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Warm Wishes for a Happy Hanukkah

Sending you love and light

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December 2022 5783 Kislev-Tevet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				Finding Humor in Life 10:00am Meditation 7:00pm Judaism 2.0 7:00pm AA 7:00PM	Outfit 9:15am 2 Youth Group Retreat Begins 1:30pm Shabbat Service 7:00pm \$\$\frac{3}{2}\$\$ 5:11pm	Max Bratter's Bar Mitzvah 10:00am	
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No Merkaz 25 Limud -JTL Last Candle of Hanukkah	Federal Holiday-Schools and offices are closed	Shamash Meeting 8:45am	28 Winter Bree	Meditation 7:00pm AA 7:00pm	Outfit 9:15am Shabbat Service 7:00pm \$\frac{1}{2}\$5:22pm	31	
	Winter Break. Schools are Closed						

Rabbi's Ramblings

Rabbi Bennett Greenspon



One of the biggest complaints rabbis hear about services is that they are boring. Even "exciting" services where there is dancing and singing get boring after the fifth or sixth time. Imagine how boring services must be for an orthodox Jew who is reading the same prayer three times a day every day of the year. And yet they are not bored.

I think back on my grandfather who went to services every Saturday. I don't know if he went to services to pray or to visit with his friends. I don't know if he even understood the words he was saying. I picture him reading the Hebrew but saying to himself, "I hope Pauline is okay. I hope I make enough money next week to feed the family." I see him using the liturgy as poetry or as a vehicle for him to petition God (however he saw Her) or to praise Him or It.

There is truth to the complaint that services are boring. But why are they boring. Is it the service or is it us? Maybe just maybe, we are the boring ones. Maybe the service is there to help us break out of our boredom and our complacency. Maybe it is there to remind us to do something.

Truth be told it is hard to change services because we become used to them. They are comforting to us because we know what is coming next. Think Mr. Rogers and his sneakers and sweaters or your favorite to show where the weekly formula stays the same with minor changes. We could change the melody of the Shma weekly but we would listen to complaint after complaint.

So, one of the most boring parts of the service, but one that I think is most important, is the one that should be related to Hanukkah. Every week we ask you to think about that for which you are grateful. So, when you get that pair of socks say thank you and not roll your eyes.

Being grateful is one of the things that makes us happier. We may think it is buying a new toy. It does not matter if the toy is a Lego set, a house in Vail or a Lamborghini, it is still a toy. But real happiness comes from being grateful. Real happiness comes from giving, giving to loved ones, giving to strangers, giving to charities and institutions. Happiness comes from being able to say to someone thank you for letting me be generous. Thank you for letting me help.

It is boring to keep saying thank you. It is boring to keep praying about how thankful we are for our health until we no longer have it. It's boring but it is important and it will make you a better person.

So, this Hanukkah I implore you to be generous in your gratitude.

Rabbi Bennett Greenspon

WE'RE ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU.



We are just a phone call (954-680-1882) or e-mail away!

Rabbi Bennett Greenspon rabbi@templebethemet.org Rabbi Frank DeWoskin rabbifd@templebethemet.org Cantor Jan Sheer cantorjan@yahoo.com



Rabbi's Writings
Rabbi Frank DeWoskin

The Torah reads, "In the beginning...God said, 'Let there be light.' There was light. God saw that the light was good." Light is often viewed as positive. When the outdoor sunlight is visible longer, it impacts our moods.

In Judaism, light symbolizes life, joy, justice, deliverance and God's presence. According to Proverbs 6:23, "A mitzvah is a candle and the Torah is light." In Proverbs 20:27, "A candle of God is the soul of humans."

Traditionally, we utilize light in many different ways. We have an eternal light next to the ark. We light Shabbat candles, a Havdalah candle, a yahrtzeit candle, a shiva candle, and the candles over Chanukah.

I recently shared a story about a student trying to remove darkness and evil from the world. The rabbi asked the student to work towards uprooting darkness by trying to remove the darkness from the basement. First, they used a broom to sweep it out. It was unsuccessful. Then they tried a stick to beat out the darkness. It was unsuccessful. Next they tried to yell at it until it was removed. They became hoarse and it was unsuccessful. Finally, they got Shabbat candles from the closet and the shining light was able to remove darkness.

Over Chanukah, I encourage you to utilize the candles on the Chanukiah to lift up the positivity in your soul. Be the light. Be a light by being kind. Be a light by listening to others. Be a light by supporting others. Be positive.

Happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Frank DeWoskin

Join us for Shabbat

Friday, December 2

Shabbat Service @ 7:00pm

Saturday, December 3

Max Bratter's Bar Mitzvah @ 10:00am

Friday December 9

Shabbat Service @ 7:00pm

Saturday, December 10

Madison Stultz's Bat Mitzvah 10:00am

Friday, December 16

Family Bonfire Bash Service @ 6:00pm

Saturday, December 17

Mia Rosenberg's Bat Mitzvah @ 11:00am

Friday, December 23

Hanukkah Shabbat Service @ 7:00pm

Friday, December 30

Shabbat Service @ 7:00pm

For Friday night services, join us in the sanctuary, on the Zoom webinar ID 976207276 (no password needed) or find us on the Temple Beth Emet Facebook page.

Cantorial Notes

Cantor Jan Sheer



As we prepare to celebrate another wonderful holiday of Hanukkah... we are reminded of the incredible bravery of our people. They have so much to teach us... about hope, about survival against all odds, about the power of our faith put into action to help those around us.

The following is a powerful excerpt from one of our prayer books, "Paths of Faith," by Chaim Stern.

We have struggled to keep the flame burning. In 1944 the young poet Hannah Senesh with other young heroes went into Nazi-occupied Europe in an effort to save Jewish lives. She gave her life to keep alight the flame of life. Before her death she wrote:

"Blessed is the match
that is consumed in kindling flame.
Blessed is the flame
that burns in the heart's secret places.
Blessed is the heart
that knows when to stop its beating
with honor.
Blessed is the match
that is consumed in kindling flame."

We pray now for all whose lives are made dark by oppressors: let light shine upon them. We pray for the hungry, the poor, the weak: let the sun of a better day rise upon them. May we be among those who kindle such light.

May you have a blessed Hanukkah, surrounded by family, by friends, by love and by the flame of hope.

And please don't forget to celebrate with TBE (including our wonderful choir and band) on Friday, December 23!

Chag Sameach,

Cantor Jan

Join us as we lift our spirits...

Temple Beth Emet Healing Circle

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Please join us on Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM.

Check the calendar for any changes.

HANUKKIAH ART MAKING WORKSHOP

Make your very own Hanukkiah to celebrate the Festival of Lights with art teacher Dafna Norman! This experience will be set in the magic and wonder of process art within our art studio. Process art honors the individual in all of us, allowing for the power of creativity. In this workshop children will be exposed to a variety of materials and loose parts to create their very own Hanukkiah.

2-part workshop for elementary ages & older

December 5 & December 7

Group 1: 3:30 - 4:15 PM Group 2: 4:45 - 5:30 PM

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE \$45 per child

To register www.templebethemet.org/form/HW

For more information: laura@templebethemet.org











WINTER BREAK



CAMP 2022



ECC WINTER CAMP 3 MONTHS - PRE-K

DATES ON-CAMPUS

12/27, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6

ECC & TRAVEL CAMP HOURS & RATES

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM \$75 DAILY RATE OR \$275 WEEKLY RATE- ECC \$85 DAILY RATE OR \$315 WEEKLY RATE- TRAVEL

TRAVEL WINTER CAMP

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

DATES & TRIPS

12/27- BOWLING & OFF THE WALL

12/28 - MUSEUM & IMAX/JACKSON'S

12/29 - PLASTER CAROUSEL & ICE SKATING

12/30 - MOVIES & MONSTER MINI GOLF

1/3 - FLAMINGO GARDENS & ICE CREAM

1/4 - BOWLING & FLYING SQUIRREL

1/5 - BOOMERS

1/6 - EXTREME ACTION PARK

REGISTER: WWW.TEMPLEBETHEMET.ORG/WINTERCAMP

*SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED * NO REFUNDS FOR MISSED DAYS

*PLEASE SEND A KOSHER STYLE LUNCH TO CAMP DAILY *LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

TRAVEL CAMP: *PARENTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH FINALIZED TRIP DETAILS BEFORE CAMP

STARTS, TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ECC WINTER CAMP: DINA MILGRAM, DINA@TEMPLEBETHEMET.ORG Travel Winter Camp: Rayna Engle, Rayna417@Aol.com or 954-680-1882

MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

NEW MITZVAH DAY PROJECTS FOR 2023 MORE DETAILS TO COME

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
FOR ALL UP TO DATE
INFORMATION:
www.templebethemet.org
/mitzvahday

FLOWER BOUQUETS

Activity: Arrange flower bouquets & Cards for senior residents at Memorial Manor.

What to bring: Vases & tissue paper.

RABBI G'S WISHLIST

Activity: Let's enhance the temple with beautification projects. For a full list of projects visit the website.

BLESSING BAGS

Activity: Help stuff Blessing Bags to give to the homeless and Showering Love.

What to bring: Toiletries, snack food, wipes, deodorant, comb, brush, gift cards, socks etc.

JUBILEE

Activity: Prepare sandwiches for the homeless and donate to Jubilee.

What to bring: Sunflower seed butter & jelly, bread, zip lock sandwich bags, juice boxes, and individual bags of chips.

DOG TREATS

Activity: We will be making dog treats to donate to the Broward Humane Society.

What to bring: Pumpkin puree, eggs, sunflower seed butter and whole wheat flour.

KIDS CAN

Activity: Stuff bags and make cards for children in the hospital. We will provide bags to be decorated.

What to bring: Drawstring bags, coloring books, crayons, activity books, stuffed animals, small toys, small board games, deck of cards.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Activity: Support the JFS Cupboard Kosher Food Pantry by enjoying a scavenger hunt at Publix. We will provide the clues and answer key for the nonperishable food items that are needed. Families shop for the clued items and drop their purchases in the Cupboard van that will be outside Publix.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ALL ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE OUTDOORS
- OPENING CEREMONY @ 10:00 AM FOLLOWED BY PROJECTS AT 10:30 AM
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED

www.templebethemet.org/ form/mitzvahday

REGISTRATION GOES LIVE December 22, 2022

MORE OPPORTUNITIES



BLOOD DRIVE Donate blood to the Community Blood Centers of South Florida



WRITE LETTERS
TO SOLDIERS
Write letters to
our U.S. soldiers
thanking them
for their service.

Adult Education Classes



ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

Learn to read Hebrew and recite Hebrew prayers. Led by Paula Bergman Call the Temple Office at 954-680-1882 for more information.

Call for date and time of class 954-680-1882



BOOKIE GROUP

Meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am in person and on Zoom. If you are interested in having a great discussion, studying the Torah, learning about Judaism and life while having a bagel or donut and coffee, join the men's discussion group. For more information email bethemet@templebethemet.org

7:30 AM TUES 12/6 MON 12/12 & 12/19



HEALING MEDITATION CIRCLE

Led by Cantor Jan on zoom.

For those seeking peace, healing from grief or looking for quiet spiritual moments. For zoom link email office@templebethemet.org

7:00PM December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

THURDAYS



FINDING HUMOR IN LIFE

Enjoy a morning of good jokes with Rabbi DeWoskin. For zoom link email office@templebethemet.org

THURDAYS 10:00 AM December 1, 8, 15, 22



INTRO TO JUDAISM MITZVOT * HISTORY * TORAH * TRADITIONS

Judaism from an adult perspective. If you're interested in becoming a more confident parent of Jewish children, exploring long standing questions you haven't yet asked, conversion or other questions, small or large, this is the class for you. For more information rabbifd@templebethemet.org

7:00 PM December 6, 13, 20



JUDAISM 2.0

Led by Rabbi DeWoskin Anything and everything you want to know! Class takes place the first and third Thursday of the month.

 $Contact \ \underline{rabbifd@templebethemet.org} \ for \ more \ information.$

THURSDAY December 1st@7:00 15th @ 8:00

TORAH STUDY

Led by Rabbi Greenspon on zoom. Study and discuss the Torah portion of the week.

For zoom link email office@templebethemet.org

THURSDAYS 12:00 PM Resumes January 12



Beth Emet School



Kindergarten to 8th Grade Noemi Gozlan, Director Michal Medina, Assistant Director

Getting a 'Taste' for Reading

Third grade is a transitional year. Students are becoming more independent learners. One area where this is represented is reading. Now that they have learned how to read, they start reading to learn. The students are taught how to analyze texts using a variety of strategies and incorporating different reading skills. In third grade we use a wide range of texts to accomplish this goal.

The students are independently choosing their own books to read and have learned to use the title, the pictures, and the blurb on the back cover to determine if it is a good book. They tend to select the same type of books that they feel comfortable with so we are working towards taking risks and trying out different styles of literature, helping them to understand that different books are read for different purposes.

Our reading focuses on different genres of literature. Some examples of what we will read this year are: Biography, Fantasy, Realistic Fiction, Non-Fiction and Mystery. With each genre study we will learn the characteristics of that genre and study a well-known author that specializes in that style.

In addition to reading several books within each genre, both picture books and chapter books, together in class and independently, the students will also complete a project relating to each genre, highlighting the story elements. Our goal is that by the end of the year they will have a strong grasp of all those genres.



The third graders participated in a Book Tasting event as a way of sampling a variety of good books. The classroom was transformed into a "Books' Cafe" where each center offered a platter of tasty books representing a specific genre. The students began sampling a chapter book from the platter that was offered to them. They used their menu to respond to the books by recording the title, commenting on the cover art, and previewing the first few pages. They had the opportunity to move to all of the other centers to keep tasting different genres. At the end of our tasting event they created a bookmark with a list of books they would want to read. "I didn't want to read that book, but once I started I couldn't stop!" was what we heard as one group moved on to the next genre.

The goal of a book tasting is to awaken a love of reading and to show our students that there is a wide variety of literature available to them. "I can't wait to read these books." said one student as he put his bookmark list away. It is also intended to teach them the skills necessary to preview a book before choosing whether they want to read it or not, helping them understand how to choose books for a specific purpose.

Through this experience we hope the students will be introduced and take the risk and read books they may never have chosen to read before. One student said, in her response, "I didn't think I would like fantasy books but now I do!" I guess our goal was met successfully.

The students truly enjoyed and benefited from the experience and we look forward to seeing the results in their reading! As one student summarized, "I hope we do another book tasting soon. I can't wait to see which genres we will taste next."

Early Childhood Center





The Art of Gratitude...

Throughout the year we celebrate many different holidays with our students. Our focus on each holiday is the morals and values we take away from the story/history of that holiday. Hanukkah is no different. The story of Hanukkah conveys the message of religious freedom and choice and the right to say no to assimilation.

To teach these values to children ages 5 and under is no easy task. But it is one we tackle with all of our hearts. We each know the value of learning these lessons. We want all of our children to live in a world where they feel they have the choices and rights our country has fought for. We have the right to say yes or no to assimilation. We have the right to choose our religion. We have the right to be who we want to be, or in their mind, we have the right to say "I'm Hanukkah, you're Christmas." For young children this is often the beginning of finding and understanding their identity.

We begin by reading the story of Hanukkah in class. Then the children have the opportunity to act it out. We role play the various parts, and practice standing up for what we believe in. It is with great joy that we watch the children begin to act it out on their own. From the block center to the playground we will hear the words, "Who wants to be the Maccabees?"

As you prepare for the holiday in your house and you shop for presents I hope you have a chance to reflect on the true meaning of the holiday. Sometimes the holiday exchange can become the only focus. If you sit down for your holiday meal you can talk about the story, or a story that comes from your families' personal history. Together we can continue to instill these important values in our children.

And of course, comes the dreaded gift giving where our children's response can be disheartening. Sometimes they don't like the gift they are given and they throw it or cry or sulk. We may ask ourselves, "Why do they behave so ungratefully?" This year let's ask ourselves, "How can I teach them to be grateful?" This can be the hard part. I remember feeling so disappointed and frustrated with my children. Many parents have talked with me about the guilt they feel for working and for being away from their child while they are at school. We cannot let our guilt impede us from being a good parent. Children can understand they don't have to like the gift, but there is an appropriate way to respond. We will teach it in class, you will teach it at home and together we will teach the art of gratitude.

We wish you all a peaceful holiday season.











Merkaz Limud & JTL

Noemi Gozlan, Director Jennifer Schatz-Young, Assistant Director

"HINEINI – HERE I AM" The Jewish Museum of Florida

We kicked off the year exploring the countries of where our families originally came from, discovering that there are Jews all around the world. Continuing our theme of Jewish Identity this year, our 5th, 6th and 7th graders in our Merkaz Limud and Jewish Teen Leadership took a field trip to the Jewish Museum of Florida, which is a wonderful place to learn about our Judaic beginnings in South Beach and Florida. The Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU is the only museum dedicated to telling the story of more than 250 years of Florida Jewish history, arts and culture, with a growing collection of more than 100,000 items. It is located in the trendy area of South Beach. The Museum is housed in two restored historic buildings that were once synagogues for Miami Beach's first Jewish congregation.





Just driving to the South Beach location was a treat, enabling conversation about the Art Deco architecture, which continues its design all the way into the museum's building. As our group entered the authentic synagogue, the



students noticed the small marble bimah and the slanted floors. This started a conversation about how the building had suffered from Hurricane Andrew, but that it was so rich in Jewish history that it had to be preserved to enable us to learn about the chronology of Florida's Jews. As this building was telling its story, we learned that this synagogue was the first congregation in Miami Beach. Students learned that there were restricted covenants and legal land deeds that forbade Jews from living north of Fifth Street. Jews were only allowed to live within a four-block radius, forcing the area to

become a Jewish Ghetto. Therefore, Congregation Beth Jacob was born and became the first congregation in Miami Beach to erect a synagogue.

Our journey through Florida's Jewish history continued artistically. Different modes of art were on display inside the synagogue. Dresses made from not only fabric but of newspaper patterns told interesting stories of a Jewish



seamstress. There were also beautiful stained-glass windows with images depicting Jewish values and traditions. It was explained to the students that these windows not only held Judaic importance but were functional as well. With the lack of air conditioning, up until the 1940's,

the synagogue's windows had to be transparent and opened. While the open windows allowed air flow inside the building, it was also so bright that it was impossible for the congregants to read their prayer books. The open windows frequently caused sand and dust to be blown into the building since it's located near the beach, along with loud noise from the bustling street traffic outside. When air

conditioning was installed they took the opportunity to put in the stained-glass windows as a solution to the blinding sunlight. So many beautiful artistic pieces were eye candy as the group freely explored the museum and were invited to craft their own colorful collages. The students felt very lucky to not only be a part of learning about our history but to know that the Jewish



Museum of Florida is the only place that collects, preserves and interprets Florida's Jewish history – not too far from our own backyard.

We have a wonderful partnership with the Jewish Museum. Our B'nai Mitzvah families are gifted with complimentary family membership, which allows them to enjoy unlimited museum admission for an entire year. We encourage our families to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to explore together our rich Florida Jewish history.



Temple Beth Emet proudly boasts one of the most successful youth programs in Broward County. All youth activities are planned with one goal in mind: to help participants connect to their Temple community. Our three programs serve students in grades K-12 with various social, religious and community service events while socializing with their friends.

For more information contact Rayna Engle, Youth Director 954-680-1882 or rayna417@aol.com

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Bogrim & Gesher meet Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30pm Chalutzim meets one Sunday a month from 12:30 – 2:00pm

December 2-4	Bogrim &	Youth Chapter Retreat	
	Gesher	Camp Shalom, Ocala, FL	

December 7 Bogrim & Boy	wling at SpareZ
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Gesher

December 11 Chalutzim Hanukkah Party

December 14 Bogrim & Musical Games

Gesher

December 21 Bogrim & Hanukkah Party

Gesher

No Programs December 28 - January 11

B'nai Mitzvah



Max Bratter

Max Bratter will be called to the Torah December 3, 2022. Max is in seventh grade at Nova Southeastern University school where he excels on the robotics team and also manages the stage crew for the middle and high school theater shows. Max loves all things "tech," and seeks out any opportunity he can to code, learn, and of course make announcements. He has even become the announcer at several of NSU's sporting events.

Max is on the founding executive board of the Kids Can Foundation and has played an active role in the development and success of this Foundation for the last 8 years. Kids Can has provided Max with the opportunity to interact with, learn from, and give back to many of his peers who may not be as fortunate.

Max, along with his parents, Rebecca and Jonathan Bratter, would like thank the entire TBE family. Many thanks go to Rabbi Greenspon, Rabbi DeWoskin and Cantor Jan. Our special appreciation goes to Ms. Paula for always being there and guiding Max to his success on the bima.

We are so proud of Max and everything he has accomplished. We look forward to all of his life's milestones and will be there with him every step of the way. Max, we love you more than all of the stars in the sky!

Madison Stultz

Madison Stultz will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 10, 2022. Madison is a 7th grader at Silver Trail Middle School and is an Honor Roll student. Her favorite subjects are Language Arts and Science.

Madison loves cooking, art, shopping and talking to her friends on the phone. She is extremely talented and creative with drawing, sketching, painting and craft making. She's full of style and loves fashion. She's a perfectionist with all her projects and strives to always do her best. Madison was born with an "old soul,"



and is very passionate when it comes to the elderly. She's always willing to give a helping hand to those in need. Madison loves spending time and going on trips with her grandpa, mom and sister and she loves spending time with her dog, Sandy.

Madison would like to thank Rabbi Greenspon, Rabbi DeWoskin, Cantor Jan Sheer, her amazing tutor, Paula, and all the TBE staff that provided all the wisdom, guidance, education and support throughout her years from Early Childhood to Elementary School at Temple Beth Emet.

Mia Rosenberg

Mia Joy Rosenberg will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, December 17, 2022. Mia is in 7th grade at Falcon Cove Middle School, where she maintains Principal's Honor Roll with straight A's in the gifted program.

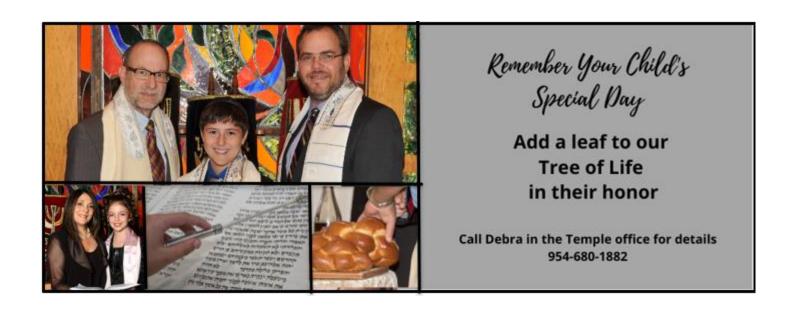
Mia enjoys travelling, playing volleyball, sewing, crafts, listening to music, and watching Disney movies. She is a very sweet, caring, and bright girl who excels at anything she puts her mind to. She has always been mature well beyond her years. Mia is adventurous and curious, so it is quite appropriate that she has chosen an *Alice in Wonderland* theme for her party celebration.



For her mitzvah project, Mia is participating in programs to help the homeless and rescue animals. She is also participating in the "Remember Us" Program, which honors the memory of a precious child lost in the Holocaust. Since that child perished at a young age before her bat mitzvah, Mia will help to have that child's memory live on through the shared celebration of her bat mitzvah. Szajndla Olejarz Eliash was born in Lublin, Poland in 1932 to Velvel and Hene. Szajndla was only 7 years old when her life was taken at the Majdanek Concentration and Extermination Camp in Poland. Mia had relatives who were also at Camp Majdanek; some of whom also perished there and a few who were able to escape and survive — such as Henrietta Weisberg. It is important that we never forget.

We are extremely proud of Mia and all the hard work she has put into learning Hebrew and preparing to perform her bat mitzvah services. Thank you to all of the Temple Beth Emet Rabbis and staff. A special thanks to her tutor, Paula Bergman, for helping to prepare her for her upcoming bat mitzvah.

With much love and pride, mazel tov! Mom, Dad & Alec.





December 1

Myles Cutler Zachary Dolberg Arlo Esson Nataly Swissa Aiden Wu

December 2

Nancy Beim
Jodie Bernstein
Liv Biernacki
Ethan Boyd
Jonathan Bratter
Danielle Friedman
Robert Horowitz
Benjamin Kessler
Robin Tepper
Charles White
Benjamin
Zuckerman

December 3

Ryan Bush Hannah Edelberg Lian Mizrahi Robin Steinman Stephen Yaffe

December 4

Sydney Baker Jesse Casher Michal Mayara Jared Meyers Pete Schlang

December 5

Patricia Dorfman Avery Eichel Peyton Eichel Scott Farber Dinorah Geller Barbara Lambert Valerie Zaffos

December 6

Idan Cohen
Laura Goodman
Adam Greenstein
Rachel Kopet
Shir Mayara
Rajel Wolcoff

December 7

Maryn Buchsbaum Alix Genson Virginia Gomis Matthew Lundy

December 8

Eli Gray Heidi Meyers David Raskin Harlow Root Beth Simon Madison Stultz

December 9

Sarah Ashey Max Bratter Mana Oken Damian Oliva Mark Rosen Charlotte Seaver Jetty Wagman

December 10

Ethan Zagoria

December 11

Monica Bakerman Sara Lipman Brian Rafkin Trina Steinberg Martin Trefler

December 12

Jared Baker Ava Feldman Wynne Frishman Dylan Gitkin Jacob Gitkin Zachary London Alec Rosenberg

December 13

Gloria Becker Brian Rush Ryan Santiago

December 14

Theodore Ariza Luca Batungbakal Seung Eldridge Levi Jacobs Maddon Katz Tali Shir

December 15

Nicholas Casher Brooke Shenkin

December 16

Louis Azzinaro Eden Collins Samuel Essig Sydney Herzbrun Jenna Kleinman Gail Levi Ayden Marchetti Yossi Medina Carrie Mintz

December 17

Jeffrey Koch Dana Kornfeld Zackary Lopez Leif Novie Leah Rush Stephen Weiss

December 18

Sloane Dreyer Rachel Kessler Ryan Moss Sophie Newmark Benjamin Rivera Jacob Shmalo December 19

Abbey Hertz Jake Katzman Alex Webman

December 20

Marley Amarant Jake Cimerberg Justin Gold Robert Klausner Evelyn Krotowski Noah Riestra Mia Rosenberg Tracy Trager

December 21

Alyssa Cagan

December 22

Jacob Benjamin
Aaron Epstein
Mel Frishman
Robin
Morganstine
Justin Rush
Jennifer Schwartz
Nathan Wong
Brooke Zauder

December 23

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December 27

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December 28

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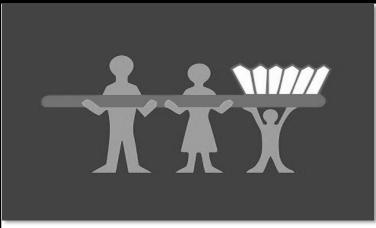


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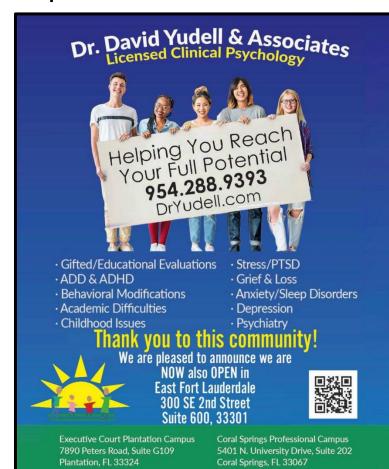
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