Len Weiselberg talked about the preschool plans at Temple Bat Yam. Their talk was followed by Jenn Goldfaden who explained PJ Library, a great program in which each Jewish child gets a FREE book each month from age 6 months – 12 years. The group then heard from Emily Cohen – a participant of the life-changing A Wider Bridge LGBTQI Israel Mission. They then boarded a bus to tour the Daniel D Cantor Center with Gail Weisberg, to volunteer serving lunch for seniors & Holocaust survivors. Next they traveled to JAFCO Children's Abilities Center to learn about their services to families with special needs children and observed their summer camp in action. Over lunch the group heard about food deserts and the Nourish Now Program funded in Broward and then wrapped up the day with a presentation by Federation CEO & President Michael Balaban. The event was planned by Deb Gill.

Alona Geysman, Eastside Coordinator, said " We are also always looking for new friends to join the Eastside Committee to help us plan more incredible programs like this." The Eastside Event is Wednesday, August 28th, 6 - 8 pm - Schmooze & Booze at American Icon Brewery.



TBY members at JAFCO



Alan Barsky returns to the Senior Center to clear weeds from the garden.

Make a honey cake to share the sweetness of the New Year

Recipe from the 1976 Rochester
Hadassah Cookbook,

1 Bowl Rosh Hashanah Honey Cake

Ingredients

1 cup sugar
3 cups sifted flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 2/3 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon clove
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup honey
1 cup strong coffee, cooled
3/4 cup oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Instructions

Sift all dry ingredients into a large bowl. Make a well and add all liquid ingredients. Mix together thoroughly and add raisins and nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes in a well-greased tube pan. ENJOY!

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