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Thanksgiving, Chanukah and the holiday season present us with ample opportunities to get together with family, friends and coworkers. What starts as a fairly pleasant event can sometimes take an unfortunate turn as the host, not content with mere wining and dining, decides to add a more serious dimension to the party. The ominous clinking sound of metal on glass leaves no doubt as to what's coming next. As the cacophony of the irritating sound slowly dissipates and everyone directs their gazes to the host, she politely commands the participants to rest their forks and knives on the table, and share with the rest of the guests "something they are grateful for". This is one of the rare occasions in which you really want to go early before the easy ones (family, friends, health and good food) are all taken. Being a veteran holiday partygoer, you tactically locate yourself in the second seat to the right of the host. You never want to speak just after the host; it's a lose-lose situation. If you say something brilliant, you outshine the host, acting discourteously. If you go down the trivial path, you may end up with the mercy cheers, but being the third – you are safe. As the host raises her glass, you give a look full of pity to the person next to her, you wear your "I survived another year" smile and you mentally put the finishing touches to your comments. The gracious host raises her glass and predictably expresses her gratitude "for the wonderful opportunity to celebrating this occasion with all the delightful people around the table". Definitely unoriginal, yet people who were just called "delightful" must live up to their newly given attribute, as they all enthusiastically cheer and take a sip from their wine glass. When the room gets quiet again, the host continues, "This year, let's spice things up a little, and start with you John, on my left" (you always had a feeling she hated you, but now you know that for sure).

You are in a complete panic mode. Twenty-two people are going to speak before you. You will sink to new depths of banality. Everything that comes to your mind sounds less intelligent than the least intelligent lines of Homer Simpson. You can be neither funny nor thoughtful. With a completely paralyzed brain, your bladder comes to the rescue - of course, the bathroom! If you will just go now and return after the speeches are over, you may be able to save some of your dignity; how come you didn't think about that earlier? You didn't, but six others did. The end of the line to the bathroom backs up to the dining room by now with no place to hide.

I am not trying to make light of the importance of showing gratitude. On the contrary, giving thanks is at the heart of Judaism, and one of the key elements for a life of contentment and happiness. Our natural inclination is to be thankful for our strengths, but at times I find it more rewarding to recognize and own my weaknesses. The poem below is a great reminder of our imperfections. Feel free to use this poem or preferably, your own personal version of it, at your next holiday gathering, and embrace your own imperfections.

The Cookie Thief/ by Valerie Cox

A woman was waiting at an airport one night,
With several long hours before her flight.
She hunted for a book in the airport shops,
Bought a bag of cookies and found a place to drop.

She was engrossed in her book but happened to see,
That the man sitting beside her, as bold as could be.
Grabbed a cookie or two from the bag in between,
Which she tried to ignore to avoid a scene.

So she munched the cookies and watched the clock,
As the gutsy cookie thief diminished her stock.
She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by,
Thinking, "If I wasn't so nice, I would blacken his eye."

With each cookie she took, he took one too,
When only one was left, she wondered what he would do.
With a smile on his face, and a nervous laugh,
He took the last cookie and broke it in half.

He offered her half, as he ate the other,
She snatched it from him and thought... oooh, brother.
This guy has some nerve and he's also rude,
Why he didn't even show any gratitude!

She had never known when she had been so galled,
And sighed with relief when her flight was called.
She gathered her belongings and headed to the gate,
Refusing to look back at the thieving ingrate.

She boarded the plane, and sank in her seat,
Then she sought her book, which was almost complete.
As she reached in her baggage, she gasped with surprise,
There was her bag of cookies, in front of her eyes.

"If mine are here," she moaned in despair,
"The others were his, and he tried to share."
Too late to apologize, she realized with grief,
That she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief.

2013 PHONATHON



Debbie Baseman

Thank you to the following **Temple Beth Am Benefactors** who gave generously to our Phonathon this year. Their names will appear in the *Scribe* until our next Phonathon campaign.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hal Baseman



Greetings Temple Beth Am Friends and the Unusually Curious:



I can't report much this month, since I spent most of my time working up north or in China. All I can say about "up north" is that it is freezing. I guess that is why we're all down here. In regards to China, I am told that visiting as a tourist is pretty nice. But working there can be a real challenge. Let's just say it's not my cup of tepid green water with unidentifiable, leafy things floating in it. I guess I shouldn't complain, my hotel room in Beijing had a remarkable view of the lovely, brown air blanketing the street below. Hey, talk about yummy food. You may not be able to make a silk purse out of sow's ear, but you sure can make an appetizer out of it. And you haven't really eaten "chicken fingers" until you've eaten a chicken's fingers. Ironically enough, the best meal I ate was one Sunday night, when we ordered in for Jewish food. But while I was there, spending many a sleepless night – well – not sleeping, apparently much was going on here. Here is a sampling...

Board Update: In November the Board met to hear ideas and discuss plans for further strengthening the brand of our renowned Preschool. You will hear more about this effort in subsequent communications. We also heard reports from strategic planning groups, committees, and finance.

The Kulanu efforts are moving along. Volunteering has increased and people are being matched with needs and opportunities of the Temple. Improvements to Bar and Bat Mitzvah experience, Religious School programs, communications, engagement, and connectedness are being planned and implemented. The Facilities group has been expanded to discuss how to achieve long range strategic objectives, as well as meeting immediate and more short term needs. Town Hall meetings are planned for the middle of this winter to provide updates and receive further congregant input and ideas.

The Voluntary Financial Commitment (aka voluntary dues) program has gone well. **However, we need EVERYONE to send in your forms in order to continue to be counted as a member. If you have not done so – PLEASE – contact the office as soon as possible. If you are not sure – then contact the office and make sure. Just give them a call.** They don't bite. At least not over the phone. Trust me, we need everyone's help and generosity for this to work. And if you have friends who you think would like to join Temple Beth Am or who are already here and would like to get more involved – encourage them to call us and do so. This is what Kulanu is all about. We need your help to build our community, to make all of this a success. Don't be shy.

Remarkable Event: In November we had a fabulous 30th Anniversary Service and Celebration. I will leave it to co-chairs **Risa Voorhees** and **Alec Wisch** to dole out the much deserved thank you's. I will say this – much appreciation needs to go to the planning committee chairs, their hard working committee, the Rabbi, our Cantorial team, the office staff, the founders, benefactors, past and present leadership and so on. Job well done.

One last note: Welcome home to our hearty snow birds. Always nice to see you when you return to Temple Beth Am, your home.

That's all for now. Call or write me at (561) 676-3940 and halbaseman@comcast.net if you need anything. Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah. Happy December.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bruce Cohen

It's that time of year again!

Nomination of Temple Beth Am Board of Directors

Here are some questions you might be asking:

- *What are the qualifications for being a Board Member?*
You need to be a member in good standing of Temple Beth Am.
- *What are the duties?*
Attend monthly Board meetings, work on a committee or two and vote on things like programs, contracts, committees, and budgets. And, occasionally usher during Services, read announcements from the Bimah on Shabbat and honor our B'nei Mitzvah students and present a gift to them at their Service.
- *What is the nomination process?*
 1. Let us know that you want to be considered (**before January 20, 2014**)
 2. Attend a ½ hour confidential Nominating Committee interview
 3. Get selected by the Nominating Committee and the Board
 4. Get elected by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting
 5. Start living the dream

Most importantly, you'll be involved in helping determine the direction of our Temple and working alongside others who share the interests and goals that make TBA so great!

If you want to be considered for nomination or have any questions about the nominating process or Board duties, feel free to call at 561-262-5598, email me at bcohen561@gmail.com, or let the office know.

Thank you and B' Shalom,

Bruce Cohen
2014 Nominating Committee Chair

KVELL & TELL

Mazal Tov to:

Nicole & Branden Gould on the birth of their daughter, **Ava Nicole**, born on October 28th.

Jessica & Josh Deakter and little sister **Emma** on the birth of their daughter **Lyla Elizabeth**, born on November 6th. Congratulations also go out to **Grandparents Paula & Mike Deakter, Aunt Rachel & Uncle Gary Goldman, cousins Stella & Violet Goldman** and **Great-Aunt Natalie Lango!**

Temple Beth Am • JupiterFIRST Church • St. Peter Catholic Church



Invite you to join us at our 17th annual

THANKSGIVING EVE INTERFAITH SERVICE

And First Night of Chanukah Candle Lighting

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00pm

At Temple Beth Am, 2250 Central Blvd., Jupiter

*Join us to give thanks for the gifts
and blessings of our world:*

- Cash donations accepted to
benefit El Sol, Jupiter's
Neighborhood Resource Center

- Non-perishable food items
accepted to benefit our Head
Start Food Pantry



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30th Anniversary Celebration

Risa Voorhees & Alec Wisch, co-chairs

It was a night 30 years in the making. On Friday, November 8, 2013, Temple Beth Am celebrated 30 years of dedication, perseverance and community. We ate, we drank, we laughed and we remembered. We honored our founders, our presidents and our Advisory Committee. Over 350 people came to commemorate the past, rejoice in the present and look forward to our future. It was a wonderful evening spent with friends and family.

Jeanne and Brud Tarsches, two of TBA founders, wanted to celebrate Temple Beth Am's 30th birthday. They went to Rabbi Alon with the idea and a committee was formed. With much talk and deliberation, a plan was put into place to create a venue to honor the journey of Temple Beth Am. The result was a pre-Service cocktail hour filled with wonderful food from both our caterers: Aaron's Catering and our talented congregants. The night continued with a beautiful Service that included a parade of Torahs carried by past presidents, blessings for our founders and an Aliyah for all the congregants that had B'nei Mitzvahs at Temple Beth Am. The night finished with an oneg with an ice cream bar sponsored by the **Men's Club**, a chocolate fountain manned by **Ron & Leona Holland** and pastries supplied by the **Sisterhood**. Oh, what a night!

One of the highlights of the evening was the wall of photos and the three slideshows simultaneously playing throughout the event representing 30 years of Temple Beth Am life. This was a labor of love, as endless hours were spent by many people pouring over years of photos, scanning photos that were not digital and trying to ensure that we truly represented our history with the respect it deserved. Mission accomplished! A great big thank you to **David Randell** for coordinating this huge endeavor with all its moving parts.

Mary Elias took on the task of getting us sponsors to pay for our fun-filled evening and created the commemorative book that held the Temple's history, well wishes from our congregants and community and a list of our very generous sponsors. A special thank you to **Julie Littky-Rubin** for spending the time to interview our founders and to write the history of Temple Beth Am. It will be cherished for years.

The elegance and ease of the evening could not have been accomplished without **Nada Imbriale**, party coordinator extraordinaire. Her organization, her vision and hard work made the evening flawless. Thank you, Nada.

There are so many people that we would like to thank for their assistance in making this event a success. **The following are just a few that helped and an exhaustive list of all the wonderful people that assisted in the success of this event will be listed on the TBA website and TBA Facebook page.**


Thank you to **Rabbi Alon, Cantor Jessica, Brett Tancer** and all the musicians for a wonderful Service.

To the office staff, **Carol Safran, Carol Sleeper, Margot Hauser and Sara Ward**, thank you for assisting us on all of the administrative details and to **Debbie Baseman** for always keeping everything on track.

Thank you to **Amy Russell** for coordinating all the talented cooks that contributed hors d'oeuvres to our cocktail reception. To **Richard Remick**, much appreciation for always being there to assist us with whatever needs to be done and never asking for a thank you.

Thank you to all that poured over years of photos to create a wonderful visual experience.

Thank you **Paula Deakter** for having the Preschool children create all the beautiful centerpieces.



Shabbat Prayer Adventure

While you're in the Service, let your children (grades K-6) enjoy their own special Prayer Adventure with Music Director Brett Tancer

Friday, December 6th & 20th at 7:00pm



**Have the Rules of the
Israeli Political Game
Changed after the
2013 Israeli Elections?**
Insights with Rabbi Alon

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17
7:30pm-8:30pm*

"Yesh Atid" is a new force in the Israeli political system. Its leader, Yair Lapid, promised to fix the decades long unjust practices concerning state, religion, and economic fairness. His tremendous success in the elections showed that he has both charisma and impressive rhetorical gifts, but does he have the grit and wisdom to shift Israel's political agenda from security to internal matters?

** Rabbi Alon will also present this series on the same dates, 12noon-1:30pm at the JCC on Hood Rd.*



Chanukah Celebration

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:15pm

Candle Lighting & Dinner
(chicken, salad and the best latkes)

Bring your family Menorah for the grand lighting!

Free! RSVP requested to the Temple 561-747-1109

Rabbi's class on Israeli Politics is at 7:30pm, following dinner.

SISTERHOOD SCOOP

Lois Remick

Sisterhood would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-Chairs, **Alec Wisch** and **Risa Voorhees**, and all the volunteers and staff who made our Temple's 30th Anniversary a true "Kulanu". We would also like to thank **Brud** and **Jeanne Tarsches** for putting the ad in the local paper looking for "wandering Jews" in the Jupiter area so many years ago. That being said, and while we are NOT putting an ad in the local paper, Sisterhood is seeking women Temple members (no, you do not have to be Jewish) to join with us at our meetings, on our Board, and at our events, in order to make the next thirty years just as exciting as the last thirty.

Our programs are centered on giving to our Temple community, the neighboring communities, and to nourish Our Own Spirits as we seek to educate as well as provide social events. "WE ARE NOT YOUR Bubbe's SISTERHOOD"; we are YOUR Sisterhood and we come in many ages, shapes, and sizes. We ask you to "try us on" and we think you will find that we fit you to a tee!

Speaking of tea.....there will also be coffee and dessert at our next presentation on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00pm. Join us for:

AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION/Workshop
Presented by TBA Member, Norma Alkon
Topic: "Taking a Personal Journey"
Thursday, December 5th at 7:00pm

******Women who have joined the Temple since July 1, 2013.....did you know you have Free Sisterhood Membership for a year!**

This is a timely reminder as we will be having our **Annual Membership Luncheon on Sunday, January 26th at 12:30pm and all Sisterhood members are invited!** *It's our annual thank you for joining and helping to make Sisterhood a value-added part of Kulanu.*

Please see the flyer for the Annual Luncheon on the following page to RSVP.

Looking forward to seeing you on January 26, 2014.

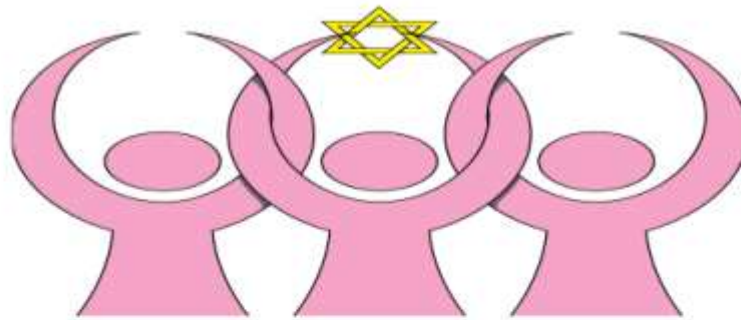
B'Shalom,
Lois Remick

SHABBAT GREETERS WANTED

Greeters for Friday Night Services.

No experience necessary, just a friendly face.
Give us one night or many, it is up to you.

For information and to sign up, call
Carol Carswell at 776-9239.



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am

Cordially invites you to attend our

***Annual Paid Up
Membership Luncheon***

Sunday, January 26, 2014
12:30pm at the Temple

Paid members and 1st year honorary members free, guests \$18

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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I will attend. Name.....

Send this bottom cut-off to Temple Beth Am,
2250 Central Blvd., Jupiter, FL.
Attn: Sisterhood

PANEL DISCUSSION

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood Presents

discuss it

Five Steps to Begin your Personal Journey:



- ~ Find and embrace your spiritual soul
- ~ Create a personal relationship with God
- ~ Think differently about yourself and life to reach your full potential
- ~ Experience true gratefulness and peace
- ~ Develop meditation and visualization skills

December 5th at 7:00pm

AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP with Norma Alkon, R.N., M.S.

Free. Light refreshments will be served.

BOOK CLUB

Carole Meshil

We will have our next meeting January 13th at TBA at 10:30am. We will be discussing *The Rabbi's Wife* by Shuly Schwartz. Tracing the careers of rebbetzins from the beginning of the twentieth century until the present; Shuly Schwartz chronicles the evolution of the role from a few individual rabbis' wives who emerged as leaders to a cohort who worked together on behalf of American Judaism.

The Rabbi's Wife reveals the ways these women succeeded in both building crucial leadership roles for themselves and becoming an important force in shaping Jewish life in America.

Our own rebbitzin Gali Levkovitz will join us for this meeting and give us her insight into her role as the Rabbi's wife. We hope you will join us and we wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Friday Night, December 13, 2013 at 7:00pm Shabbat Service with:



- Torah Reading
- A little "learning" &
- Birthday Blessings

The Victory Season

World War II, the Homecoming, and the Birth of Baseball's Golden Age



Breakfast and Speaker

Acclaimed author

ROBERT WEINTRAUB

Sunday, December 15th

9:15am, \$12 entrance fee

Please RSVP to
tbamensclub2@gmail.com



"In the spring of 1946, World War II was finally over, and baseball's greatest were returning home. Stars such as Ted Williams, Stan Musial, and Joe DiMaggio returned to the Majors with bats blazing. It was a year of attendance records, the first year that Yankee Stadium held night games and most significantly, Jackie Robinson's first year playing in Brooklyn Dodgers system." Hachette Book Group

Exciting Book Signing and Book Raffle!

- "Weintraub loads the bases with the kind of entertaining anecdotes, minutia and quotes that separate baseball – and baseball writing – from other sports, and he skillfully captures the facts and texture of the '46 season..." -- *USA Today*
- "Weintraub tells myriad good stories. If you want generous context for a great season of baseball when it was still the national pastime and the country was in fascinating flux, Weintraub is your man." -- *Washington Post*
- "*The Victory Season* leaps off the page like a newsreel." -- Allen Barra, *Chicago Tribune*



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MEN'S CLUB

Jerry Holinstat, Men's Club President

Recent Activities

What an exciting month we experienced!

The Men's Club had the honor of providing the Ice Cream and servers for the Temple's 30th anniversary. What an exciting experience that was. A wonderful showing and a very exciting program.

The Men's Club sponsored the **Veterans Day Speaker and Breakfast** in Honor of Veterans Day. **Harvey Silverman, John Marzina and David Elias** headed up the Men's Club event. (Unfortunately I missed it as I was in Aruba for two weeks.) Thank you also to all of the Men that assisted in preparing and presenting a fine breakfast.

We were blessed to have two of our members as the speakers, **Aaron Scanlan** and **Mort Siegel** who are veterans and did an outstanding job presenting their experiences in two wars. We also had the privilege of having the **Jupiter Police Honor Guard** present the Colors at the beginning of the event.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast and Speaker:

Sunday, December 15th at 9:15am, we are hosting a very exciting **Breakfast and Speaker**. After a special breakfast we will be hosting a writer and presenter of Major League Baseball. His name is **Robert Weintraub** and he has written the book "**The House that Ruth Built**". His new book sensation is "**The Victory Season**". The book has become an overnight success according to The New York Times, New York Post and many other reviewers. Robert is a frequent contributor to the New York Times Sports section, and other columns in the paper. He is also a sports columnist for SLATE and his writing has aired on ESPN, ABC SPORTS, CBS SPORTS and others.

*"By the spring of 1946 World War II was finally over and baseball's greatest were returning home. Stars such as **Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Joe DiMaggio** returned with bats blazing. It was a year of attendance records, the first year that Yankee Stadium held night games and most significant, **Jackie Robinson's first year playing in the Brooklyn Dodgers system.**"*

This and much more as Robert Weintraub's vibrant storytelling enliven this legendary season. At the conclusion of the speakers presentation there will be a **book signing** for those participants wishing to purchase a gift for their children and/or grandchildren. Collectors will also appreciate a personally signed copy of this collection of factual baseball history. Interestingly there were many Jewish players, and also included is the beginning of African American participation in Major League Baseball.

Real Deli Dinner:

As many of you remember at the end of last year the Men's Club took on the huge task of successfully hosting a **REAL DELI DINNER**. There were over 120 guests. The deli dinner also included a silent auction including local restaurants, salons, wine tastings, products and much more.

This year we are again hosting a **REAL DELI DINNER**. It will take place on **Saturday evening January 11th at 6:00pm**, in the Temple Social Hall. **The cost is \$20 per person and RSVP's are necessary by January 7th**. The event will include **music, a cocktail hour, a silent auction** and some of the finest Deli you have ever tasted. Harvey Silverman and I conducted a food tasting in Boca Raton and both of us walked away very impressed. Both of us can testify that the deli is equal to authentic New York Deli. In fact, the owner of this Deli owned the Pastrami King in New York City. He gets his product right out of NYC and makes the best brisket I've ever had.

Each table will be supplied with its own complete tray of corned beef, pastrami, turkey and brisket with all the trimmings.

The Men's Club would like to invite each of you and your families and friends (we are planning to again have **babysitting** for your children; \$10 per child) to join us on Saturday evening January 11th. **To RSVP for the Real Deli Dinner, please send your check for \$20 per person, made payable to Men's Club of Temple Beth Am, to Temple Beth Am, 2250 Central Blvd., Jupiter, Fl. 33458 and attention it to "Real Deli Dinner"**. Remember as last year, if you ***get your reservations in early you can reserve a complete table for your family and/or friends.***

Finally I want to thank all of the Temple Beth Am Men's Club Members. You can pride yourselves in knowing how much you have had to do with helping to support our Wonderful Home away from Home.

JANUARY 11th, 2014

Mark your calendars



Temple Beth Am

Proudly presents



"Deli" Dinner & Silent Auction

**Saturday, January 11th
6:00pm @ Temple Beth Am**



**Adults – Hors d'oeuvres,
deli platters, & soft drinks
Wine & Beer Available**



Children – Pizza Dinner



\$20 per adult

\$10 per child, including babysitting service, RSVP by Jan. 3rd

RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

***** Must RSVP & Pay by January 7th *****

Please make your check out to Men's Club &
send to Temple Beth Am, 2250 Central Blvd,
Jupiter, FL 33458



THE TOP OF THE HILL GANG*



Please join us for a *Wine Tasting!!!*

at the home of: Hal and Mary-Ann Siegel
156 Seashore Drive
Jupiter, FL 33477

When: Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 7:00pm

The evening will include learning about and tasting wines from *Total Wine*, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts

Cost: \$10.00 per person [Reservations required]

Questions and directions: call Mary-Ann at 561-575-6941

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Please return this form with your \$10.00 check (payable to Temple Beth Am) **no later than Monday, January 20th** to: Mary-Ann Siegel, 156 Seashore Drive, Jupiter, FL 33477

Name(s) _____ Number attending _____
Telephone _____ email address _____

*The *Top of the Hill Gang* is designed to offer Temple members, couples and singles, men and women, aged 55 and older, a variety of activities and events that will appeal particularly to them.

THE TOP OF THE HILL GANG's TRIP TO BUSCH WILDLIFE

Mary-Ann Siegel



A great day for *The Top of the Hill Gang*. We had a wonderful guide, and perfect weather for the 14 of us.

Thanks to all for your help getting us going!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Carole Meshil

Nava Viniar



Carole Meshil is originally from Yonkers, New York and became a permanent resident of Jupiter a few years ago. She enjoys leading the Book Club at Temple Beth Am that meets four times a year. There is a nice camaraderie in the group of 11-12 people, and during the off season during the summer, they sometimes meet socially for lunch. It's a nice informal group with people of different backgrounds and lots of different ages.

NV: If you weren't living in Florida, where would you be living, and why?

CM: If I weren't living in Florida, I think I would be living in Rosh HaNikra, in Israel. It is physically beautiful.

NV: If you could go back in time and talk to yourself in High School, what advice would you give yourself?

CM: I think I would tell myself to be a more serious student. I went to an all girls High School, and so when the opportunity arose, I was very social.

NV: Do you like to travel? If so, what kind of places do you like to visit?

CM: I like to travel to scenic places, rather than to big cities. I like national parks, and island hopping in Greece. I especially love traveling to Israel, all over Israel.

NV: What kind of work did you do?

CM: I taught many different grade levels in school, and ended up working in Human Resources for a large social service agency.

NV: What is your favorite magazine to read?

CM: I am a life member of Hadassah, and enjoy reading the Hadassah magazine from cover to cover.

Thank you Carole for taking the time to meet with me. It was a pleasure speaking with you!!

Nava Viniar



WELCOME



Welcome New Members:

Stuart & Kris Cohn of West Palm Beach
Dori Kiken from Jersey City, New Jersey

Welcome Back:

Al Komins & Sharon Rosen from Jupiter

Ed & Marilyn Ragofsky from Jupiter
& their children Danielle & Sidnee

Arnold & Rosalie Snyder from Palm Beach Gardens

RITUAL COMMITTEE

CHANUKAH

Ross Federgreen

Judah Maccabeus (Modi'in Maccabim Re'ut), a Kohen and the son of the Jewish Rabbi Mattathias, led the Maccabean revolt against the Seleucid Empire. Chanukah (25th of Kislev) celebrates the miracle that occurs during the revolts; the oil to light the Temple lamp that should have lasted only one night lasted for eight.

The story of the Maccabees is briefly mentioned but not told in detail in the Book of Daniel within the Kethuvim of the Bible. This is most probably because Daniel, the last book of the Bible, was completed in 164 BCE which was the last year of the Maccabean uprising. However, the story plays prominently in the early Christian writings of the Apocrypha in Maccabees I and Maccabees II, in addition to the Greek writings of Josephus. Further, in the Christian Old Testament, the story of the Maccabees is placed in higher importance with the Major Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, while, in the Jewish Scriptures it is placed in the lesser Kethuvim or writings.

The wars that Judah Maccabee and his father and four brothers led consisted of a war against the Seleucid King Antiochus IV and then a civil war to determine the leadership of Judea. Initially, King Antiochus IV restricted, and then prohibited, the daily sacred practice of the Jews, which included circumcision, Temple ritual, Sabbath observance, and the study of the Torah. It is noteworthy that these acts were the first recorded acts of significant religious persecution. To that time, most rulers allowed the populations to practice the religions of their choosing unabated. The final blow was the desecration of the Temple into a pagan shrine.

After the rededication of the Temple in 165 BCE, civil war erupted related to the correctness for the family Hasmoneans (Maccabees), after their earlier victory, to ascend to the throne of the House of David. Since the Hasmoneans were not direct descendants of the Tribe of Judea, the Rabbis felt that this ordination to the throne was not appropriate. In fact, many believe that this is the central reason that the story of the Maccabees is not of significance in the Tanakh, the Jewish Bible, which consists of the Torah (The Pentateuch), Nevi'im (Prophets) and K'tuvim (Scriptures).

The word Maccabee is an acrostic created by joining the first letter of the Hebrew words "Mi Chamocha ba'eilim Adonai" which means, "Who among the mighty is like Thee, O God?" It is said that the word Maccabee was the battle cry of the Jewish patriots who fought a guerrilla style war against the Seleucid Army. In another interpretation, the word Maccabee is the Hebrew word for "hammer" derived from the root makav.

Chanukah, which means rededication, relates to the miracle of the oil burning for eight nights when the Maccabees reclaimed and rededicated the Temple. After the conflict, none of the containers of oil except one was still sealed. The contents of a single container would normally last for only one night and the process of creating new purified oil would take eight days. This time, however, the single container of oil burned for eight days. Today, to celebrate this event, every Jewish temple lights the Ner Tamid or perpetual light, which hangs above the Aron Kodesh, the Holy Ark. The Ner Tamid represents the Shamash of the Temple Menorah.

TRACTATE SHABBAT

In Chapter II of the Tractate Shabbat, the regulations concerning the Sabbath and Chanukah lights are discussed. The Shabbat Tractate (book) is the first tractate in the Order Mishnaic section of the Moed of the Mishnah and Talmud. The tractate consists of 24 chapters.

Within Chapter II, there are a number of rabbinical discussions and declarations regarding the practices surrounding the lighting and treatment of the Chanukah menorah. The proper ordinance for the Chanukah lights is that they last from sunset until the footsteps are no longer heard on the street. The term "footsteps on the street" refer to the "steps of the Tarmudites" from the Babylonian Talmud who live in a sandy land and must keep their eyes half closed...possibly nomads.

The law of Chanukah demands that every man should have one lamp for himself and his household. In addition, there is a divergence of opinion as to whether to light all of the candles the first night and then decrease the number (Beth Shamani) or on the first night light one candle and then increase (Beth Hillel) by one candle each subsequent night. The Talmudic argument is that the lights should be lit in the manner of the sacrifices of the feast (Beth Shamani) while the opposing view is that holy actions should show increase and not reduction (Beth Hillel). The Beth Shamani approach is the correct approach by the Talmudic standard but Beth Hillel is the traditional approach followed in our community.

Finally, according to Halakah (Jewish Law) the menorah should be placed on the left of the entrance so that the Chanukah light is on the one side of the door and the Mezuzah on the other side of the door. There are many other components of Halakah that effects the Chanukah celebration and the candle lightening specifically.

A GUIDE TO LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

This year, **the first candle of Chanukah will be lit on Wednesday night, November 27th**. The candles should be lit at sunset or afterwards.

Using an extra candle called the Shamash, the helper candle, light one candle on the first night (starting at the extreme right side of the Chanukiah) and add a candle each night. Light the newest candle first. By the eighth night, all eight candles are lit. (Note: if you are using an electric Chanukiah in your window, light the lights so those looking in from the street see the lights lit correctly - from their right to left.) On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

Each night, before lighting the candles, the first two blessings below are recited. On the first night, the third blessing, the Shehecheyanu, is added.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik
ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu
bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those days, at this season.

For first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

SOCIAL ACTION

Audrey Ades, Debby Baker & Marcy Isdaner



TBA SOCIAL ACTION/ DECEMBER 2013 "THE THIRD PILLAR" NEWS

DEAR TBA CONGREGANTS & FRIENDS:

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GOOD WORK AND SUPPORT IN 2013! TBA continues to make a strong impact in our community due to your commitment to social action. We look forward to working together to make an even bigger difference in 2014!

TEMPLE BETH AM FOOD PANTRY:

Please continue to bring in non-perishable food which we deliver weekly to the Jupiter Community Action Center to provide food to people in need, including Head Start families. To help with pickups, deliveries, or for more information, please contact Robin Schafler at 561-310-1335.

JAFCO (JEWISH ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE OPTIONS): Thanks to all of you who donated gifts to the children of JAFCO. We filled the Chanukah wishes of 10 children (80 gifts)! Madison and Marla Krieger coordinated this fantastic effort and delivered the presents to the JAFCO village. Thank you also to those who provided clothing and gifts to the grandma and her grandchildren who requested assistance.



ST. GEORGE'S: We are collecting toiletries for St. George guests which we will package in gift bags and hand out when we serve meals this month. Please bring sample/hotel size toiletries to the basket in the TBA lobby & contact Marcy to assist with this effort.

FAMILY PROMISE: We are helping Temple Judea host our guest families the week of **December 22-28th**, so please let us know if you are going to be in town and are able to help.

We want to thank those of you who supported **PUTTING THE BRAKES ON HOMELESSNESS**, a very successful event to raise awareness and funds to support FP by empowering families to regain self-sufficiency. Many families who lose their homes live in their cars for a period of time. Staying overnight in a car with my son in downtown West Palm Beach was a very meaningful, humbling and eye-opening (literally) experience. Please consider joining us next year.

2014 hosting dates: February 9 to 16th; May 11-18th; and August 17-25th

Mark your calendars & consider helping to coordinate volunteers or stay overnight! ☺

GUEST update: Alicia (mother of TJ) was promoted at her job; Antonette (mother of 1 and 3 year old girls) has had many interviews and is expecting a job offer soon; Dominique is close to securing childcare for her 10 week old son) which will allow her to work also. A 4th family should be joining the program soon. BeBe (our first guest family) & Rose spoke at the above event. They are both working and their sons are doing well in school. They expressed their sincere gratitude to FP for our efforts which profoundly changed their lives.

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person. -Fred (Mr.) Rogers

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MAH JONGG CLUB



**MAH JONGG CLUB
Wednesdays at 12:45pm**

Cracks, Bams, and Dots! Oh, my!

Interested in joining a Mah Jongg Club
here at Temple?

Call Joan Weinberger at 775-1408 or email
julianjoan@aol.com

The Mah Jongg club is offering lessons to those
who would like to learn or refresh their
skills. Those who already play are also invited to
join our group. Please call or email Joan
Weinberger for more information or reservation.

[Julianjoan@aol.com](mailto:julianjoan@aol.com)

CEMETERY PLOTS

Did you know that as a benefit of Temple membership, you can purchase cemetery plots for yourself and your family at a significantly discounted price? Temple Beth Am has reserved a limited number of cemetery plots in the Garden of Abraham section at the Star of David Cemetery and Funeral Chapel of the Palm Beaches (formerly known as Menorah Gardens).

The price of a plot purchased from Temple Beth Am is \$1,500. If you went directly to the Star of David, the price to purchase a plot is \$2,995. Please note that this price is for a plot only. You will need to see a funeral director for information for additional services and charges.

Remember, **the number of plots is limited** so if you wish to take advantage of this benefit and purchase a plot, please contact Margot in the Temple office at 561-747-1109 and she will gladly help you.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

How can you honor your deceased loved one?

By placing your loved one's name on the Memorial Board in the Sanctuary.

When you do this, a light on their plaque will be lit on their Yahrzeit (anniversary of their death) and their name will be read from the Bimah.

Their light will also be lit on Yom Kippur and their name will always be included in the Yizkor Book during the High Holy Days.

Even when you are gone, your loved one will not be forgotten. Plaques are \$500.

Call the Temple at 747-1109 to place your order.

MAH JONGG CARDS



2014 Mah Jongg Cards

Sisterhood will be taking orders for
New Mah Jongg Cards

Regular Size Card: \$8.00

Large Size Card: \$9.00

Please fill out the form below and send with your check
payable to:

Sisterhood
c/o Mary-Ann Siegel
156 Seashore Drive
Jupiter, FL 33477

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of Regular size cards _____ @ \$8.00 each _____

Number of Large size cards _____ @ \$9.00each _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014

TORAH TALK

Nourish the Mind and Satisfy the Soul

Bring a lunch – or just come to learn.
We will provide coffee and tea.

An open and lively dialogue about the
weekly Torah portion.

No prior knowledge of Torah,
Hebrew or
Judaism is needed.

This program is free and open to
the community.

**Thursdays
12:00noon – 1:15pm**

MARK JOHNSON & EMORY LESTER IN CONCERT ***Saturday, January 18, 2014***

Lauren Weinstein

I am happy to announce that on Saturday evening, January 18th, 2014, we will be offering the first in a concert series here at Temple Beth Am.

The talented duo of Mark Johnson and Emory Lester will present an evening of acoustic music featuring a blend of clawgrass/bluegrass on banjo and mandolin and guitar. Their unique style is known nationally and internationally. Johnson won the Steve Martin Award for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass in 2012. Johnson, Lester and Martin performed on the "Late Show" with David Letterman.

They have been nominated for Album of the Year at the 2007 IBMA Awards, and have just released their newest cd.

Join us for this special event. You won't be disappointed! Doors will open at 8:00pm. The show will start at 8:30pm.

Discount ticket price for Temple members will be \$20.00. Please call or email me for tickets and information.
(The Temple will not be collecting money or selling tickets.)

Lauren Weinstein @ 561-775-3448 or luvbanjo@gmail.com



Shalom!

As I sit down to write this month, I am amazed at how time flies – the first term is almost over, and *Chanukah* is almost here – the first candle will be lit on November 24th!

If you have been reading our (no longer ‘new’) Religious School E-news, you will already know that there is a lot of learning going on and that the kids are having a ball! I try to post new pictures every week, and even include a few videos now and then on our Face Book page. The students are amazing! If you haven’t visited our Facebook page yet – what are you waiting for?! Go today (right now!). Once at the TBA Facebook page, click on ‘join’ and you’re in!

We have only 3 weeks of classes this month- our last day of classes is Tuesday, December 17th, for both the Religious School and for Shalom Chai.

Here are a few of the December Religious School highlights:

- ◇ **Sunday, December 1:** No school – Thanksgiving weekend
 - ◇ **Tuesday, December 3rd:** Religious School, followed by TBA *Chanukah* dinner at 6:15pm (for all). Bring your menorah, light the candles and have dinner with your congregational family.
NO *Shalom Chai* classes this evening
 - ◇ **Saturday, December 7th:** 6th grade *B’nei Mitzvah Club Havdallah* at 4:00pm
 - ◇ **Sunday, December 8th:** K-2nd grade Family Education program
 - ◇ **Friday, December 13th:** 4th grade Shabbat dinner at 6:00pm
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- * **We do not have classes on December 22nd, 24th or the 29th & 31st, as well as no classes on January 5th.**
 - * **Classes resume on Tuesday, January 7th and Sunday, January 12th.**

Shalom Chai continues to attract over 30 teens each week. The new electives for the 2nd semester are in full swing. Whether it be Jewish Cooking Extreme, Joga (Yoga with a Jewish touch), Israeli Cinema, The Ethics Of ... (teens exploring Jewish values through viewing and discussion of film clips from popular movies), or Jewish Song Leading, the Temple is just buzzing with excitement on Tuesday evenings. This year, we even added a Social Action Elective as our teens are eager to learn how they can give back / make a difference in their world!

This fall we instituted a new practice – our teachers called every Religious School family to check in to ask what YOU thought about your children’s Religious School experience. Did they reach you? They will be making those calls again in early spring, just to make sure that we have your thoughts on how we are doing with your children’s learning. Please call them back if they miss you the first time ‘round. Or... give me a call - I love hearing from parents! We really do listen – your opinions count.

L’Shalom,

David

David Sherman, MJEd, Director of Education

Preschool News

December, 2013



Paula Deakter
Preschool Director



Jewish Self-Esteem

Self-esteem is accumulated successes across time in areas that are important to you and to others. When we praise our children they learn what is important to them. This is crucial in all areas of life, including Judaism. Our children learn from both our actions and the structure that we provide for them to thrive. If we take the time to incorporate Judaism into our own everyday lives through rituals and moral attributes, our children will begin to internalize it and make it their own. This can then lead to our children choosing to incorporate Judaism into their own lives independently, and hopefully utilizing the Jewish faith as a source of comfort and direction throughout life.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 4 Young Families Chanukah Party
4:30pm Program ages 0-3
5:00pm Dinner
5:30pm Program ages 3-5
December 9 PTO Meeting 9:15am in Chapel
December 11 Parent Program: "The Kindergarten Dilemma" with Heidi Rimer Chervony, PsyD
December 18 Parent Conferences 5-8pm
December 20 PTO Bake Sale at dismissal
December 23-27 **NO SCHOOL—Winter Break**
December 30-January 6 **NO SCHOOL—Winter Break**
December 30 Winter Intersession 7:30a-5:30p
December 31 Winter Intersession 7:30a-2:00p
January 1 **NO SCHOOL—New Year's Day**
January 2-3 Winter Intersession 7:30a-5:30p
January 6 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher PDD**
January 7 School Resumes 9:00am
January 10 Grand friends and Great Friends
Kid's Shabbat w/Mr. Brett 6:00pm
January 12 **SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** 3-5pm
January 20 **NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King's Birthday**

Scott Boord Memorial Thanksgiving Celebration

Turkey, stuffing and gravy for 200! Our annual Scott Board Memorial Thanksgiving Celebration was a very special event for all in attendance. We would like to thank the many people who gave so generously of their time and efforts to make this another memorable year for our friends of the Jupiter Head Start Program, our preschool families and the Temple community. Thank you to event chair, **Jana Taylor**, as well as the many volunteers who served a delicious Thanksgiving feast to our preschoolers, our Head Start guests and their chaperones. We are so appreciative of everyone's efforts in making this event a truly meaningful shared experience. Thank you to Rabbi Alon, Mr. Brett, the Preschool staff and our children, for acting as gracious hosts and who participated in the morning program. We are so very thankful for our wonderful luncheon, which was sponsored by Morse Geriatrics and congregant Dotty Wisch. We were also treated to cupcakes by our preschool PTO. Goody bags, including a Disney DVD that were donated by the Wisch family, were given to each Head Start child, and a basket of books and craft items was donated by our Preschool to their school for their teachers to share with the students. This was a memorable program for our preschoolers as it reinforced the values of Hachnasat Orchim (welcoming guests) and Gemilut Chasidim (acts of loving kindness) that our preschoolers have been learning about all month.



This year's Holiday Boutique was once again a successful event thanks to the dedication and coordination of chairs, **Amy Russell** and **Lindsey Klatzko**. Thank you also to all of our parent volunteers and bakers for contributing to this event, and to this year's partner, Temple Beth David Preschool.

And thank you to the PTO for selling those yummy latkes! You have made some tummies very happy once again!

Annual Improvement Plan

Each year our Preschool continues to develop an improvement plan for the school year. Please take the time to view the plan which will be posted on the parent bulletin board in the lobby in December. You may pick up a paper copy in the Preschool office. This annual plan states our accomplished goals and lists what we wish to continue to work on and improve!

Won't You Join Us for the Next Kid's Shabbat...?

Friday evening, November 15th, we had a very successful Kid's Shabbat with Mr. Brett and a visit from Mazel the Shabbat Puppy.



Please save the date of January 10, 2014 for our "Grand-friends and Great Friends Kid's Shabbat with Mr. Brett." Bring someone special with you for this free family-friendly event that once again will include an informal Shabbat dinner.

*** SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! ***

Sunday, January 12, 2014 we will have a school-wide Open House from 3:00-5:00pm. Bring the whole family, as well as friends who have preschool age children that are looking for a quality school environment. We will be unveiling some new and exciting changes to our school! Registration will be open for the 2014-2015 school year and there will be lots of children's activities as well. So save the date!

The Faces of our Toddler Enrichment Program 😊



Babies, Infants & Toddlers Chanukah Party



Wednesday, December 4th 4:30pm-5:30pm

We invite all Young Families to come celebrate the Holiday of Lights!!

**Join us for an afternoon of Latkes & Applesauce,
Singing, Dancing, Driedels, Crafts and Lighting the Menorah!**

(open to children 0-3...siblings are welcome to join)

Event Fee: \$10

The Kindergarten Dilemma: How to determine the best school placement option for your child

Dr. Heidi Rimer Cherwony, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Wednesday, December 11th 9:15am

As your family begins to think about kindergarten, there are a lot of options to consider. Are you wondering whether gifted testing is right for your child? Join us for a discussion with Dr. Cherwony to understand how to do what is best for your child. This workshop will offer you the opportunity to have a thorough understanding of what this process is all about and to have all your questions answered about gifted testing.

www.mindandbodydoctor.com

Workshop Fee: \$5

To register for classes, workshops & events
contact Yael Lawrence: ylawrence@templebetham.com

Winter/Spring 2014 Family Class Schedule

Coo & Connect: New Baby Discussion & Playgroup (0-9 months)

Tuesdays 9:30am-10:15am

Instructor: Yael Lawrence MS BC-DMT

Winter Session 1/14/2014-3/4/2014 (8 week session)

Spring Session 4/1/2014-5/27/2014 (8 week session)

Cost: \$80 for each 8 week session

Join other parents and new babies to obtain practical information about infant development and parenthood, share experiences & participate in a fun, educational and supportive early childhood forum.

Toddler Enrichment Program (TEP) (12-30 months)

Fridays 9:15am-10:45am

Instructor: Yael Lawrence MS BC-DMT

Winter TEP Session 1/10/2014 – 3/14/2014 (10 week session)

Cost: \$200

Spring TEP Session 4/4/2014 – 5/30/2014 (9 week session)

Cost: \$180

Bundle & Save: Winter & Spring 2014 TEP Sessions (save \$50)

Cost: \$330

****a one time registration fee of \$25 is due at time of payment****

This is a great introduction as your toddler prepares for preschool. This mommy & me class exposes your child to new social situations & classroom experiences, which provide an easier transition to a structured learning environment.

For class details please check out the website www.templebetham.com

And please check out our blog page at:

<http://templebethamjupiter.blogspot.com/p/family-center.html>

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Heather Weisbrod



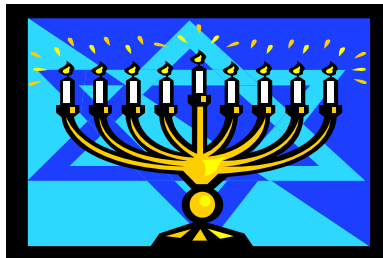
Hello Temple Beth Am family, my name is **Heather Weisbrod** and I am your new Youth Engagement Director. I am excited to have met so many of you over the past few weeks and I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to celebrate such a special occasion at the 30th anniversary of Temple Beth Am. I recognize that there are many of you that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, so I would like to take the opportunity in my first Scribe article to introduce myself.

I was born and raised in the Cocoa Beach, Florida area where I was educated in the reform movement at Temple Israel in Melbourne. I am an Alumna of Florida State University where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication, Sciences, and Disorders with a focus in child development. After graduation in the spring of 2012, I was honored to receive the opportunity to travel to universities across the country as a Leadership Consultant for my sorority Sigma Delta Tau. As a Leadership Consultant, I worked with local chapter's teaching best practices, for recruitment, social and educational programming, and leadership development. I now volunteer on Sigma Delta Tau's National Council as an advisor for the Psi chapter at the University of Massachusetts. I am thrilled to also be working at the Jewish Federation in the Jewish Teen Initiative Department, as their High School Engagement Coordinator.

Working with students of all ages has been a passion of mine for many years. I am excited to work with all three TBA youth groups, JAMTY, JAMTY JR, and Cochavim, and I look forward to watching our students blossom into young leaders in the community.

Heather's contact information: youth@templebetham.com, heather.weisbrod@jewishpalmbeach.org and 561-312-5310.

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH JAMTY!



WHO: ALL TBA High school students are welcome!

WHAT: A celebration in honor of Chanukah: latkes, snacks, music, games, and MORE!

WHEN: December 5TH from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

WHERE: Temple Beth Am - Youth Lounge.

CONTACT: Zoe Chia (561-779-4730) or Heather Weisbrod (youth@templebetham.com).

CAMP COLEMAN

Liz Denmark

Save The Date

Who: URJ Camp Coleman

When: Sunday, January 12, 2014

Where: Temple Beth Am

Why: Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for a 'Meet and Greet' with Andi Solomon, Assistant Camp Director to learn more about URJ Camp Coleman.

Camp Coleman, a program of the Union for Reform Judaism, serves campers from the Southeast United States from Tennessee and the Carolinas through Georgia and Florida. Committed to core values of respect, peace, community and kindness, they build a warm and caring community where campers have fun and experience the excitement and warmth of belonging to a Reform Jewish community. We look with pride to the thousands of young people who have formed lasting friendships and called Camp Coleman home for more than 40 years.

URJ Camp Coleman allows our children to live a wholly Jewish life while at camp. Campers can experience Jewish culture and tradition while in a safe, challenging and fun environment. In a natural setting, campers are given the opportunity to explore their Judaism. Coleman provides a creative setting for Jewish living and learning, through camp programming. At Camp Coleman campers and staff can develop lifelong friendships.

Please feel free to contact Liz Denmark @ Lizdenmark@mac.com, if you have any questions about camp or please go to their website at www.coleman.urjcamps.org or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/urjcampcoleman



**December 7, 2013
Bat Mitzvah of
Alexis Friedman**

With pride, love and joy we are honored to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Alexis Jacquelyn Friedman. Alexis is an honor student and member of the Pre-Finance Academy at Watson B. Duncan Middle School.

Alexis enjoys spending time with friends and family and spends her summers at Camp Blue Star in North Carolina.

Alexis has an affinity for history, and after extensively studying about the Holocaust, decided to meet a survivor and share her story for her Mitzvah project.

We are very proud of Alexis and look forward to seeing what wonderful accomplishments lie ahead.

Scott and Jennifer Friedman



**December 14, 2013
B'not Mitzvah of
Erika Wesch & Emma Strauss**

We are very proud to announce that our daughters Erika and Emma will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on December 14, 2013. We are excited and the girls have been working very hard.

Emma is an 8th grader at Bak Middle School and is very involved in Video production, TV production and is interested in a career as a producer in Hollywood! She is also a very accomplished gymnast.

Erika is a 7th grader at Jupiter Middle School. She is very busy with the band, where she is a percussionist and is in the drum-line. She is also a competitive swimmer with the Jupiter Dragons Swim team and hopes to go to the Olympics someday.

The girls are stepsisters who have been in each other's lives for the past 6 years and have very much bonded together as real sisters. Good things have come to them and they like to do nice things for others. They have decided that for their mitzvah project they will do random acts of kindness for others each day for a month. Everyone deserves someone to be nice to them!

We would like to thank Rabbi Alon, Brett Tancer, and the teachers at Temple Beth Am for all of their support and help in preparing them for this day.

Andrew and Beth Strauss and Diane Hill

December 30, 2013
Bar Mitzvah of
Joseph LaBovick



We are proud to announce that our son, Joseph Charles Uria LaBovick (JoJo) will be called to the Torah in Jerusalem, Israel at the Western Wall as a Bar Mitzvah on Monday, December 30, 2013.

JoJo is a 7th grader at the Benjamin School where he is an Honor Roll student. JoJo is an avid all around athlete. He loves basketball, football, lacrosse and pretty much anything else you can imagine playing with a ball. JoJo plays travel basketball most of the year and was pretty convinced for many years the NBA was in his future.

When not playing school sports or travel basketball JoJo loves his trampoline and wakeboarding with his brother.

JoJo loves to travel but his favorite place on earth is in North Carolina at Camp Highlander where he has been awarded outstanding camper and is the only member of our family to become a Red Devil.

JoJo is excited to share this special day with his sister Hannah and brother William along with many of our friends who are joining us on the Temple Beth Am family trip to Israel this December.

JoJo's mitzvah project is to run a fundraiser to support underprivileged boys to afford to play with his travel basketball team. He will be running a car wash and bake sale to support two boys and help them to pay for travel basketball.

JoJo worked hard in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah and we all could not be more proud of him.

We need to thank Rabbi Alon, Brett Tancer and all of JoJo's past teachers, (especially Debbie Baseman for not strangling him when he was younger) at Temple Beth Am, for all of their help in preparing him for this very special day.

Brian & Esther LaBovick

Come Join the Choir with Brett Tancer



- Do you love to sing?
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- Have you always secretly wanted to sing in the choir?

Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm

The Choir is open to everyone over Bar/Bat Mitzvah age.
For details call Brett at 561-747-1109.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ISRAELI EMISSARIES

Dear Synagogue Executive Directors,

Shalom! We are Shani and Nir Boneh, the new Israeli SHLICHIM (emissaries) in our community. We have met most of you already, and look forward to meeting the rest of you shortly.

As part of our mission, we are working with all the area synagogues and Jewish organization in Palm Beach County in order to add an Israeli component wherever we can.

One of the programs we want to start, is called “AMETZ CHAYAL” (adopt a soldier) program. The idea is to have families from our partnership region in Israel (TZA HAR- Zfat, Hatzor and Rosh-Pina) adopt current Israeli soldiers who came from Palm Beach. This will give soldiers from Palm Beach places to call home in Tzahar.

According to IDF laws, a soldier whose family is not in Israel is a “lone soldier,” and is entitled to special treatment. One of the benefits is the assignment of a host family, but since we have a home in Israel- our partner region- we want our soldiers from Palm Beach to have host families from the region.

The families will invite them for dinners and weekends, send them packages with good stuff, and serve as their home in Israel.

To make this project come true, we are asking for your help. If you know anyone from here who is serving in the IDF, or going to join the IDF, please, send us his/ her contact details.

If you have any questions please feel free to call us.

Thank you very much for your support, and we look forward to working with you over the next two years.

Shani and Nir (“SHANIR”) Boneh

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In the spirit of Kulanu, let's all remember to wear our name tags when we come to Services on Friday night. Name tags are found in the drawers in the armoire in the lobby.

Wearing your name tag helps us get to know each other.

Note: If you haven't been able to find your name tag - please check again. The drawers have recently been updated and missing name tags re-done. If you still can't find your name tag, let us know and we'll happily provide you with one.

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 Esther Weiner: Mother of Gerald Weiner
 Julia Landy: Mother of Susan Freedland & Grandmother of Howard Freedland
 Ida Lena Seidman: Mother of Frank Seidman
 Leona Wecht: Wife of Bernard Wecht
 Linda White: Wife of Harvey White & Mother of Jared, Seth & Abigail White
 Sally Grusby*: Mother-in-law of Myrna Abramowitz
 Mollie Littky: Grandmother of Julie Littky-Rubin
 Ida Frank: Grandmother of Carol Sleeper
 Rose Black*: Grandmother of Myrna Abramowitz
 Dena Frank: Mother of Lisa Becker
 Rosalind Klausman: Aunt of Carla Lewis
 Joseph Wenit: Father of Carol Goldstein
 Abraham Fund*: Grandfather of Sandra Fox
 Julius Lebrecht: Father of Harriet Zysman
 Sadye Pfeffer: Mother of Ira Pfeffer
 Samuel Schwartzman*: Husband of Sonja Schwartzman

December 8 - December 14

Joyce Goldstein: Daughter of Barry & Judy Goldstein
 Robert Rosenberg: Father of Melissa Mulvaney
 Larry Short: Father-in-law of Jody Minde
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 Max Schatzer*: Father of Barbara Leaf
 Ida Schuster: Grandmother of Shari Rodgers
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 Marilyn Sirkus: Aunt of Myrna Abramowitz

December 15 - December 21

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Ashley Amsden	12/24
Amy Andersen	12/4
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Michael Azeez	12/26
Addison Basinski	12/1
Jill Becker	12/9
Eric J. Becker	12/31
Josephine Berenson	12/6
Stanley Berkley	12/20
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Gary Brookmyer	12/30
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Samuel Chiet	12/18
Robert Clayman	12/31
Laurie Cohen	12/7
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Wendy Cohn	12/12
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Leah Duckson	12/18
Teddy Dwork	12/23
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Loel Fishman	12/17
Howard Fox	12/13
Joshua Friedman	12/2
Alexis Friedman	12/6
Sara Friedman	12/11
Laura Friedman	12/22
Shirley Grangard	12/20
Chloe Greenberg	12/5
Robert Greene	12/17
Lisa Harrisburg	12/1
Tamara Hartman	12/12
Ron Holland	12/15
Madison Holtermann	12/14
Seth Honowitz	12/1
Grace Horgan	12/3
Nicole Isdamer	12/23
Elaine Kaufman	12/25
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Lisa Kleinfeld	12/17
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Gary Krieger	12/20
Robert Labell	12/13
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Steven Leibovich	12/17
Brandon Leibovich	12/28

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Janet Hartman & Family on the loss of her husband, Herbert Hartman.

May God send comfort to those in mourning.

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December 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chanukah <i>No Religious School</i>	2 Chanukah <i>12:00 ORT Chanukah Party</i>	3. 3 Chanukah <i>12:00 Rabbi talk on Israel @ JCC</i> <i>5:00 Religious Sch NO Shalom Chai</i> <i>6:15 Congregational Chanukah Dinner & candle lighting</i> <i>7:30 Rabbi talk on Israel at TBA</i>	4 Chanukah <i>12:45 Mah Jongg</i> <i>4:30 Babies Chanukah Party</i> <i>5:00 Young Families Chanukah program</i> <i>7:00 Choir</i>	5 Last day of Chanukah <i>12:00 Torah Talk</i> <i>5:30 JAMTY Chanukah party</i> <i>6:30 Men's Club mtg (Square Grouper)</i> <i>7:00 "Taking A Personal Journey" panel discussion</i>	6 <i>7:00 Shabbat Service with Separate Prayer Adventure during Service for K-6th grade with Brett Tancer</i>	7 <i>10:00 Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Friedman</i> <i>4:00 6th grade Havdallah program</i>
8 <i>9:30 Religious School</i> <i>9:30 K-2nd grade Family Education program</i>	9 <i>9:15 Preschool PTO meeting</i>	10 <i>12:00 Rabbi talk on Israel @ JCC</i> <i>5:00 Religious School</i> <i>6:30 Shalom Chai</i> <i>7:30 Rabbi talk on Israel @ TBA</i>	11 <i>9:15 Parent program "The Kindergarten Dilemma"</i> <i>12:45 Mah Jongg</i> <i>7:00 Choir</i>	12 <i>12:00 Torah Talk</i>	13 <i>6:00 4th grade Shabbat Dinner</i> <i>7:00 Shabbat Service with Torah reading and Birthday blessings</i>	14 <i>10:00 Morning Service and B'not Mitzvah of Emma Strauss & Erika Wesch</i>
15 <i>9:15 Men's Club Bkft with author Robert Weintraub "The Victory Season"</i> <i>9:30 Religious School</i>	16 <i>1:00 Preschool Ballet Recital</i> <i>4:30 St. George's Soup Kitchen</i> <i>7:00 Board of Directors meeting</i>	17 <i>12:00 Rabbi talk on Israel @ JCC</i> <i>5:00 Religious School</i> <i>6:30 Shalom Chai</i> <i>7:30 Rabbi talk on Israel @ TBA</i>	18 <i>12:45 Mah Jongg</i> <i>5:00-8:00 Preschool Parent Conferences</i> <i>7:00 Choir</i>	19 <i>12:00 Torah Talk</i>	20 <i>12:00 Preschool PTO Bake Sale</i> <i>7:00 Shabbat Service with Separate Prayer Adventure</i>	21 Israel trip
22 Israel trip <i>No Religious School</i> <i>TBA hosts Family Promise Week</i>	23. 23 Israel trip <i>Preschool closed – winter break</i> <i>Family Promise</i>	24 Israel trip <i>Preschool closed</i> <i>2:00 Office closes</i> <i>No Religious School</i> <i>No Shalom Chai</i> <i>Family Promise</i>	25 Israel trip <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Office & Preschool closed</i> <i>Family Promise</i>	26 Israel trip <i>Preschool closed</i> <i>Winter Regionals in Orlando</i> <i>Family Promise</i>	27 Israel trip <i>Presch. closed</i> <i>Winter Regionals</i> <i>7:00 Shabbat Service</i> <i>Family Promise</i>	28 Israel trip <i>Winter Regionals in Orlando</i> <i>Family Promise</i>
29 Israel trip <i>No Religious School</i> <i>Winter Regionals in Orlando</i>	30 Israel trip <i>7:30-5:30 Preschool Intersession</i> <i>Winter Regionals in Orlando</i>	31 Israel trip <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>7:30-2:00 Preschool Intersession</i> <i>2:00 Office closes</i> <i>No Rel. School</i> <i>No Shalom Chai</i>	1 Israel trip <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Office & Preschool closed</i>	2 Israel trip <i>7:30-5:30 Preschool Intersession</i> <i>7:00 Sisterhood meeting</i>	3 Israel trip <i>7:30-5:30 Preschool Intersession</i> <i>7:00 Shabbat Service</i>	4 <i>10:00 Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Primack</i> <i>5:00 Afternoon Service and Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Frank</i>

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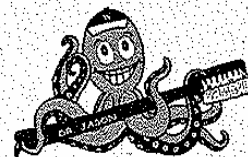


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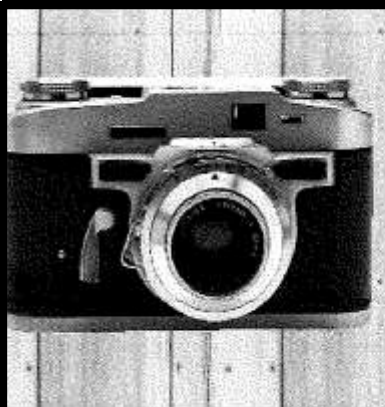


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Sunday, November 24th: Religious School celebrates Chanukah with Maccabiah Games followed by a Hotdog & chips lunch

Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00pm: Light the 1st Chanukah candle at the Erev Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at Temple Beth Am

Friday, November 29th at 7:00pm: Shabbat Service with Chanukah Candle Lighting

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:15pm: Congregational Chanukah Dinner. Bring your menorah, light the candles and have dinner with your congregational family. (Rabbi Alon's talk on Israeli Politics begins at 7:30pm.)

Wednesday, December 4th: Young Families Chanukah Parties

4:30pm: Babies Chanukah Party in the Mishpacha Center (0-3 yrs.)

5:00pm: Dinner for Young Families

5:30pm: Preschoolers Chanukah celebration (3-5 yrs.)

