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

L'Shana Tova

The music of High Holy Days

By Cantor Eric Lindenbaum

Song allows us to recognize, this High holiday season and throughout the year, that "Prayer is a participatory activity, not a spectator sport." Join in and sing and you will find that prayers become both more meaningful and more enjoyable.

The Music of the High Holy Days, the chanting of the prayers, are there to affect, also to stimulate feelings within us of joy, reflection, and hope! One of the most moving melodies that we will experience is the 'Kol Nidrei'. Tracing the history of the melody take us back almost a millennia. Many musicologists look back to what are called "MiSinai (from Sinai) tunes" that are folk melodies dating back to 11th through the 15th centuries. The term, MiSinai (pronounced Mee-see-nahy), meaning, by the people of the time, that the melodies were felt to have been handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai along with the Ten Commandments, (not necessarily in that order). Other musical historians trace some of the melodic patterns of the Kol Nidrei back to 14th and 15th century Central European cantillation chanting.

An additional treat for the temple services on Kol Nidrei eve will be the performance of the 'Bruch Kol Nidrei' by the guest cellist Kathleen Hagen, joined this year by our piano accompanist William Hildebrandt!

There are other congregational melodies that evoke an emotional response from us when heard or sung including the Avinu Malkeinu, the High Holiday Shma, Mi Chamocha, V'al Kulam, and more.



TBY Member, Kim Sherman
sounds the Shofar

A Message from the Rabbi

Throughout the High Holy Days, we have considered many ways to improve ourselves, our lives, our community, and the world. We have prayed for, spoken about, and meditated about how to increase happiness, joy, and satisfaction in the world. Now, as we invite friends to join us in our sukkot, we begin to put those plans into action. What actions will we take? As the High Holy Days mark the beginning of the New Year, the process of teshuvah that began at Rosh haShanah, now, continues as we implement the ideas that were the result of our cheshbon haneshef, the accounting of our souls.

We are most familiar with the personal work in which we engage during this season; how will I make myself better in the year to come. We ought, as well, to consider our community; how can I make my community better in the year to come. One idea is through participation.

Participation in our community can take many forms. For those of us who appreciate Yale University's Dr. Laurie Santos's idea of 'time affluence,' donating time and energy, becoming physically involved in communal activities may be a viable option. For others, joy may be taken in financial generosity. It might mean connecting to help at a community or synagogue event, or participating in a working group or steering committee. It might mean a major on-going investment of ourselves or our assets, or a stand-alone engagement. It may mean taking part in an endeavor with which we have a particular affinity: our demographic group, our neighborhood, our friends. It may mean joining in an effort to benefit others: those less fortunate, future generations, those most vulnerable in our society.

Through engagement with others, regardless of the cause, we can increase our sense of satisfaction, contentment, and even joy. Towards this end, I would like to suggest a project, which encompasses many of the diverse groups that may address our desire for fulfillment. For some time, Bat Yam has been planning to build a pre-school in partnership with the David Posnack Jewish Community Center. Now, the opportunity to participate in this endeavor is opening. We need help to make this idea a reality. We need funds. We need help moving things. We need help fund raising. We need help recruiting students and families for the school. Whether our motivation is to work with our friends, to build a Jewish preschool for our children and/or the benefit of future generations, to build a viable membership stream for the congregation, or to memorialize a loved one or significant moment, all help is appreciated and will be utilized.

May this endeavor and all the good work of our hands serve to make the world better, and increase happiness and peace.

May we all be sealed for a sweet, safe, and happy new year,
Gemar chatimah tikateimu,

Rabbi David Spey

Rosh Hashana: The joy of the shofar

On Erev Rosh Hashana, Rabbi Spey spoke of the "joy of truah," the sound of the shofar, and the implications of the holy days for our own contentment and happiness. He followed this sermon with ideas at the morning service about community and connection in a time of the blast of 24 hour news and social media. These ideas are reflected in the pictures of the celebration at Temple Bat Yam, where clergy and members joined together for a meaningful and inspiring holiday.



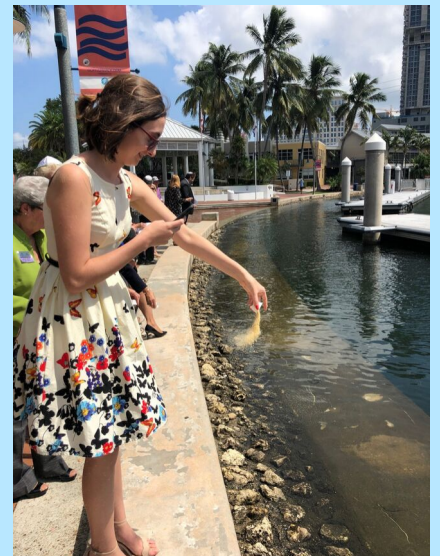
Small Kindness

by Danusha Lameris, suggested by Joan Sternberg

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die" we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up.

Mostly, we don't want to harm each other. We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handling it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat." "Go ahead- you first" "I like your hat."

TBY celebrates Rosh Hashanah



Imagine the TBY Early Learning Center

What will be the TBY Preschool look like? On **Sunday, October 6 at 11 am**, there will be an informational meeting about the plans. This will be a great time for members to ask questions and learn about the building and curriculum and thinking behind this project. All of the Board members have already made a pledge of financial support for this project.

Plans for the Early Learning Center that will provide care for children as young as 6 months - call for renovations to the basic structure of TBY. Bringing our facility up to code and up to a standard of excellence calls for changes to classrooms, restrooms and playgrounds and important security upgrades.

The Baer Family has made a significant donation toward the school, which will be know as the Baer Family Early Family Learning Center, A David Posnack JCC Preschool..

There will be a Congregational meeting, **Thursday, October 17** for the purpose of approving school project/funding. We need 2/3 approval from a quorum of members at the meeting. Please plan to attend both meetings.



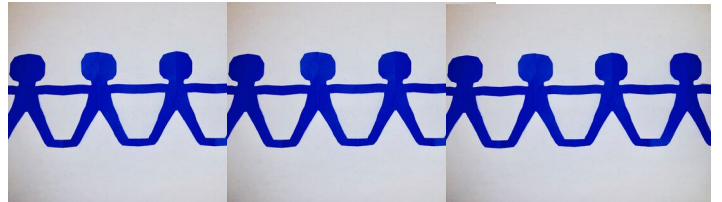
Architect's rendering of entrance to renovated preschool

Preschool Project Information Session

Sunday, October 6th @ 11 am

Congregational Meeting

Thursday, October 17th @ 7:30 pm



Architect's rendering of inside of renovated preschool

Do you want to relive the fun of Jewish Camp?

Join us at the URJ Biennial



URJ Biennial December
11 - 15, 2019

TBY is looking for members to attend the Union of Reform Judaism Biennial in Chicago, Dec 11-15? We are looking for members who are eager to learn, pray, sing and dance. This is a great meeting for energizing congregants and congregations, and there are special tracks for small congregations.

Do you remember the fun you had at Regional TY conclaves as a teen? Imagine the same spirit as an adult and join us to re-invigorate TBY. We will be able to apply for scholarships to partially cover expenses. And we have been told that the hotel is connected to Convention Center by enclosed walkways.

Dine Around in the Sukkah Oct. 20

The fall brings joyful Jewish holidays. Sometimes it is hard in South Florida to appreciate the bounty of the harvest season celebrated by Sukkot. The sukkah that we construct for this holiday may represent the huts that farmers constructed during the end of the harvest, or, in Jewish tradition, they may recall the tents that the Israelites built in the desert as they traveled for 40 years.

As Sukkot ends, Simchat Torah begins. We will eat a meal in the Sukkah and then celebrate the cycle of the Torah. Join Rabbi Spey and our congregants as we unroll the whole Torah, to read the end and then the beginning. The cycle of the year begins again, with food of the harvest and the familiar readings of Genesis.

Dine Around the World on Sunday October 20 at 5:30 pm is open to all TBY members and guest for a catered meal outside by the Sukkah, before the Simchat Torah celebration. Families are welcomed. We will have a catered Italian meal. The cost will be about \$20 per person (\$8 for children). Please bring your own beverage. If you plan to attend, please make a reservation with Kathalyn Haimo at kathalyn.haimo@gmail.com



And Celebrate Simchat Torah

Save the date for Dine Around, November 17th

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Temple Bat Yam, I wish the entire TBY Community a Happy and Healthy New Year. It is an honor to serve as the President of the TBY Board.

We are operating in a challenging environment. We are confronted with declining Jewish affiliation; parents, sons and daughters are relocating to other parts of the country and world. We are seeing a rise in anti-Semitism and a current political climate of intolerance to those with opposing views.

Our strength is in our traditions, values, and most importantly, in our creative and energetic membership. Our members are willing to express our shared Jewish values through engagement in activities benefiting not only our members, but also the broader Eastside Jewish community and beyond. The planned construction and opening of a Jewish preschool at TBY in partnership with the David Posnack JCC, is an investment, not just in TBY, but for future generations and Jewish life in Fort Lauderdale.

We know that technology is here to stay, so we now reach out using social media - Facebook, Instagram, and TBY blasts - to communicate activities, events, and important notifications. We live stream Erev Shabbat services, B'nai Mitzvah's and other important events, so you can stay connected to TBY wherever you may be. Technology is allowing us to reinforce our Jewish traditions, values, and love of Israel.

We continue to focus on our strength as a creative and welcoming reform Jewish community, that is not only accepting of, but also inviting to those involved in non-traditional relationships and preferences, as well as the ever-increasing number of Jews who choose to enter co-faith marriages. As a Kehillah Kedoshah, Holy Community, social action continues to be a core value at TBY.

A Message from the President



We are a small but engaged congregation. Our challenges are opportunities for us all to come together and support TBY, to the fullest capacity of our respective abilities. As Albert Einstein said, "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.". Your Officers and Board continue to chart a course to foster relationships, engagement, meaning, participation and impact.

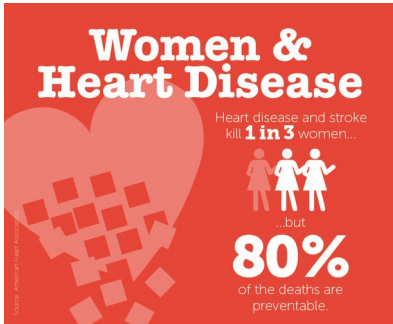
Together, we will continue to make the right choices that enable TBY to grow, thrive and be a reform congregation that always serves a broad, diverse and ever changing Jewish community. If you are not a member of TBY but worshiping with us for the High Holy Days, I encourage you to get to know us. We would welcome the opportunity to inspire you to join us as a member.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish you all a happy, healthy and sweet new year.

Arnie Pittler

Sisterhood

A year of health, hope, joy and peace



The Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam, wishes you L'Shana Tova! May your New Year be filled with good health, hope, joy, and peace.

What contributes to good health? Among the most important contributions are feeling part of a community and having a sense of purpose. Disease awareness and screening are important too. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will recognize the importance of breast cancer awareness by asking everyone to wear pink for our **Pink Shabbat on Friday, October 11th**.



Although we hear a lot about breast cancer, we recognize that heart disease is the leading cause of death for both women and men in the US. On **Thursday October 24th at 6 pm** the Sisterhood will be hosting a **Heart Health Program** with a local medical expert and light refreshments. Please mark your calendars for this event open to men and women.

Sisterhood builds our sense of community with food and friendship. The first **Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner of the new year will be on October 25th**. This will be a dairy meal- please bring vegetarian or dairy dishes; no meat. Those wishing to participate should contact Lois Pittler at 561-307-2128.



On **Sunday, October 27th**, Ellen Fisher will be showcasing the new fall line of **Cabi fashions** at her home between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Ellen will donate a portion of the profits from this event to Sisterhood.



Our Sisterhood Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, November 10th at 11:30** with a catered meal. There will be a speaker from the **Bonnet House talking about Fort Lauderdale's early history**. An invitation will be sent soon.

Sisterhood membership is open to interested women, even if they are not TBYS members. There is a new Junior member category for younger members. Contact Arlene Moses.

TBY connects: community

NAMI Walks: Nov 9th

TBY member Edna Einhorn, edna@namibroward.org is the manager of this year's NAMI Walks on Saturday, November 9. The walk, to raise awareness about mental illness, begins at Tradewinds Park- Check-in is at 8 am and the 5K walk begins at 9:30.

The goal of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, is to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness through education and awareness.

Mental illness is often a silent problem: 20% of children ages 13-18 have, or will have, a serious mental illness and 43.8 million adults experience mental illness in a given year.

Kathalyn Haimo is organizing a team from Temple Bat Yam to walk together and gather sponsors. If you are interested in participating, contact Kathalyn at kathalynhaimo@gmail.com

FAU Lifelong Learning now in Fort Lauderdale

FAU's excellent learning outreach programs are now scheduled for Fort Lauderdale. TBY members, Karen and Bill Knauf have been involved in planning these sessions at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

There will be one time lectures on subjects including Jewish humor and Mideast politics, and longer courses on music, arts and physics. Check out these exciting new programs at www.ollifll.fau.edu



Jewish movies at NSU Art Museum, Oct 13th

Join NSU Art Museum and David Posnack JCC for a Sunday afternoon of art and film. Movies are scheduled the second Sunday of each month.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Museum's exhibits at 1:30 PM, followed by a screening of My Hero Brother at 2:30 PM. The Museum and Cafex open at Noon.

My Hero Brother tells the story of a group of young people with Down Syndrome who embark on a demanding trek through the Indian Himalayas, accompanied by their brothers and sisters.

NSU Art Museum, One East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Reservation required.

Film only: \$9 for JCC members and Museum members; \$11 non-members.

Film and tour: \$18 for JCC members; Museum members tour free; \$22 non-members

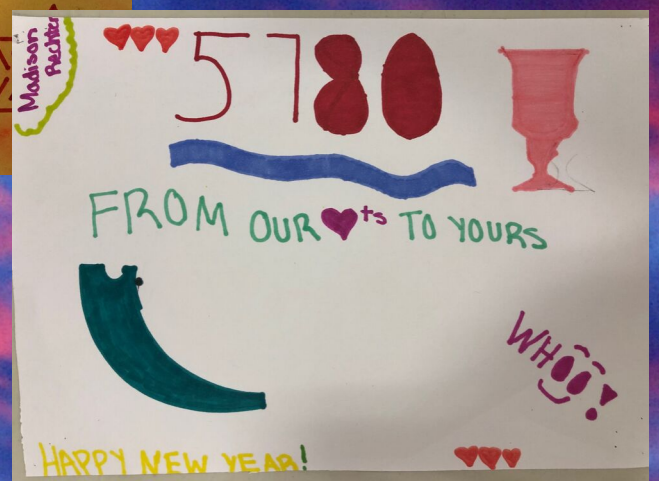
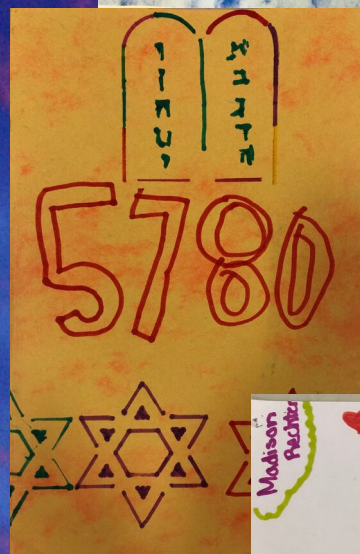
RSVP for the film and tour at the JCC website:

ORT Luncheon

ORT's Annual Luncheon and Card Party will be held on December 5th at La Veranda Italian Restaurant in Pompano Beach.

Have you always wondered what ORT is, or what it does? ORT is a non-profit global Jewish organization that promotes education and training in communities worldwide, with a focus on high-tech training in Israel. It continues the mission of its founding 1880 in Saint Petersburg, Russia, to provide professional and vocational training for young Jews. If you wish to attend this Luncheon and to learn more about ORT, please contact Arlene Moses at arlenemoses1@gmail.com

New Year's
Greetings
from Gan
Noar to our
sister city,
Nesher,
Israel



Just for interest.

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Improbable Relic of Auschwitz: a Shofar That Defied the Nazis

By Ralph Blumenthal

"The daughter of a Holocaust survivor has brought forward a ram's horn trumpet and her father's account of the power of belief amid death.

For years there have been fragmentary reports of almost unbelievable acts of faith at the Nazi death camps during World War II: the sounding of shofars, the ram's horn trumpets traditionally blown by Jews to welcome the High Holy Days. These stories of the persistence of hope even in mankind's darkest moments have been passed down despite limited evidence and eyewitness detail. But could camp prisoners have found ways to sound these horns, piercing the heavens with sob-like wails and staccato blasts, without putting themselves in immediate mortal danger?

Now a new account that addresses that question, and is embraced by several historians as reliable, has emerged from the daughter of an Auschwitz survivor, along with one of the secreted shofars itself.

Dr. Judith Tydor Schwartz, an expert on the Holocaust, says her father, Chaskel Tydor, a longtime prisoner entrusted as work dispatcher at one of the more than 40 Auschwitz subcamps, contrived on Rosh Hashana 1944 to send fellow prisoners on a distant detail where they might safely, and privately, pray. He did not know that they carried something with them. But when they returned, she said, one confided to her father that a shofar had been produced and blown.

What is more, according to the account of Dr. Schwartz, who directs Holocaust research at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, her father was given the shofar for safekeeping in 1945 by a fellow prisoner as the Nazis emptied the camp and fled the advancing Russians.

On Monday, a week before Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year 5780, and 75 Rosh Hashanas since that clandestine act of faith, that ceremonial ram's horn, about 10 inches long with a right-angled curve like a smoking pipe, will be installed at the Museum of Jewish Heritage near Battery Park in Manhattan. It is part of "Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away," a



traveling exhibition from Poland. While it may never be possible to fully corroborate the story of the museum's shofar, Holocaust historians say it is credible, and resembles other witness accounts of concentration camp shofars and is more detailed. Some shofars likely arrived in Auschwitz in mid-1944 with the 440,000 deported Hungarian Jews. Their belongings, left at the camp's railway platform known as the ramp where arrivals were selected to live or die, were stockpiled at Birkenau in an immense goods warehouse dubbed "Canada" whose loot was often smuggled out. Schemes were hatched in the repulsive latrines, where guards disdained to enter. Jack Kliger, the president and chief executive officer of the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the child of Holocaust survivors, said he remembers hearing from a friend of his parents that a shofar had sounded at Auschwitz. "If there's an artifact that symbolizes the Jewish soul," Mr. Kliger said, "you'd be hard-pressed to find something more indicative than a shofar."

Mr. Tydor, said he was given the shofar by another prisoner as the Nazis prepared to flee Auschwitz in 1945. He carried it with him for the rest of his life."

A version of this article appeared in print on Sept. 22, 2019, and online.

The TBYs of Social Media

As we rely more and more on Google, Facebook and Instagram for our information and plans, there is always the risk of mistaken identity. Have you been confused by a TBY Concert on the Beach- in Maryland!!

Celebrations at Lake Tahoe?!? Seashells and Shabbat in Sanibel?

We are templebatyam.org, and on Instagram [#templebatyamftl](https://www.instagram.com/templebatyamftl)

Bat Yam means "Daughter of the Sea."

East Fort Lauderdale, FL

Lake Tahoe, UT

Sanibel, FL

Ocean City, MD

Newport Beach, CA

St. Augustine, FL

Welcome New Members



Jay Allen

Miguel Aranda & Nicole Levy

Pamela Barton

Debra Gill

Judith & Rodney Grunes

Tana & George Hacken

Angela & Jacob Horowitz

Margot Laskin

Jamie Johnson & Karl Liebman

Joy & Steven Schneider

**Mark your calendar for Chanukah,
December 22 - 30, 2019**