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of East Fort Lauderdale

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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 will continue to keep together through daily and weekly communications and indepth articles in Hakol. We can be a temple beyond our walls.

A Passover message from Rabbi Spey



Passover celebrates the liberation of our people from our enslavement in Egypt. During our escape, God walked with us. As Pharaoh's army pursued us, we came to the Red Sea and our escape was blocked and our freedom seemed imperiled. God raised a wall of fire behind us to protect us, but still a way forward could not be found. Moses appealed to God, who instructed Moses to raise his staff over the water so that a path through the sea would be provided. The rabbis explain that when Moses raised his staff, the waters did not move. The leaders were so busy bickering about the appropriate marching order that they paid little heed to greater problem at hand. One young man, Nachman ben Aminadav, took it upon himself to partner with Moses and with God to help save the people.

Nachman did the unthinkable, the novel, the unexpected; he jumped! Upon hitting the water, he sank. Witnessing his faith and his willingness to sacrifice for the greater good, God parted the water on Nachman's behalf and saved him from drowning, and in so doing saved our people from Pharaoh and slavery.

A Message from Rabbi Spey

Unfortunately, this Passover, we are stuck between our desire to celebrate with our friends and family and the Corona Virus. While our Reform movement has been a Nachman during this crises, jumping into the online world in novel and unexpected ways, in unprecedented rulings, Orthodox rabbinic authorities are also permitting teleconferencing of our Passover Seders. In an effort to help our leaders, take a leap and jump into the world wide web. Join us for our community's online seder to celebrate together. Support our local businesses by ordering a seder meal from a local restaurant. Our sages have taught us that during Passover, we are to feel as if our own feet are burning in the sands of Egypt. This Passover, let us use our current crises and our suffering to redouble our efforts to help alleviate the suffering of others.

Have a fulfilling and motivating Passover!

The Passover Seder is divided into parts:

6 - 7 pm - The first half of the seder through the second cup of wine.

7 - 7:45 pm - Festive meal (enjoy with your family and or friend

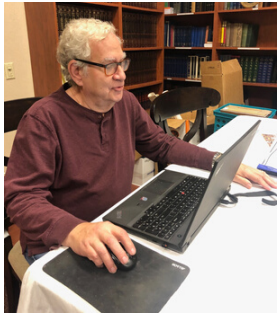
7:45 pm - Conclusion - Second half of the seder through the fourth cup of wine.

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Meeting ID: 780 436 462



A Message from the President



Working through distance at TBYY

Arnie Pittler

I hope that you and your families are doing well.

TBYY Board members have been reaching out to our members and the response that we are getting, from our congregants, and friends has been tremendous. I even got call from Coni Foster, in Idaho, thanking TBYY for the call from Ed Boreth. Hopefully many of you have had a chance to talk with someone that you may not have known previously. If you or anyone you speak with need anything - toilet paper (we have extra since the Temple is closed), rides to a doctor, grocery shopping, help with setting up Zoom, etc.. - please send Pam, Rabbi and myself an email and we will work to fill that need.

Meanwhile here is an update of what's been happening at the Temple.

In the last week we have had 91 unique viewers watch our Livestream with 71 watching in real time and others watching our archive. Over 63 hours of content has been consumed. Besides local viewers we had viewers from: Orlando, Bala-Cynld, PA, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Warwick, NY , Collingwood NJ, and Asheville, NC.

Friday night March 20 D'or L'Dor was playing. Saturday morning services were delivered on our Livestream as well as via a Zoom interactive meeting. Regular Friday night services are Livestreamed. We experimented with Havdalah Live from the Spey's at the end of Shabbat and had over 20 participate. Melissa Comras held a 'Mocktails' event; over Zoom, prior to Shabbat Services and will continue weekly. Rabbi Spey has been holding both his Tuesday morning and Thursday morning classes using Zoom. Check your TBYY emails to learn how to join these events, and to invite your friends.

A daily email is being sent with updates of what is happening that day, as well as resources that everyone can use to avoid boredom, e.g. PJ Library for Kids, playlists, daily preschool instagram dance class, etc. The URJ has been sending posting daily updates on what congregations can do during the crisis and we are responding to these and passing them on when relevant.

Sisterhood has had their first online with Zoom, "High Tea" for Thursdays at 3:30

Rabbi Spey, Scott London, Cantor Eric and our Teachers are working to resume **Gan Noar** online.

Preschool Update

We closed on the \$1M loan last Friday. There was a bit of drama with the bank shutting its doors 5 minutes before closing due to someone testing positive for the virus in their offices. We held the closing at the law firm that prepared the closing documents.

Installation of the new windows is COMPLETE! 20,000 lbs of Flooring and Tile were delivered.

With construction permitted under the County closure order we are doing our part to keep people working. Multiple trades (plumbers, electricians, wall skimmers) are working safely.

Passover Zoom!

Because we expect to continue social distancing as Passover arrives April 8, we have changed our TBY Pesach plans. While we still want to celebrate together, we will share the service over Zoom Webinar, and eat in our homes after Rabbi Spey and his family lead us through the service. Through our seder, we try to fulfill our commitment to the *kehillah*- our social and spiritual community and to the *kevutzah* - our economic and business community.

We know that not everyone wants to prepare all the traditional foods and this gives us the opportunity to patronize restaurants the are providing foods to take away. Several local restaurants are offering Passover specialties and have listed some below. You may also want to check with your favorite Jewish style restaurants. We hope to support our business economy as we celebrate. Most want you to reserve your order by Sunday, April 5.

We want to share Passover with our TBY community. If you have a special seder plate, or settings that you usually use, please share photos with us. During the seder, take pictures of your family we can put on Facebook or by email to connect us. Be creative- we are all learning new ways of connecting.

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Order from local restaurants by Sunday, April 5th and do a mitzvah and support local businesses:

Adam & Jow Know Lunch
355 N. Andrews Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale
954-289-6360

Le Bistro
4626 N. Federal Highway
Lighthouse Point,
(954) 946-9240

Pomperdales
3055 E. Commerical Blvd.
Ft. Lauderdale
954-771-9830

order now.

Too Jays
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Top Hat Delicatessen
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Choosing your Pesach foods

When it comes to Passover, Ashkenazi Jews and Sephardic Jews have very different food traditions, but all prohibit the eating of chametz during Passover as directed in the Torah. Grandma's best noodle-kugel won't work during Passover!

Historically, Ashkenazi Jews lived in Europe, in places like Germany, Poland, and Russia while Sephardic Jews lived in Spain, Portugal, North Africa and the Far East.

Wheat, oats, rye, barley and spelt are all chametz. These grains are prohibited if they've had any contact with water/moisture, which leads to rising or "leavening." Leavening agents like yeast and sourdough are also considered chametz.

Avoid Chametz

Wheat
Oats
Rye
Barley
Spelt
Yeast

Consider Kitniyot

Rice	Millet
Peas	Peanuts
Lentils	Sesame Seed
Green Beans	Mustard
Corn	Soy beans

**Enjoy quinoa-
it isn't a grain at all**

Ashkenazi Jews also traditionally avoid the consumption of kitniyot during Passover. These items which include Rice, Corn, Millet, Dried beans and lentils, Peas, Green Beans, Soybeans, Peanuts, Sesame Seeds, Poppy Seeds and mustard. These foods have been banned for centuries by Ashkenazi Jews although the origin of this tradition is unclear. Grains and kitniyot often shared the same storage bags, so it's possible there was concern that chametz might accidentally be mixed in with the kitniyot and consumed during Passover. Another theory is that kitniyot expand when immersed in water, which may have been perceived by the early rabbis as a form of rising or leavening. Whatever the reason, most Ashkenazi Jews today stick to the ban on kitniyot, even though it's not technically prohibited by Torah law.

While you won't generally see rice and beans at an Ashkenazi Seder, they are quite common at Sephardic Seders. Sephardic Jews do consume kitniyot during Passover. They are, however, careful about ingredients co-mingling. In the Middle East, it's common to see women sifting through bags of rice and lentils repeatedly, going through grain by grain to ensure no chametz is mixed in.

Both Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews use quinoa at Passover. Quinoa is actually related to the beet family, so it isn't a grain or a seed. Quinoa doesn't rise; it is more likely to rot when soaked in water.

Not all Ashkenazi Jews ban kitniyot; in fact, there is a Facebook group of Jews who believe that the ban on kitniyot is excessive. They call themselves the Kitniyot Liberation Front, and they seriously love their legumes!

Choose your approach as you remember the lessons of Pesach!

TBY keeps us all connected!



In this extraordinary time, we are changing how we communicate.

On **Wednesdays, we will send TBY at a Glance**, with an overview of the week's activities and special links to classes, movies, activities, etc.

Each weekday, we will send Today at TBY, which will include links for the day's events, and special treats.

On **Friday, for Shabbat Shalom**, will include links for services, including Tot Shabbat and Havdalah and we will include much of the information that usually is in the Blue Supplement at services, including healing and Yahrzeits.

Hakol will still come out every other month, and include longer pieces.

Facebook and Instagram will have photos and some reminders of events ahead.

Please send us feedback on this new communications approach at info@templebatyam.org. We value your ideas.

Preschool Photos

Beth Hickman continues to build curriculum and do outreach
Workers continue under supervision of project managers.

And thanks to the
TBY Sisterhood
for a gift that will
support a classroom

Additional
naming opportunities
are available.
Contact us.



Follow Baer Family Early Learning
Childhood Center on Facebook

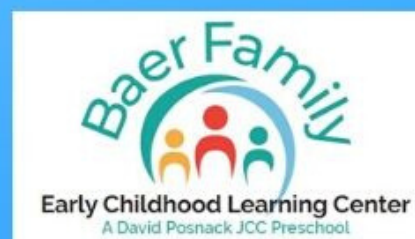


Construction Continues at TBY

Floor being removed
and new flooring being delivered



In difficult times, Jewish tradition encourages us
to adhere to the law and help where and how we
can. Keeping people safely employed is just one
way that TBY is able to support our community.



Activities from Gan Noar Religious School

Before the shutdown, Gan Noar Grades 1 & 2 visited Joe Picasso's Paint Your Own Pottery Studio at 1495 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

In preparation for Passover at home, Gan Noar students created their own Seder plate and learned the 6 items on the Seder plate and what they symbolize.



YOUTH GROUP RETREAT, FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020

**Gan Noar Religious School students attended
Chapter Retreat at Camp Shalom**



Sisterhood

Dear Sisters of Temple Bat Yam,

Lois and I wanted to send you all loving thoughts in these trying times. Each day brings more news and information which often, unfortunately do not make us feel calmer. However, who amongst us has not already survived some of life's great challenges? And, yet, here we are stronger and smarter for it. The size of these current concerns is small compared to the scope of the personal skills we have already proven to have in order to surmount these events. Let us remember now to dig deep for those proven internal resources we all have, and day by day, we will get through.

There are many qualities we think of when we think of the word 'sisterhood.' We are so much more than the yearly dues we pay, mahjongg games, the oneg shabbats, and the events we love to plan for you. We are an alliance of strong, open-hearted women who truly care for one another, a second compassionate family inside and outside of the temple's walls.

We would like to remind you that we are here for you if you need anything. Until we see each other face-to-face, we hope that you stay well and keep us abreast of any information you have regarding our Sisterhood members. Thank you.

Joan Sternberg

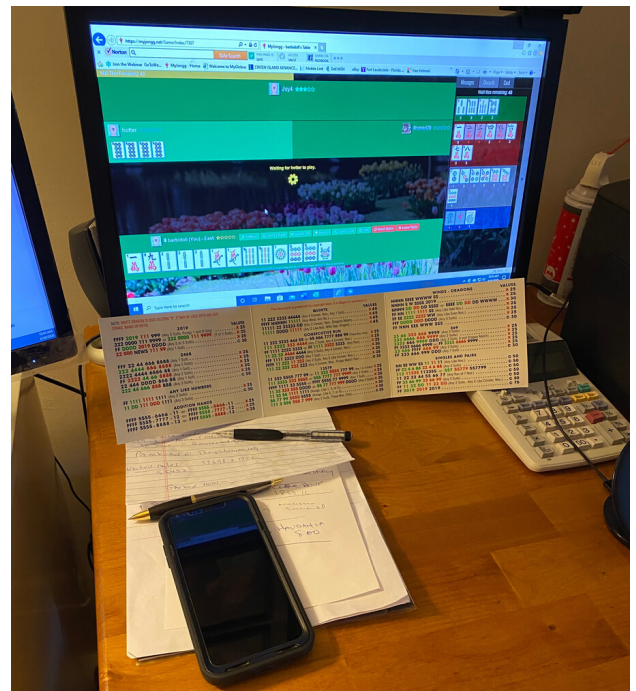


Sisterhood coffee hour

Members of TBY Sisterhood are breaking the isolation with weekly coffee hours via Zoom, Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Look at your weekly email for instructions on how to join in the conversation. It is easy to link up on your smartphone, but more fun on a larger screen, like a laptop, tablet or connected TV, where you can see as many as 12 people at the same time.



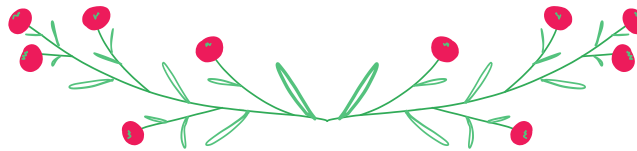
Mahjongg players can also connect to groups of other players through Mahjongg app. Contact Mabel Ladin or Sharon Cohen for more information.



Mitzvah Day pictures



**Thank you to everyone who helped make
Mitzvah Day successful.**



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**Empty Bowls was
cancelled but we know
the need is still there.**

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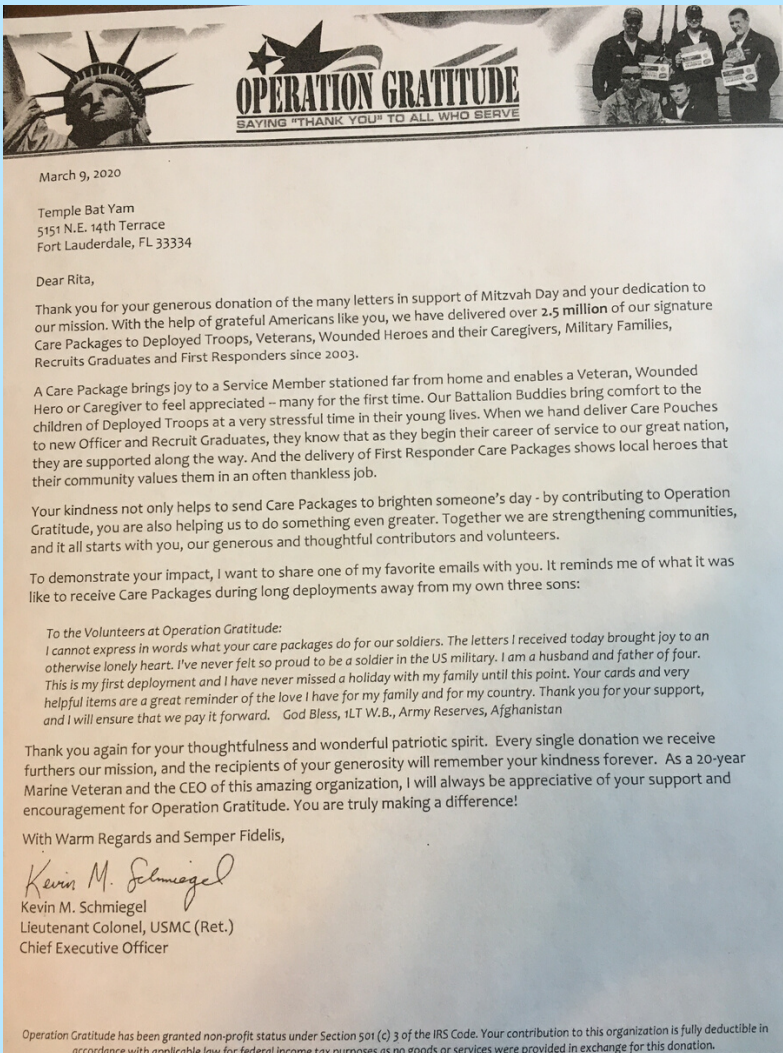
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The impact of your gift is felt each day by the clients served by the dedicated staff and volunteers at Goodman JFS. The diverse needs of our community are met through our trusted and compassionate support our staff provides for individuals and families struggling with food insecurity and in need of emergency assistance.

Finding a kosher pantry that would help me provide for my diabetic son's needs was very difficult, so I was very grateful to become a client of The Cupboard. All the staff there is very helpful, and I find that having a Care Manager on premises, makes it easier to learn about other programs and assistance available to me. Recently, I had emergency surgery and I'm in the process of recovering. The Cupboard always comes through -- they always find a driver to deliver my groceries. It is wonderful that this is a choice pantry -- The staff knows what my sons like to eat and she customizes our groceries before they get delivered. JFS, with their wrap around services, are a great blessing for my family. --A grateful mom

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the clients we serve, Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward extends our heartfelt thanks for your dedication and support. We simply could not do this without you!

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Temple Bat Yam:

Who we are and what we believe

We are all often asked by friends and neighbors about Temple Bat Yam. It is hard to capture the warmth, the commitment to Jewish learning and the sense of community that pervade all the we do at TBY, in normal times and the not-so-normal times we are experiencing now. The new Communications and Engagement Committee put together a document to share with prospective members, and we want to share it with you. This was approved by the Board of Trustees at their February 2020 meeting. We hope that these ideas will help us in programing, now and in the future, when we ask "Why are we doing this program?" and "How does it strengthen our mission" We hope it reflects the TBY that you know.

Judy Czerenda and Marion Fass

Temple Bat Yam (TBY) of East Fort Lauderdale is a Reform congregation dedicated to exploring and embracing Jewish heritage from a liberal perspective. The Temple encourages lifelong Jewish study through its educational programming for children, families and adults. During communal Shabbat services and observance of the High Holy Days and Jewish festivals throughout the year, TBY encourages a meaningful ritual life which fosters solidarity with the Jewish people while embracing individual diversity. A member of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), TBY is committed to the basic principles of Reform Judaism in the following ways:

- Stay adept and agile by motivating Jews of all ages to embrace Jewish living
- Advocate for a more equitable society
- Foster meaningful connections to the people and traditions of the children of Israel

Open Arms

TBY embraces diversity and reaches out to those not engaged in Jewish life currently.

Tikkun Olam

The TBY congregation believes that to be a Jew is to care about the world around us.



BRIOT

TBY is committed to both wellness and vibrant Jewish living. BRIOT (good health) embraces these two core missions by offering wellness programs infused with Jewish wisdom and practice.

Climate Action

As a member of The Jewish Climate Action Network (JCAN), TBY works to increase awareness and mobilize its congregants to take personal and collective action to confront climate change, joining with other members of the community who are passionate about the Earth and the need for action related to environmental concerns.

Our Commitment to Israel

TBY maintains its commitment to promote Israel as a core component of every American Reform Jew's identity by increasing our connection with Israel through expanded and enhanced Israel education, engagement and activism.

Tips for Zooming

The easiest way to fail is not to try.

You won't break anything. It is the best (and now the only) way to connect across generations.

You can do everything with a cell phone, but larger screens allow for easier viewing with more people.

Learn how to use Zoom with video lessons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ>

Join TBY Sunday April 5 at 5:30 for your favorite piano tunes by Carey Fischer. Check your email for ZOOM connection instructions .

Ideas for Zoom Get Togethers.

- *Host a dinner party with friends
 - *Connect with family
- *Take a walk together with your smartphones- share what you see.
 - *Don't forget birthday parties- one friend had 24 guests at her party via Zoom
- *Take the opportunity to VISIT with distant friends and family who are at home up as well.
 - *Let grandchildren read to you.
 - *Bake bread together.

SHARE SHARE SHARE

TBY and the Jewish community

Yasher Koach to Evan Goldman for his efforts to turn out the vote for the World Zionist Congress election. The Vote Reform Slate won with 31,500 votes.

Orthodox Israel Coalition – Mizrachi a broad-based coalition of the major Religious Zionist and Modern Orthodox organizations that has represented Orthodox Jewry in the WZC for over 100 Years had 21,698 votes.

Eretz Hakodesh (“The Holy Land”) – which champions “traditional religious values and Jewish rights in the entire Land of Israel” (code for Israeli annexation of the West Bank) – emerged as the third largest party, garnering more than 15 percent of the total vote which was a surprise to all.

This shows how important it was to turn out it was to turn out the vote for pluralistic progressive Judaism.



TBY needs volunteers to keep us connected

Do you like to host activities?

Would you like to bring more families to TBY?

Do you miss your TBY friends?

Can you bring your energy, your skills and talents to help TBY grow and prosper through ZOOM activities during our stay at home time?

Please call Pam at TBY to volunteer, 954-928-0410

(Don't worry, calls are forwarded to her home.)

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

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