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A few days after Maya's Bat Mitzvah someone made a comment about the futile nature of events like that. "Months of planning, coordinating, hard work by so many, and then: poof! It is all over." In a way it is true. I went into the Temple the next day to get something I had forgotten, and except for the empty tent outside there was no evidence of the previous day's celebration. The sanctuary was clean and ready for the following Shabbat and the Social Hall was restored to its original setup. However, the physical emptiness was hardly a reflection of our hearts. Our perspective of life, family, friendship and community, has forever changed.

The famous Israeli author, Amos Oz, wrote in one of his essays that "the nature of all the dreams in the world is that they are wonderful, perfect, and spectacular just as long as they remain a dream, a vision, a fantasy. A dream-come-true has become somewhat worn, somewhat shabby and it may also have become somewhat of a disappointment." In our personal and professional lives we lived through endless examples that proved Oz's observation right. But the Shabbat of Maya's Bat Mitzvah was the exact opposite. While we never had a specific vision for that day, all we wanted was for it to feel Jewish and be spiritual and fun. We were blessed to have all the above, and also so much more. And this "more" was not going away in 5 hours or 5 years - it will stay with us forever.

What is this "more"?

First is the magical mixture of fear and happiness when realizing that your daughter has really crossed the threshold into adulthood. At some point, the Reform Movement tried to do away with B'nei Mitzvah and replace them with Confirmation at the age of 16. It didn't last and we went back to our ancient tradition that brilliantly understood the need for a rite of passage at the age of 13. Not only do our children need it, but we, parents, need it as well. Our children's B'nei Mitzvah mark our own new position on the generational ladder as a new generation is climbing up, and ultimately will take our place. We are really happy for them, yet at the same time a bit anxious. And here comes the other brilliant insight of Judaism: we don't face anything alone. We have our community to share with us at all stages of life and as a result our happiness is elevated even higher (and in times of need our sadness assuaged).

Schadenfreude, delight in another person's misfortune, is a German word that entered the English language. But a word that describes happiness in another's good fortune does not exist. One can speculate on the meaning of it, but what we saw during Maya's Bat Mitzvah was hundreds of people who were happy for us and with us. There isn't a better feeling than that. Having so many of you come together, pray, sing, dance and celebrate with us, made us feel infinite love and happiness. You, our wonderful community, truly made our *simcha* just that – an amazingly joyful Jewish celebration that we will cherish for life.

When we have written before that "It takes a Village to Raise a Child," and TBA is our village, in hind sight we should have used the word *Shtetl* instead. We had the full experience of the *shtetl*, the ultimate Jewish community. We are humbled by and grateful for our community's support: it has been incredible in the planning and executing stages. So many have stepped up and offered help with anything from catering, through Town permits, to rolling napkins and so much more. We honestly couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all who have been with us in body and in spirit, and thank you for all the cards, the calls, the emails, the gifts, the well wishes and the love. From our home to yours, we wish such blessings on each one of you.



B'Shalom V'Ahava (in peace and with love),
Rabbi Alon, Gali, Maya, Ben and Yoni

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Debbie Baseman

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hal Baseman



Dear Temple Beth Am'ers and Why-aren't-you'ers:

I am sitting at PBI waiting for my flight. We are delayed again. This time the windshield fell out of the cockpit. No kidding. As I was sitting here, I started thinking about how well we were communicating the whole *TBA Kulanu* concept. There have been emails, articles, letters, meetings, and sermons, but how much has gotten through? So, I thought we'd test your Temple knowledge. Please take a minute to complete this short multiple choice exam. Check all that apply. *



1. Temple Beth Am is a place ...

- ☐ where every congregant knows your name
- ☐ where some congregants forget their own names
- ☐ where a few congregants like to call me names

2. Temple Beth Am is a place ...

- ☐ where guests and strangers are welcome to come and worship with us
- ☐ where guests and strangers are welcome to join our congregation regardless of ability to pay
- ☐ where guests and strangers are welcome to buy me pizza and beer after Shabbat Services

3. Temple Beth Am is a place ...

- ☐ where the very young and the very old come together to help build a Jewish community
- ☐ where the very young and the very old have many programs of interest
- ☐ where the very young and the very old get up to go to the bathroom a lot during Services

4. Temple Beth Am is a place ...

- ☐ where lines and barriers break down and all are treated equal
- ☐ where lines and barriers are eliminated, so all can be a part of the Jewish community
- ☐ where lines and barriers at the buffet table are pretty much ignored

**Answers to appear in next month's Scribe.*

Board Update

The Board, Rabbi, staff, and leadership are working on the Temple's Strategic Plan. After getting input from congregants via focus groups, town hall meetings, and other suggestions, they distilled our core purpose or mission to this concise statement:

Making Judaism Accessible... so future generations can kvell about their Jewish grandchildren.

In other words, our purpose is the perpetuation of our tradition and culture. What this means to me is that Judaism will not dim on our watch. More importantly, we will make it easier for our children and grandchildren to keep Judaism from dimming on their watch. This is about making the lives of our children easier. Isn't that what life is all about, what we strive to do? Who can argue such a purpose? Now comes the hard part. How can we achieve this objective? To do this we need to know what the principles are that define us as a congregation and a community. Synagogues all have common principles and objectives. By definition these include being a house of worship, providing education, and a place for celebrating holidays and social gathering. But what else is there about us that defines us beyond the ordinary?

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

Hal Baseman

With the help of **Rabbi Alon**, Board VP **Brian Cohn** and his team took the initiative to organize congregational input over the past few years into five concise principles which are important to us and essential for meeting our core objective. These can be listed as the **Temple Beth Am Values: The principles that differentiate Temple Beth Am:**

- **Kulanu, Together.** We nurture an engaged Jewish community whose members care for each other, care for the Jewish people and Israel, and gladly invest their time, money and passion.
- **Chesed, Kindness.** How we treat all.
- **Tikkun Olam, Social Responsibility.** Accepting our need to repair the world around us through social action and acts of tzedakah.
- **Acceptance, We accept all.** Our community includes those born into Judaism and those who chose Judaism, the young and the old, families considered traditional and interfaith, those who are single and those who are married, those who are GLBT—all Jews and those who love them. We welcome and serve without exception.
- **Giving Voice, We express our values.** We are responsible and privileged to communicate these values to all. We respect this honor. We empower all to communicate these values. Temple Beth Am will be known by these values.

In August, the Board, Rabbi, senior staff, and some key volunteers met to prioritize goal objectives, define strategies, and work on planning and implementing strategic objectives. Teams were formed to address *Volunteerism, Connectedness, Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience, Ritual, and Facility* goal strategies. At Board meetings we will spend significant time focusing on the plan. We encourage congregants to attend meetings and get more involved. If you want to get more involved, let us know.

Committees News

I am happy to announce that Executive VP **Ross Federgreen** is leading the new **Ritual Committee** and **Maureen and Bruce Cohen** are leading the **Caring Community Committee**. If you need the services of these groups or wish to help, contact Ross at ross.federgreen@gmail.com or Bruce at bcohen561@gmail.com.

Notable TBA Events

It has already been a busy start to the Temple year. In July we had a fantastic Pool Party, then in August, Maya's fabulous Bat Mitzvah, and later in August, a wonderful Open House. I want to thank everyone - staff and volunteers, who helped plan, make calls, set up, cook, clean up, park cars, and sweat the details - for your efforts to make these events successful. Talk about *TBA Kulanu*. TBA is fortunate to have people who care as they do.

An Upcoming Notable Event

We are planning a **30th Anniversary Shabbat Service**, with food, entertainment, and celebration on **November 8th**. This will be a Special Service honoring the Temple, its founders, and those responsible for getting us where we are today. **Risa Voorhees, Alec Wisch, Jeanne and Brud Tarsches** are doing the planning. This is a *Kulanu* event for the ENTIRE congregation. This is your event, pitch in, be a part of it. If you want to know more or help, see the flyer in this *Scribe* or contact the Temple office.

Final note

Just a reminder, please send in your *Voluntary Financial Commitment Pledge* form as soon as you can. This is the first year of our new voluntary dues program. The response has been positive, but we need all congregants to pledge what they can and send in the forms for the concept to be a success.

What else? That's it. Contact me if you need anything at halbaseman@comcast.net or at (561) 676-3940. See you at High Holy Days Services.

L' Shanah Tovah and a Happy, Healthy Year to you and yours.

Hal Baseman

IT'S TIME TO JOIN/RENEW YOUR TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

Your membership renewal form looks different this year! By now you've heard we have replaced our fixed membership dues structure with a request for your *Voluntary Financial Commitment*. Instead of telling you what you must pay, we're asking you to support Temple Beth Am as generously as you can. We hope most members will give at the Sustaining Level (\$2,000 for a two-adult household; \$1,000 for a one-adult household), but the decision about how much to give is yours. If the Sustaining Level doesn't fit your budget, please contribute what you can. If you contribute more than the Sustaining Level, your donation will provide the support that makes Temple membership possible for others. If you wish to add your Phonathon donation at this time, just add it to the form. (Note: additional fees apply for Religious School, Shalom Chai, Youth Groups & B'nei Mitzvah.)

Temple Beth Am
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014
Voluntary Financial Commitment Pledge Card

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please let us know what you are willing and able to pledge as your Financial Commitment for 2013- 2014, by checking one of the choices below or filling in a different amount under "Other".

_____	Your Sustaining Level:	\$ 2,000 /2 adult household
_____	Your Sustaining Level:	\$ 1,000 /1 adult household
_____	Tikkun Olam Level	\$ 3,600
_____	L'Dor V'Dor Level	\$ 5,400
_____	Circle of Tzadik Level	\$10,000
_____	Chazonim (Visionaries)	\$18,000
_____	Other	\$ _____ (Any other amount)

My TOTAL commitment for the year is \$ _____

Please indicate your preferred payment schedule:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual (one payment now) | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly (Now, October, January, April) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual (Now, January) | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly (payments begin now through June 2014) |

Credit Card authorization (optional – Visa, Mastercard or Amex):

Name on card _____
Account # _____ Exp. Date _____
Security Code _____
Billing address (if different from home) _____

I authorize Temple Beth Am to charge the credit card listed above for my Voluntary Financial Commitment according to the payment schedule indicated.

Cardholder's Signature _____ Date _____

OR

I enclose my check in the amount of \$ _____

Thank you for your support of Temple Beth Am!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carol Safran



KULANU CONVERSATIONS - The TBA Connection

Kulanu. It's a word we're using all the time these days at TBA. In one sense, *kulanu* means making personal connections and getting to know one another. To get to *kulanu*, the big concept of "together", the first step is getting to know one another. And I mean really getting to know one another. I'm talking about the important stuff: Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts for coffee? Time Magazine or People? Beer or wine? Sunbathing or snow skiing? Campfires or *haute cuisine*?

To get the real core of what makes our congregation tick, this month we're starting a new column in the Scribe: **The TBA Connection**. Our intrepid interviewer, **Nava Viniar**, will be asking incisive questions of dedicated TBA members and uncovering little known facts about them. To start this great venture into investigative journalism, I sat down with Nava and asked her the tough questions. Here are some excerpts from our conversation:

CS: Nava, where do you hail from?

NV: I'm from Plainview, NY.

CS: How long have you been a member of TBA?

NV: Since 2009.



CS: What's your favorite restaurant?

NV: I'm not too big on going out to eat. I would rather eat on my patio, relaxing. But... if I had to choose a restaurant, it would be any one on the water, like Jetty's!

CS: What is your favorite magazine?

NV: It's Coastal Living, for sure. Even when I lived in New York, I had a subscription. I guess I knew living in Florida would be in my future.

CS: Where is your favorite vacation destination?

NV: Captiva Island on the west coast of Florida. It's slow paced. I'm always relaxed when I'm visiting Captiva.

CS: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give to your younger self?

NV: Wow! I would speak up for myself more and not worry about what other people think.

CS: And now the tough question, Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks?

NV: Well, I prefer Dunkin', but I'm happy to go to Starbucks, too. If I'm meeting up with someone the conversation is more important than the coffee!

CS: Thanks, Nava, for taking on the TBA Connection column in the Scribe. Anything you want to tell your future readers?

NV: Don't be surprised if I call you up and invite you out for coffee and an interview!

KVELL & TELL

Mazal Tov to Ron & Leona Holland and the Holland Family on the engagement of their son Steven to Jessie Anderson.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2013

Debbie Baseman

As we get ready to begin our High Holy Days, let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year. Rabbi Alon, Cantor Jessica and all of us at Temple Beth Am have been working hard to make this the best High Holy Days ever. On the next few pages are everything you need to know, and for a detailed list of the Service times, see the back page of the *Scribe*.

From our house to yours, L'Shanah Tovah.

Early Evening Services on Erev Rosh Hashanah & Kol Nidre:

Once again, we are offering an early Service on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre. These Services will begin at 5:00pm.

The early 5:00pm Service will be similar to the main 8:00pm Service. Rabbi Alon will be leading the liturgy and giving his sermon and Cantor Jessica will be leading the beautiful High Holy Days music.

If you are a Temple member or you have purchased a ticket, you are invited to attend either the early or main Service, just bring your ticket. If you are not a Temple member, there is no charge to attend these early evening Services at 5:00pm (as well as the afternoon Service on Yom Kippur). Please contact the Temple office so that we can issue you a ticket for these Services.

Member tickets or purchased tickets are needed for all other Services (except the Children's Services). To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the office at 747-1109, or visit our website at www.templebetham.com.

Please remember, regardless of what Service you choose to attend, for security purposes, you must have a ticket.



Selichot

Dinner, Program, Havdallah & Selichot Service
Saturday, August 31st at 6:30pm

Dinner 6:30pm: Please join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat with dinner provided by the Sisterhood (\$18 per person). **RSVPs are required for dinner.** Call Debbie Baseman at either the Temple at 747-1109 or 747-8452.

Program 7:30pm: *Join Rabbi Alon* as we discuss the theme of T'shuva (repentance) in light of the movie *Groundhog Day*, which brilliantly illustrates how difficult change, forgiveness and repentance can be.

Havdallah & Selichot Service 8:30pm: Selichot is our way of getting ready for the High Holy Days. With these prayers, we begin the season of soul searching and asking for forgiveness for our sins. Be with us as we end the evening with lights down low and candles being lit.

If you are unable to join us for dinner, please feel free to come at 7:30pm for our program and Selichot Service, at no charge, of course.



FREE Babysitting During High Holy Days Services

Babysitting is available for children ages 2 through 2nd grade for all Services except the 5:00pm Service and the Children's Service. Our babysitting program is supervised by professional teachers so that you can enjoy High Holy Day Services knowing that your child is safe and will be cared for. In order to ensure a spot for your child/ren, please register your child by calling the office at 747-1109 no later than August 28th. We're sorry but to preserve the proper teacher/child ratio, we may not be able to accommodate children who aren't preregistered.



Tashlich on the Beach Thursday, September 5, 2013 4:00pm

Join us for this very special Rosh Hashanah Family Event at Ocean Cay Park in Jupiter at Marcinski Road and A-1-A. Don't forget to bring bread to throw into the ocean. Bring a picnic dinner and come in beach attire. Join us along with Rabbi Alon, Cantor Jessica and Brett Tancer.

Children's Services

Appropriate for our younger children, birth through 2nd grade

Join us for a Rockin' Service with our LIVE Band on Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 5th and on Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 14th at 2:00pm.



High Holy Days: Break-the-Fast 2013

You are invited to join us for a light Break-the-Fast following the Concluding Service on Yom Kippur.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Break-the-Fast,
or to make a donation to offset the cost,
please contact Debbie Baseman at the Temple at 747-1109.



Ushers Wanted!

Can you help us with a little time during the High Holy Days? We need volunteers to help us check tickets, hand out books and meet and greet guests.

If you would like to help, please contact **Rich Remick** at **627-7736**.



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Thursday, September 5th

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Share the High Holy Days with a Child

Join Us for a Rockin' Service!
No Tickets Required - All Are Welcome

Appropriate for our younger children, birth through 2nd grade

ROSH HASHANAH: Thurs., Sept. 5

2:00 pm Children's Service with our LIVE Band!

4:00 pm Tashlich (at Ocean Cay Park in Jupiter,
Marcinski Rd & A1A, Bring a picnic dinner)

YOM KIPPUR: Sat., Sept. 14

2:00 pm Children's Service with our LIVE Band!

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERVICES DURING HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

We are excited to offer our
High Holy Day Youth Engagement Services.

**Grades K – 2nd* and 3rd – 5th Graders will participate during the Morning
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.**

Our 3rd - 5th graders will start out in the Sanctuary with the rest of the Congregation and leave right after the Torah procession to have their own High Holy Day Experience.
(A little Torah, a little nosh and some Holiday related activities.)

They will then return to the Sanctuary to hear the *Shofar* blown.

All students in grades 6 and above are encouraged to take part in the
main Service in the Sanctuary.

***Kindergarten – 2nd graders** who have made prior reservations for babysitting will join the
High Holy Day Youth Engagement Services during babysitting.

13 million American children go hungry. "Our fast ends at sundown. When will WE break theirs?"

"Is this the fast I have chosen?" *Isaiah*

TBA HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

On the High Holy Days & Sukkot, we pause for reflection & thanksgiving. Hunger is real, even in our area. On Yom Kippur, our tradition challenges us "to feed the hungry". Let us share what we would otherwise have eaten on Yom Kippur & more! Start the New Year by performing the mitzvah of tzedakah. Help make it a happier New Year for those in need! Donations will benefit the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service.



PLEASE NOTE PREFERRED REQUESTS:

- Currently dated
- Non-perishable
- No condiments or salad dressings (other than mayonnaise)
- Unopened
- Kosher items preferred

Much Needed Items: **CANNED TUNA ** PEANUT BUTTER **JELLY **
MAYONNAISE **TOOTHPASTE** **WASHING MACHINE DETERGENT
TOILET PAPER ■ SPAGHETTI/TOMATO SAUCES

Other Food Items Needed: ■ CANNED WHITE POTATOES ■ CANNED
FRUITS ■ CANNED YAMS ■ CEREALS ■ APPLESAUCE ■ PASTA ■ KOSHER
OR MEATLESS SOUPS

Other Items Needed: ■ PAPER TOWELS ■ DEODORANT ■ SHAMPOO

***WE WILL HAND OUT BAGS ON SEPTEMBER 4TH AND 5TH**

***PLEASE RETURN FILLED BAGS TO TRUCK AT TBA ON
YOM KIPPUR,
KOL NIDRE, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13th (pm)
and ALL DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th**

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**Yizkor Service
Shemini Atzeret
September 26, 2013 at 10:00am**

Yizkor Services are done 4 times a year: the last day of Passover, Shavuot, Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret. This special Service is our way of remembering and praying for our departed loved ones. The Yizkor prayers are only permitted to be recited in the presence of others, in a community of other Jews. If you have loved ones who have passed away and you wish to say Yizkor for them, then please join us on **September 26th** for this Service.

Simchat Torah
Celebrate the giving of the Torah



**Friday
Sept. 27th
7:00pm**

**We unroll the Torah, pray, sing,
dance and rejoice.
Everyone is invited to join us!**

**Temple Beth Am
30th
Anniversary**

Let's Celebrate!

Join Past, Present, and Future Members of
Temple Beth Am For a Joyous
Kulanu Commemorative Service and Festive Oneg.

Friday, November 8th, 2013

Celebration Schedule:

6:00pm: Anniversary Reception before Services
Wine and hors d'oeuvres

7 :00pm: Commemorative Service:
Our past, present, and future.

8:30 pm: Special Oneg with live music.

For further information and to volunteer to assist please email Alec at
alecwisch@comcast.net or Risa at risa_voorhees@comcast.net

Save The Date!

SISTERHOOD SCOOP

Lois Remick

The Sisterhood wishes the entire Temple community a most Happy and Healthy New Year!

To start the New Year off in an enjoyable way....the Sisterhood is sponsoring **three New Events** that are designed to stimulate and enhance your knowledge and well-being.

Our opening event, which is the first of the 3 new events, is a panel discussion on the topic ***“Raising a Jewish Child in a Christian Society”***. **Our panelists are Gali Levkovitz, Maureen Cohen, Liz Cohn and Amy Russell.** This is certainly a timely topic with the holidays of “All Hallows Eve (Halloween) and Christmas coming up within a few months. This event will take place on **Thursday evening, October 10th, at 7:00pm** in the Temple Social Hall. Please bring your friends and neighbors as this is a community event.

The next event is entitled ***“Why I Converted to Judaism and Why I Choose to Observe the Traditions”*** to be held on **Thursday evening, November 14th at 7:00pm.**

“Taking a Personal Journey” to be held on **Thursday evening, December 5th, at 7:00pm** is an **Inter-Active Discussion/Workshop** and our presenter will be Norma Alkon.

Refreshments will be served at all three events and TBA members and their guests are invited.

As has been our Sisterhood tradition, we will be giving out shofars and bags with apples and honey to the children attending the Rosh Hashanah Family Service.

We will also be handing out **Tzedakah cans** at the end of the Rosh Hashanah Service and request that the cans be returned to the Judaica Shop or the Temple office filled with coins. The recipients of your Tzedakah are various programs in our community and Temple.

We urge all congregants to visit the Judaica Shop as we have LOST OUR LEASE! Our Going out of Business SALE is in progress and everything in the store is 25% off! Remember, that is 25% off everything and we do not charge sales tax. Such a Bargain...how can you resist?

B'Shalom, Lois

PALM FRONDS NEEDED!

Paul Steidle

Sukkah Building on Sunday, September 15th at 8:00am

We are building the Sukkah and we need your help. Every year, we are challenged to find enough palm fronds to cover the Sukkah. We need your palm fronds! Please drop off your freshly cut palm fronds at the Temple after Break-the-Fast on Saturday, September 14th or on the morning of Sunday, September 15th. Even if you don't have palm fronds to contribute, you can still come help put up the Sukkah!

Questions? Contact me at paulsteidle@comcast.net



Temple Beth Am Sisterhood Presents



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Temple Beth Am
Sisterhood

Refreshments
will be served.

Please join us
and support
these
wonderful,
enlightening
and enjoyable
evenings.

**KULANU
Inspired**



2013 Panel Discussion Thursday Evening Series *For Everyone!*

**October 10th
7:00pm**

Raising a Jewish Child in a Christian Society

With Gali Levkovitz,
Maureen Cohen, Liz
Cohn and Amy Russell

**November 14th
7:00pm**

Why I Converted to Judaism & Why I choose to Observe the Traditions

With Mary Elias, John
Marzina, Tina Izard, Aaron
Scanlon and Gwen Berry

**December 5th
7:00pm**

Taking a Personal Journey

Discussion Workshop
with
Norma Alkon, R.N., M.S.

www.templebetham.com

2250 Central Blvd., Jupiter, FL 33458 (561)747-1109

MEN'S CLUB

Jerry Holinstat, Men's Club President

SWIM PARTY & PICNIC

On July 21st The Men's Club assisted the Temple in planning and facilitating the first ever "**Temple Beth Am Swim Party and Picnic**". What a great success!! Thank you **Rabbi Alon** for thinking of and championing the event. We worked with **Carol Safran** (Thank you Carol) in implementing the event.

We started in mid May with a series of meetings at the Palm Beach Gardens Aquatic Center with the Center's Executive Director, John Marzina, Harvey Silverman and myself. At 8:00am on the morning of the event in the Temple kitchen we made over two hundred sandwiches and then filled David Elias' trailer with food, ice, drinks, all the serving utensils and paper-goods. Many TBA Men's Club Members helped by "staffing" the event and serving the food. More than 200 TBA members, guests, and children attended this event. The day ended around 3:30pm with the return to Temple and the unloading of David's trailer and the putting away of returned items. While the adults socialized, the children had a great time running through the Kids Pool's sprayer and water dumpers.

With no hesitation I would say that this was one of the most successful and popular outings that we have had the pleasure of participating in. I would like to personally thank all of the people who worked with us to make this such a success: **John Marzina** (Men's Club Vice-President of food) **David Elias** (Vice-President of Communications and Trailing) **Barry Goldstein**, **Rich Remick**, **Harvey Silverman**, **Alberto Vargas**, **Ralph Van Baalen**, **Mary Elias**, **Sharon Holinstat**, **Carol Safran** and **Carol Carswell**.

COUPON BOOKS

The Men's Club Coupon Books for the Palm Beach area have arrived. We have already received solid commitments of over 75 books. **Don & Jo Klein** have graciously offered to again be our "coupon book sales rep" for Ballen Isles to supply their friends and neighbors. Thank you Don & Jo.

The coupon books are available from Jerry Holinstat (Jerry920@comcast.net) or Harvey Silverman at (Hsilver2100@gmail.com) or simply email to TBAMensClub2@gmail.com. The Men's Club uses this as one of their main fund raisers annually. Men's Club does not receive any funds from TBA and returns all funds through the support of activities within the Temple.

By purchasing the Coupon Book you can benefit by over \$500 in some wonderful restaurant and Grocery stores.

MAYA'S BAT MITZVAH

I want to recognize the following Men's Club Members who selflessly took on the extremely hot weather while directing traffic at Maya's Bat Mitzvah: **Ralph Van Baalen**, **Ed Hochman**, **Bob Viniar**, **Barry Goldstein** and **Mark Slifkin**.

Maya Levkovitz - just a personal note from the Men's Club, **CONGRATULATIONS on your Bat Mitzvah!!** You were fantastic and the Men's Club was very, very proud of you. Your delivery was way past your years.

CURRENT EVENTS

The Men's Club will participate in the **Temple's Open House on Sunday August 25th**. Please stop by our table and say Hi!!

As in past years the **Men's Club will build the Sukkah** in front of our Temple. Our very own Paul Steidle will again be the project leader. The event will take **place at 8:00am on September 15th** and will end before noon. The Men's Club will supply Brooklyn Water Bagels and Lox, coffee etc. for the volunteers working on the construction. The Sukkah is used by our children. So if you have a child attending school at Temple **PLEASE contact Paul Steidle at PaulSteidle@comcast.net** to volunteer or contact me Jerry Holinstat at Jerry920@comcast.net.

The Men's Club will be **taking down the Sukkah on Sunday, September 29th, at 8:00am** again with Bagels and Lox, coffee etc. So **PLEASE contact Paul and volunteer**. It's also a great opportunity to meet your friends and perhaps some new friends. What an opportunity to make your kids proud of you.

With the Jewish New Year approaching rapidly, on behalf of the Temple Beth Am Men's Club, I'd like to wish you L' Shanah Tovah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Warmly yours,
Jerry Holinstat

SAVE THE DATE:
TBA Men's Club Dinner Out
Saturday Evening, October 19th at 6:30pm
Copacabana Restaurant
Main Street – Abacoa
Cost \$20.00 per person
Includes glass of wine, appetizer, main course,
dessert and coffee.

Temple Beth Am's

Top of the Hill Gang

Presents:

A trip to the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

at Loxahatchee River District
2500 Jupiter Park Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458



***Thursday, November 14th 10:00am
Rain or Shine!!***

***\$15.00 per person
Includes a box lunch***

Reservations are required by November 7th

Program will include a guided nature walk and an indoor presentation (both together will last 90 minutes) followed by a box lunch.

NOTE: Gravel pathways are wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable walking shoes!

Directions: From I-95 take exit 97A, go east to the third traffic light (Central Blvd.), turn right and go to the next traffic light (Jupiter Park Drive), and turn right. The entrance to the Sanctuary is the first driveway on the left.

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Please return this form with your \$15.00 check (payable to Temple Beth Am) no later than Thursday, November 7th to: Dotty Wisch, 199 Helios Drive, Jupiter, FL 33477

Name(s): _____

Telephone number: _____ Email address: _____



Choose one box lunch per person:

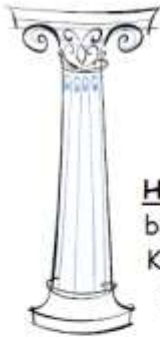
☐ Egg Salad on Bagel, lettuce & tomato
☐ Tuna Salad on Bagel, lettuce & tomato

☐ Turkey Breast on Bagel, lettuce & tomato
☐ Nova on Bagel, cream cheese, tomato, onion, lettuce



SOCIAL ACTION

Audrey Ades, Debby Baker & Marcy Isdaner



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

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE: Please see flyer in this Scribe for items needed, pick bags up on Rosh Hashanah, September 4th & 5th, and bring filled bags to Temple on Yom Kippur, September 13th and 14th. Thank you for supporting the Jewish Family & Children's Services Food Pantry!!

Showcase your not-for-profit organization!

Presenters are needed for the Second Annual Tikkun Olam Networking Breakfast on Oct 13th. Last year this event drew a crowd of over 150 members interested in donating their time and energy to local organizations. If you work with a not-for-profit that needs volunteers, please contact Audrey at audade@yahoo.com.

FAMILY PROMISE:

Thanks to all of you who helped to make our hosting week a success! (We will provide more details in the next Scribe, since we are writing this prior to the actual hosting.) Stay tuned for our next hosting dates to be announced.

ALL 4 of the families we hosted in March are still doing well in their regained independence! The kids are back to school and their parents are working hard.

Upcoming Family Promise Events:



OCTOBER 25TH - PUTTING THE BRAKES ON HOMELESSNESS-
6:00pm- 7:00am. at Salvation Army, NW Community Center, 600 N Rosemary Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL Awareness Event for FP--
JOIN the TBA TEAM- contact Debby for more info at debbysbaker@gmail.com.

6:00pm - Registration; 6:00-11:00pm - Dinner & Event Activities; 12:00am - Lights Out;
6:00am - Breakfast. All participants will receive: Event T-Shirt; Dinner and Breakfast;
Entertainment; Prizes - Raffles - Contests; the satisfaction of helping local children
"RETURN HOME".

ST. GEORGE'S: We serve dinner at St. G's on the 3rd Monday every Month (Sept. 16th this month):
Contact Marcy to reserve a volunteer spot: marcy@campmataponi.com. Thank you to our July volunteers:
Shawna Flanagan & Ben Lubarsky; Sue & Dan Freedland; John Marzina; Colleen, Dani and Zoe Goldenfarb; Richard Remick; Lauren & Paul Weinstein; Simon, Sam & Debby Baker.



TEMPLE BETH AM FOOD PANTRY- COLLECTION FOR HEAD START FAMILIES:

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Robin Schafner at 561-310-1335.

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. - Sir Winston Churchill

Temple Beth Am's Multi-Generational Family Israel Adventure

December 22, 2013 – January 2, 2014



Led by Rabbi Alon & Gali Levkovitz

Join a trip of a lifetime!

For information, itinerary and application, go to: www.templebetham.com/community/israel

If you are considering a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Israel, or you have any questions,
email Gali at galilevkovitz@gmail.com

Temple Beth Am's Second Annual *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World)

Volunteer Networking Breakfast

With presentations from local agencies highlighting their volunteer opportunities



Sunday, October 13
10:00am - 12noon

Have you been searching for the
PERFECT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR
YOURSELF? YOUR TEEN? YOUR CARD CLUB?

Join us and get started.

RSVP tobreakfast@gmail.com

Are YOU involved in an organization you would like highlighted at this event?

Call Audrey Ades at 617-306-4151 or audade@yahoo.com to get your
group or organization included.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

JEWISH PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS EXPLORED AND EXPLAINED

Ross Federgreen

Shalom and welcome to a new series of articles that will be featured in the *Scribe* each month written by the Ritual Committee working with the Rabbi to educate the congregation on the various practices and traditions of our faith. We understand that there are many who want to learn more about the Service and how to celebrate the various holidays and lifecycle events. We aim to provide this in the spirit of KULANU, a warm and welcoming congregation.

Each article will contain various sections. The first area is a description of a particular component of the weekly Friday Night Service. For example, this might include the components of the Service, detail information on one or more of the prayers, etc. The second area will explore specific practices associated with a holiday that falls within the month of publication or in the alternative a lifecycle practice. The third component will be the answer to the question of the month. Every month there will be a question of the month.

So let's get right into this and what better way to start than at the New Year!

The Jewish calendar: NEW YEAR!!

The Jewish calendar is based on three astronomical phenomena: the rotation of the Earth about its axis (a day); the revolution of the moon about the Earth (a month); and the revolution of the Earth about the sun (a year). These three phenomena are independent of each other, so there is no direct correlation between them. On average, the moon revolves around the Earth in about 29½ days. The Earth revolves around the sun in about 365¼ days, that is, about 12.4 lunar months.

The Jewish calendar, however, coordinates all three of these astronomical phenomena. Months are either 29 or 30 days, corresponding to the 29½-day lunar cycle. Years are either 12 or 13 months, corresponding to the 12.4 month solar cycle.

The lunar month on the Jewish calendar begins when the first sliver of moon becomes visible after the dark of the moon. The problem with strictly lunar calendars is that there are approximately 12.4 lunar months in every solar year, so a 12-month lunar calendar is about 11 days shorter than a solar year and a 13-month lunar is about 19 days longer than a solar year. The months drift around the seasons on such a calendar: on a 12-month lunar calendar, the month of Nissan, which is supposed to occur in the spring, would occur 11 days earlier in the season each year, eventually occurring in the winter, the fall, the summer, and then the spring again. On a 13-month lunar calendar, the same thing would happen in the other direction, and faster.

To compensate for this drift, the Jewish calendar uses a 12-month lunar calendar with an extra month occasionally added. The month of Nissan occurs 11 days earlier each year for two or three years, and then jumps forward 30 days, balancing out the drift. A year with 13 months is referred to in Hebrew as *Shanah Me'uberet* literally: a pregnant year. In the fourth century, Hillel II established a fixed calendar based on mathematical and astronomical calculations. This calendar, still in use, standardized the length of months and the addition of months over the course of a 19 year cycle, so that the lunar calendar realigns with the solar years. Adar I is added in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years of the cycle. The current cycle began in Jewish year 5758 (the year that began October 2, 1997).

The "first month" of the Jewish calendar is the month of Nissan, in the spring, when Passover occurs. However, the Jewish New Year begins in Tishri, the seventh month, and that is when the year number is increased. This concept of different starting points for a year is not as strange as it might seem at first glance. Tishri was the beginning of the New Year in ancient Palestine because it came when the crops from the "previous" year were harvested. However it was not the most important month. The bible refers to Tishri as the seventh month and the first month is stated to be Nissan, the month in which Passover the Festival of Freedom occurs.

So as we enter the year 5774 on 1 Tishrei, which is Wednesday September 4, 2013, let's all come together in the spirit of KULANU and join together as a community in celebration and peace.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The ritual committee encourages congregants and others to send us questions regarding Jewish ritual and practice for inclusion in the monthly article. Please send these questions to ross.federgreen@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

Carole Meshil

The Temple Beth Am Book Club is an informal group that meets four times during the season. We meet on **Mondays at 10:30am** at the Temple and usually go out for lunch afterwards. The schedule for this coming season is as follows:

November 4th: *The Golden Willow* by Harry Bernstein

January 13th: *The Rabbi's Wife* by Shirley Schwartz

March 10th: *The Last Jew* by Noah Gordon

May 5th: *The Jerusalem Maiden* by Thalia Carner

The Golden Willow is the last book in a trilogy written by Harry Bernstein, starting when he was 94 years old. He wrote these books after his wife died as a tribute to her. It's a beautiful story of a 70 year romance and the story of how Harry came to write these 3 books. It is interesting as a biography and for the story itself.

The Rabbi's Wife by Shirley Schwartz has achieved magic by writing a work of true scholarship that is so readable. She helps us to see what has been for so long invisible – the unheralded role of the rebbitzin in making the American synagogue tick. She introduces us to unforgettable characters, and enables us to see the progress that women have made in this country over the last century. Most interestingly, she shows us marriages that were true partnerships in every sense of the word.

The Last Jew by Noah Gordon is thought provoking and interesting dealing with the Inquisition. It is basically a survival story of Yonah, the main character. Yonah was smart and talented. Equally important, his family background provided him with a sense of obligation to do his best, taking care of himself and those around him. As interesting as Yonah is, the individuals around him are also remarkable in that they are so human and are formed and reformed by the circumstances they find themselves in. Good historical fiction.

The Jerusalem Maiden by Thalia Carner is a coming of age novel exploring the role that religion, faith and family has on one girl's hopes and dreams for her own future. Esther struggles not only with what her family and culture expected but her own personal beliefs in God and how they could bring so much heartache as well as joy. The author's rich details subtly place the reader on the scene. This book is beautiful and will provide many opportunities for personal reflection.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carol Weiner from Palm Beach Gardens

Bob & Marion Ashkins from Palm Beach Gardens

Frank Seidman from West Palm Beach

Lewis & Audri Schiller from Jupiter

Jason & Jennifer Coleman from Palm Beach Gardens
& their children Julia & Maya

Russell Colodny from Tequesta
& his children Foster & Faith

Jeff & Tammy Webber from Jupiter
& their son Lagahn

Gilbert & Doreen Bassin from Jupiter

David & Gladys Chleck from Jupiter

Charlie Barnett from Palm Beach Gardens

Robert & Nanci Hochman from Palm Beach Gardens

Stuart Katz & Madeline Morris from Juno Beach
& children Jake & Georgie

Arthur & Barbara Seltzer from Palm Beach Gardens

Irving & Rena Mittenberg from Palm Beach Gardens

Welcome back to

Neil & Jennifer Seidman from Jupiter
& their children Jacob & Jayden

Tom & Judi Ross from Palm Beach Gardens

Ken Lever from Jupiter Island

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

David Sherman, MJEd



Very shortly, classes will resume and we will be getting back into that Religious School rhythm... especially with Brett Tancer's help! Summer was great, but this is the time of year that I wait for... It was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces at our summer pool party and at our Welcome & Welcome Back TBA Open House (**be sure to check out the pix on our TBA Facebook page**). Now that our school is almost back in session, please be sure that all your paperwork has been turned in and that you have started to receive communications from the teachers. This is vital – we NEED your input & feedback. Please keep the teachers informed as to how your child's learning is progressing – we are partners in your children's growth as Jewish young men & women!

Please remember our children's safety – do NOT stop by the Temple entrance to drop off your child (or to pick them up as there is NO PARKING in front of the building), but rather drive to a parking spot, park, and walk your child into the Temple. Besides the safety issue – this is a really nice way to start your days! Every **Sunday morning starts off with JAMTY Café** providing bagel breakfasts for a nominal fee, which tastes great and also benefits our youth programming at TBA. The Café opens at 9:00am and serves students until 9:25am, and parents throughout the morning. **Classes run from 9:30am – 11:30am**, when we all gather for prayer, song, and community at our rousing **Kehillah, which concludes at noon**. Parents are welcome to join us- we only ask that **no students are taken out of Kehillah early** as this disrupts the mood that we all work so hard to create- thanks! **Sunday students are dismissed directly from the Sanctuary following Kehillah** – first the younger ones are picked up at their seats, and then we dismiss the older students, ensuring that **the safety of all is primary**.

Sunday Religious School classes start on September 8th, for K – 2nd grade only, to give them a calmer first day.

Tuesday Religious School classes for 3rd – 6th grade starts on September 10th. For those new student families, **please note** that we serve pizza and healthy snacks from 4:30pm – 4:50pm to give our students that extra bit of fuel they need to keep active and alert. **Tuesday classes run from 5:00pm – 6:30pm, with students being picked up from the classrooms**. Again, as on Sundays, we ask that you do not pick your children up early unless absolutely necessary (in which case please inform the Director or teacher ahead of time).

Shalom Chai, our (no longer) new community Hebrew High School will welcome students on **Tuesday, September 17th, at 6:30pm**. We welcome all Jewish teens attending 7th - 12th grades for both formal and informal education. Our program blends classroom learning, service learning (doing Social Action), and plenty of teen interaction. We are excited about this program and hope that you are too. Please give me a call, drop me an email, or visit the Temple website if you would like more info on **Shalom Chai**. Classes run from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and the evening even includes a light dinner break! **7th graders** attend both *Shalom Chai* on Tuesday evenings and *Shabbat Morning Services* on Saturday mornings, supporting their classmates as they transition to adulthood.

We will not hold classes on Sunday, September 15th, giving everyone an extra day of rest to reflect (after *Yom Kippur*). Those who wish to help erect this year's **Sukkah** are invited to join the fun - the **Men's Club** will once again lead us in our **Sukkah building, starting at 8:00am on the 15th**.

Here are some 'save the dates' for September and the beginning of October:

- **Sunday, Sept. 8:** 1st Day K-2; All school assembly 9:30am – 9:45am;
Parent Orientation 9:45am – 10:30am; *stay & schmooze* 10:30am – 11:00am;
High Holy Day Honey Program 11:00am-Noon
- **Tuesday, Sept. 10:** 1st Day Grades 3 – 6; Parent Orientation 5:45pm – 6:15pm
- **Tuesday, Sept. 17:** 1st Day of *Shalom Chai*; Parent Orientation 6:30pm – 7:00pm
- **Sunday, Sept. 15:** **NO Religious School/Build the Sukkah at 8:00am** with the Men's Club
- **Sunday, Sept. 29: 12:00pm** *B'nei Mitzvah Club* Meeting #1
- **Sunday, Sept. 29:** (during RS) Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade family education class at Loggerhead Marine
- **Friday, Oct. 4:** Prayer Adventure at 7:00pm during Friday Night Service
- **Sunday, Oct. 13:** 3rd & 4th Grade field trip to Busch Wildlife
5th & 6th Grade attends *Tikkun Olam* Networking Fair
- **Friday, Oct. 18:** Kindergarten Dinner

(Continued on next page.)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (cont.)

David Sherman, MJEd

Please note that we have updated our TBA website (www.templebetham.com) to include lots of action photos of our students, up to date calendar / programming info, curricular info, Hebrew prayers that can be listened to and downloaded to your favorite PDA's, and much, much more! For those of you who are into social networking, and you know who you are, please visit our (new) Temple **Facebook page**- Temple Beth Am, Jupiter (please remember the comma after 'Temple Beth Am').

Lastly, please feel comfortable to contact me anytime to discuss our Religious School – together (*kulanu*), we can make this the best experience for our children.

L'Shalom, v' L'Shanah Tovah tikateivu~

David

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Joey Abrin



A Jewish [Student] Connection

In TBA's Youth Engagement Program, it's our goal to connect our teen population to fun and meaningful Jewish opportunities. As part of those connections, I've recently become involved in this great organization called **Jewish Student Connection or JSC**.

JSC's mission (from MyJSC.org) is to help (students) explore what being Jewish means to them, inspiring proud personal connections with our culture and with Israel — while forming relationships with their schoolmates. Meetings and activities are held once a month at middle and high schools either at lunch or after school.

The Jewish Teen Initiative (of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County) sponsors almost two handfuls of clubs across Northern Palm Beach and Martin County. I'm happy to report that the majority of our TBA high schoolers and middle schoolers are involved in no less than 3 clubs across the community.

Some club activities include Club Rush, Apples AND (for Rosh Hashanah), making Latkes, Candy Sukkot, Passover Perfection (creating edible treats), bringing in interesting speakers, and so much more!

This year, 2013-2014, we are hoping to STRENGTHEN these connections and make it our most successful year yet. If you go to Duncan Middle School or Jupiter High School, let's talk! I want to hear your input and discuss ways that we can improve. One way for students to get involved is by connecting with teachers to host us in their classrooms, and another is by becoming a student leader.

By the way, we always come to clubs with pizza.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Joey

Preschool News

September, 2013



Paula Deakter
Preschool Director

A Season for Life-Learning Skills...



The High Holiday season is a time for life learning skills, and also a time for reflection at this holiday season.

As we complete the ten-day period known as the Days of Awe, it helps us to look at our year for introspection and evaluation! How can we use this time to develop a plan for self-improvement for ourselves and our children? Here are some tips!

Important Dates:

September 2 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
September 4 NOON DISMISSAL—Erev Rosh Hashanah
September 5 NO SCHOOL—Rosh Hashanah
September 9 PTO Meeting in Chapel 9:15am
September 12 Gradual Separation Orientation
September 13 NOON DISMISSAL—Erev Yom Kippur
September 18 Young Families Sukkot Program 5:00pm
September 19 NO SCHOOL—Sukkot
September 25 Parent's Program: "Choosing Your Battles" 9:15am
September 26 NO SCHOOL—Shemini Atzeret
September 27 Special Shabbat 9:15am
PTO Bake Sale at dismissal

Listening: We show our children how much we care about their ideas and concerns as we listen to them. Young children have many questions about God. "Can You Tell Me What God looks like," is a question asked by many young children. Listen and let's try to respond! Read stories of our faith to help children understand.

Appreciating: Establish a regular talking time, i.e. a family meeting around the dinner table. Talk about the things you appreciate. Talk about the celebration of the holidays and how you appreciate this time of year for the time with your family.

Forgiving: As we forgive ourselves, it is easier for us to forgive others. This conversation begins at the High Holiday season, but must be a life learning skill throughout the year.

Encouraging: Through support and encouragement, we can help our children learn to be self-sufficient. Encourage your child to be part of the holiday festivities by helping with the meals, cleaning her room or decorating the home in honor of the holiday.

Don't forget...



"Yummy in My Tummy" orders are due in the Preschool office by Wednesday of each week.

And don't miss out on "Preschool Pizza Friday!" It's back by popular demand. Lunch includes fruit snacks and a drink.



Helping Others: We feel better about ourselves when we contribute to the welfare of others. This season reminds us of our responsibility to do just that. Even a young child can understand that some people need extra assistance and they can help to decide who deserves a donation from the family. Have a tzedakah box in some visible place and encourage regular donations. Make choosing a charity a family decision.

Notice Changes: At this time of year, as we try to listen, appreciate, forgive, encourage and help others, we notice changes in ourselves. Mention these changes in yourself to your family and encourage those changes in your child too. As we notice desirable changes, we are encouraged to become the kind of people we'd like to be, and to appreciate the goodness in others. This holiday season will soon pass, but these life skills will continue on throughout the year and our lifetime.

PTO Ice Cream Social a Hit!



Many thanks to our PTO for sponsoring our yummy Ice Cream Social and to all of our families who came out to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year!

Ms. Paula explains the significance of dipping apples into honey to symbolize a sweet year starting at Rosh Hashanah.

@ TBA Preschool Blog

Our Preschool blog is updated frequently with lots of pictures and information about everything that is going on at school! To view the blog, just click on the following link: <http://templebethamjupiter.blogspot.com/>.



Temple Beth Am Mishpacha/Family Center

Check out our Upcoming Events & Fun Parenting Tips on our Facebook group: *Temple Beth Am Mishpacha/Family Center*

Yael Lawrence



MISHPACHA/FAMILY CENTER

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Mental Health Specialists of the Palm Beaches
present the first Parent Education Workshop
of the school year...

Choosing Your Battles

Wednesday September 25th at 9:15am

- What is truly non negotiable?
- When can I compromise?
- How can I learn to be consistent?

Please join us to discuss strategies & share your thoughts about how to choose your battles & maintain harmony in your household.

Workshop fee: \$5

Toddler Summer FUN Days...



Save the Date for a very special workshop roundtable discussion...

How Can I Help My Child Take Responsibility: A Conscious Discipline Approach with Virginia Luther Conscious Discipline specialist

Wednesday, October 2nd 6:30pm-8:30pm

Learn how to have a voice your children will listen to & learn from by implementing Conscious Discipline techniques. Discover new ways to effectively teach children the behaviors you want. Learn how to shift from fear to love-based discipline that helps you to stay calm, keep connected and increase your child's motivation to cooperate.

Register in advance fee: \$15/per person or \$25/couple - **Register at the door fee:** \$20/per person or \$35/couple
RSVP Requested by September 25th to ylawrence@templebetham.com



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



Fall 2013 Family Class Schedule

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

9:30am-10:15am *please note new time*****

Fall #1 Session 8/27 - 10/1

Cost: \$60 for 6 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.

Fridays: *Toddler Enrichment Program (TEP) (12-30 months)*

9:15am-10:45am

Instructor: Yael Lawrence MS BC-DMT

Fall #1 Session 8/23 - 10/4 (7 week session)

Cost: \$140

Fall #2 Session 10/18 - 12/20 (9 week session – no class 11/29)

Cost: \$180

Bundle & Save: Sign up for Session #1 & #2 & SAVE \$50 Cost: \$270

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

This is a great introduction as your toddler prepares for preschool. Expose your child to new social situations & classroom experiences, which provides 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>

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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.
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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).

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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.

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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.

September 21, 2013
Bar Mitzvah of
David Michael Colton

It is with great pride, joy, and happiness that we announce that our son, David Michael, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 21, 2013.

David is a seventh grade honor roll student at Jupiter Academy who enjoys competitive wrestling (placed 6th in the State of Florida at 70 lbs this year), Tae Kwon Do (red belt, only 1 belt from black belt), soccer, and baseball.

As his Mitzvah project David visited over this past summer and continues to visit assisted living facilities with his dog Duchess, an adorable, sweet loving silky terrier who is a licensed therapy dog. David truly enjoys experiencing the mitzvah he is providing by seeing the happiness and joy his visits with Duchess bring to the elderly men and women they visit.

We are so proud of all of David's accomplishments and the bright, spirited, loving, caring, fine young man he has become and we look forward to seeing all of his future achievements in life. We would like to thank Rabbi Alon, Cantor Jessica, Brett Tancer, David Sherman and his Religious School teachers.

Marla, Gary, Lisa, Eric, and Duchess Colton



September 28, 2013
Bar Mitzvah of
Alexander Max Starkand

It is with joy and pride that I announce the Bar Mitzvah of my son, Alexander Max, on September 28, 2013.

Alex is an eighth grader at The Weiss School, where he is consistently on the Honor Roll list. He excels in math and science and is a high achiever in all things academic. In his free time Alex enjoys playing baseball and tennis.

Alex inherited his witty sense of humor and humorous outlook on life from his late mother, Beth. She would have been proud to see the young man that he is becoming: a loyal friend, a dedicated son and a loving grandson.

Having always loved animals, and especially dogs, Alex's Bar Mitzvah project supports rescue dogs and raises funds for them.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate this milestone in my son's life with our loving family and community. I want to thank all who have been involved in preparing Alex for this big day: Rabbi Alon and Gali, long time family friends; David Sherman and the entire Religious School staff, that instill Jewish spirit in our children; Brett Tancer and Cantor Jessica, that made Alex smile through the process and make beautiful music for all of us to enjoy.

Gary Starkand and Family



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September 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Office & Preschool closed	3	4 Erev Rosh Hashanah 12:00 Preschool & Office closes 5:00 Free Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	5 Rosh Hashanah 10:00 Morning Service 2:00 Children's Service 4:00 Tashlich on the Beach-Marcinski & A1A	6 Rosh Hashanah 7:00 Shabbat Service	7 5:00 Afternoon Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Josh & Eli Sandquist
8 9:30 First day of Religious School for K-2nd grade only 11:00 Sisterhood meeting off site	9	10 5:00 Religious School 3-6th grade	11 12:45 Mah Jongg	12 6:00 Gradual Separation Orientation	13 Kol Nidre 12:00 Preschool & Office closes 5:00 Free Kol Nidre Service 8:00 Kol Nidre Service	14 Yom Kippur 10:00 Morning Service 2:00 Children's Service 3:45 Aft. Service with Yizkor 6:30 Break the fast
15 No Religious School 8:00 Build Sukkah with the Men's Club	16 4:30 St. George's Soup Kitchen	17 5:00 Religious School 6:30 Shalom Chai	18 Erev Sukkot 12:45 Mah Jongg 5:00 Young Families Sukkot program 7:00 Choir	19 Sukkot Office & Preschool closed	20 Sukkot 7:00 Shabbat Service	21 Sukkot 5:00 Afternoon Service and Bar Mitzvah of David Colton
22 Sukkot 9:30 Religious School	23 Sukkot 7:00 Board Meeting	24 Sukkot 5:00 Religious School 6:30 Shalom Chai	25 Sukkot 9:15 Parent Workshop: Choosing your Battles 12:45 Mah Jongg 7:00 Choir	26 Shemini Atzeret Office & Preschool Closed 10:00 Yizkor Service	27 Simchat Torah 9:15 Preschool Special Shabbat 12:00 Preschool PTO Bake Sale 7:00 Shabbat Service	28 10:00 Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Alex Starkand
29 8:00 Dismantle Sukkah with Men's Club 9:30 Rel. School 9:30 Kindergarten & 1st & 2nd grade to Loggerhead 12:00 B'nei Mitzvah Club	30	1 Preschool VPK begins 5:00 Religious School 6:30 Shalom Chai	2 12:45 Mah Jongg 6:00 Conscious Discipline Roundtable Discussion 7:00 Choir	3 6:30 Men's Club mtg. 7:00 Sisterhood mtg.	4 7:00 Shabbat Service 7:00 Prayer Adventure for 3rd-6th grade	5 5:00 Afternoon Service and Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Berman

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judith Ackerman	1	Jacob Fischer	14
Stephen Denmark	1	Joshua Boss	15
William Gans	1	Benjamin Smiley	15
Joseph Meshil	1	Kacy Turenne	15
Amiel Nuchovich	1	Simon Baker	16
Howard Freedland	2	Andrew Baumann	16
Satu Leibovich	2	Jennifer Benaïm	16
Jason Rogers	2	Sandra Fox	16
Makena Senzon	2	Jason Kaufmann	16
Marcy Sprechman	2	Mark Michels	16
Hal Siegel	3	Ben Bucker	17
Mark Holtermann	4	Ronald Friedman	17
Emily Locke	4	Robert Kleinfeld	17
Jacqueline Smith	4	Debbie Roosth	17
David Friedman	5	Bonnie Stein	17
Tal Lifshitz	5	Craig Vogel	17
Jonah Galewitz	6	Ruth Dubrowin	18
Owen Goldvasser	6	Leah Frankel	18
AJ Levine	6	Rene Friedman	18
Amy Pepper	6	Laura Stein	18
Sean Rothman	6	David Engelhardt	19
Geoffrey Soule	6	Ruth Schiffer	19
Ben Levkovitz	7	Jerry Holinstat	20
Leon Schwartz	7	Benjamin Schwab	20
Craig Snyder	7	Michelle Turenne	20
Amy Dalton	8	Herbert Cohen	23
Hermine Gladstone	9	Wendy Sherman	23
Mikaela Miskin	9	Harriette Koved	24
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Oliver Levy	10	Sydney Copple	28
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Julia Brody-Barre	11	Joseph LaBovick	28
Daniel Freedland	11	Francois Thomas	28
Lenore Gerson	11	Scott Weiss	28
Tatyana Knaster	11	Nate Dalton	29
Cyra L. Lewis	11	Steven Goldberg	29
Sara Miller	11	Tamar Maltz	29
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Jackie Feldman	12	Jonathan Shainman	29
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Hilary Hass	12	Ken Lever	29
Joetta Schneider	12	Charles Levy	30
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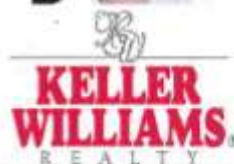


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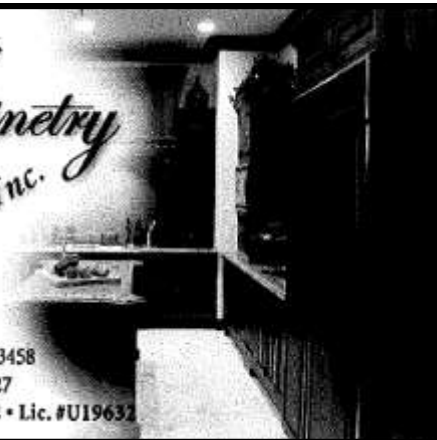
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Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 5, 2013

Morning Service 10:00am

Children's Service with LIVE Band 2:00pm (no ticket required)

Tashlich at the Beach (Marcinski & A1A) 4:00pm

Kol Nidre, Friday, September 13, 2013

*Early Service 5:00pm

Main Service 8:00pm

Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 14, 2013

Morning Service 10:00am

Children's Service with LIVE Band 2:00pm (no ticket required)

*Afternoon Service, Yizkor and Neilah 3:45pm

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