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May 2021

Iyar-Sivan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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He'Bros Executive Board Meeting 9:00am	High Tea & Me ³ 3:30pm	7:30am	Coffee & Check -5 in w/Rabbi G 10:00am GESHER & BOGRIM YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm	Humor 10:00am Torah Study 12:00pm Healing Meditation 7:00pm	Coffee & 7 Check-in w/ Rabbi G 10:00am ECC Friday Night Lights 6:30pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Antecol 10:00am
Mothers Day NO SCHOOL MERKAZ LIMUD	High Tea & Me 3:30pm	7:30am	Coffee & 12 Check -in w/ Rabbi G 10:00am GESHER & BOGRIM YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm	Check-in w/ Humor 10:00am Torah Study 12:00pm Healing Meditation 7:00pm	Coffee & 14 Check-in w/ Rabbi G 10:00am Outdoor Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Jockers 11:00am
FAMILY 16 KICKBALL Noon-2:00pm	Shavuot TEMPLE OFFICE and SCHOOLS CLOSED	Bookie Group 7:30am	Coffee & 19 Check -in w/ Rabbi G 10:00am GESHER & BOGRIM YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm EXECUTIVE BOARD 7:00pm	Check-in w/ Humor 10:00am Torah Study 12:00pm Healing Meditation 7:00pm Judaism 2.0 7:00pm	Coffee & 21 Check-in w/ Rabbi G 10:00am Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	22 B'nai Mitzvah of Mason & Stella Cooperman 11:00am
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30	Memorial Day TEMPLE OFFICE and SCHOOLS CLOSED			12:00pm Healing Meditation 7:00pm VIRTUAL POKER NIGHT 7:00pm	Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Jacobs 11:00am



Rabbi Bennett Greenspon

Passover is the holiday of freedom. Shavuot is the holiday of revelation. But Shavuot, which comes 50 days after Passover and commemorates the giving of the Torah (it probably started as an agricultural festival celebrating the first harvest and the birth of that year's calves

and lambs) could also be a holiday of freedom. The Israelites were finally totally free from the slavery of idolatry and paganism.

This year for us Shavuot may also symbolize our freedom from Covid19. No, it is not going away. No, we are not going to be able to go back to the way we were. Yes, we are still going to have to be careful. Yes, many of us, if not most of us, will be getting booster shots and trying to prevent another pandemic.

Five minutes ago, as I sat down to write this message I realized that the name COVID is a homonym for the Hebrew word *kavod*. *Kavod* means honor...to give some *kavod* is to respect them, or to praise them, or to honor them somehow. Queen Esther showed the king *kavod* by not going into his presence unless called. She showed her uncle Mordechai *kavod* by going to the king even though she wasn't called.

We have been and must continue to show *kavod* to Covid by watching out for others. In other words, we must honor, *kavod*, others by being respectful to the power of this little virus. Hopefully, soon we will be giving *kavod* to all the doctors, nurses, health care workers, scientists and others who will bring the pandemic to its knees.

Back to Shavuot: I am hoping that with the advent of the holiday we will begin to return to some sense of normalcy with regard to Shabbat services. Nothing will ever be the same as it was! And that is probably good! Even when we move back into the sanctuary we will be Zooming or offering a virtual option of some sort.

In Israel, which has more or less brought the virus under control, there are limitations on synagogue attendance (sometimes, sadly, violated as we recently saw in the news). Services there are limited to ten participants indoors and to one hundred outdoors. Our TBE policy has our current indoor services limited to seventy-five assuming that at least forty attendees have been vaccinated. These limits have been for weddings and b'nai mitzvah where guests can be pre-screened. We can't pre-screen for regular services which is why we have been hesitant to fully or even partially re-open "normal services" because we have to show *kavod* to those among us who may be immuno-compromised or more susceptible to infection. We will open up more and more as the infection rates in Florida and Broward drop below 5%.

In the meantime, watch the eblasts for information. And as Shavuot will soon be upon us, sit down on Sunday evening the 16th and read the Book of Ruth and have a cheese blintz a traditional holiday food.

Be well, be safe.

Rabbi Bennett Greenspon

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 WE'RE ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU.



Rabbi's Writings

Rabbi Frank DeWoskin



Every year, in May or June, we approach the end of our school year around the time of Shavuot. This holiday is known as the Feast of Weeks as it took seven weeks to get from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the amount of time from Passover to Shavuot. It is also a pilgrimage festival, Biblically known as the festival of Reaping, a spring harvest festival. It is most well known as the holiday that commemorates God giving the Torah to the nation of Israel.

There is some irony in celebrating the receiving of Torah at the end of our school year. Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate receiving of the Torah at the beginning of the year? In reality, this holiday falls when it does because it is a Spring harvest holiday, *and* how symbolic it is that we celebrate receiving the Law just as we reflect on the information we received over the past year. It's a celebration not of beginning to study, rather a celebration of learning.

There is a midrash found in the Talmud that talks about staying up all night as people should not sleep the night before hearing God's voice in the morning. This was the custom of the High Priest. In another midrash it is written that the Israelites slept so deeply the night before the Torah was revealed they had to be awakened with thunder and lightning.

Many communities have all-night or a late night study sessions, a practice followed from these midrashim and put into practice by Kabbalists in S'fat as a way to celebrate the revelation of Torah at Mt. Sinai.

At Temple Beth Emet, we traditionally hold our confirmation class' service during Shavuot. At this time the 10th grade students lead the service and talk about what their Judaism means to them. They recognize that Judaism is not about becoming a bar or bat mitzvah. Judaism is a lifelong journey, and includes many milestones along the way. While we do not have a confirmation class this year, I look forward to confirmation services for years to come. There is something meaningful and powerful in the words of our students as they talk about the strength of the past supporting a bright and hopeful future.

When we wrap up our school year there is always reason to celebrate. Whether in merkaz limud (religious school), Jewish teen leadership, early childhood, elementary school, middle school, youth group, camp, any of our adult opportunities or in services, there were so many moments of growth and learning, with many wonderful questions being asked.

Thank you to everyone who participated in some capacity of learning through the year. There is always an opportunity to celebrate what you have learned. There are always opportunities to learn, for the first time or as refresher. May we all continue learning and growing together.

Rabbi Frank DeWoskin



Cantor Jan Sheer



As we approach Israel's birthday once again... we are full of gratitude to be part of this great "light to the nations" that is Eretz Yisrael.

A few famous words throughout the years:

"When peace comes we will perhaps in time be able to forgive the Arabs for killing our sons, but it will be harder for us to forgive them for having forced us to kill their sons. Peace will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us." — Golda Meir

"In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles." — David Ben Gurion

"In Israel, a land lacking in natural resources, we learned to appreciate our greatest national advantage: our minds. Through creativity and innovation, we transformed barren deserts into flourishing fields and pioneered new frontiers in science and technology." — Shimon Peres

"Men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all of the alternatives." — Abba Eban

"We must think differently, look at things in a different way. Peace requires a world of new concepts, new definitions." — Yitzchak Rabin

"In the Jewish tradition, there is at the same time Jerusalem in the heavens and Jerusalem on the ground. Jerusalem is a living city, but also the heart, the soul of the Jewish people and the state of Israel." — Yitzchak Rabin

"In Israel, waves of anger and fear circulate all the time, but so do jokes and gossip and silky evening breezes. So, too, in America." — P. J. O'Rourke

"As long as within our hearts, the Jewish soul sings,
As long as forward, to the east,
to Zion looks the eye
our hope is not yet lost.
It is 2000 years old
To be a free people, in our land,
the land of Zion and Jerusalem."
—Naphtali Herz Imber

Happy birthday, dear Israel! We are so proud to call you our homeland!!

Blessings, Countor John

Temple Beth Emet Healing Circle



Please join us. We typically meet every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Be sure to check the calendar on page 2 for any changes.





Beth Emet School

Elementary & Middle School
Noemi Gozlan, Head of School
Michal Medina, Assistant

Israel Celebrates 73 Years of Independence

Throughout their long history, the yearning to return to the Land of Israel has been the focus of Jewish life. Independence Day is a celebration of the renewal of the Jewish state in the land where the Jewish people began to develop its distinctive religion and culture. Israel Independence Day is celebrated annually on the anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, according to the Hebrew calendar, on the 5th day of the month of Iyar.

Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut has been a way to express solidarity with the state of Israel and to strengthen their alliance with it.

Beth Emet School strives to provide excellence to our students, so they develop a passion for learning, infused with Jewish values, commitment to the Jewish community and connection to the State of Israel.

At Beth Emet School Israel is studied throughout the whole year from different perspectives. Here we look to develop a keen understanding of Jewish concepts, values and mitzvot. As part of our Jewish History class, the students learn about the major events and personalities that shaped the lives of our forebears. We explore the diverse ways in which the Jewish people have adapted and continue to adapt to changing times and circumstances. The goal is to enrich the students' knowledge and appreciation of the Jewish inheritance and feel proud of our history, Jewish life and traditions.

Our Primary Hebrew Curriculum is based on the notion that the best learning environment for children is one in which knowledge is acquired through a variety of activities using each of the five senses. Our program encompasses a wide range of activities through various modes of communication. It integrates Hebrew language with the development of Jewish concepts, values, reading and writing skills. We create a visual and oral Hebrew environment in the classroom, allowing the students to learn through pictures, songs, workbooks, reading books, conversation and challenging games using our technology with the Clear Touch interactive board & digital media.

This year our Upper Elementary classes started a new interactive Hebrew program, called Chaverim B'Ivrit. Hebrew language is acquired in contents relevant to the students' lives and cultural backgrounds. The program brings modern Hebrew based on the most current understanding of language acquisition in children including the need to transfer and apply learning in new context and situations. The lessons revolve around themes like family, friendship, traveling, food and music. Exposing our students to use multiple genres, stories, conversations, poems, songs, journals and bulletin boards, will give our students the opportunity to think, write and communicate in Hebrew and to treat Hebrew as a living language.

Our Middle schoolers continue the modern Hebrew language approach, from digital readings, conversations and discussions of the latest news of Israel, through reading comprehension of secular and religious texts. Every student is given the opportunity to explore his/her points of view towards the State of Israel, its people in Israel and in the Golah (Jews outside the State of Israel), supporting every student's social and emotional development.

At Beth Emet School we create a school culture where every student feels supported and valued. We feel fortunate to be able to teach students about our Jewish inheritance history and modern Hebrew language, so that they may strive to safeguard and preserve their cultural, religious and civic rights.





Early Childhood Center Robin Sheridan. Director

Robin Sheridan, Director Dina Milgram, Assistant Director

Another year comes to an end....

This year we continued to focus on our school philosophy and approach with the children. We strive to understand what it means to be inspired by the Reggio philosophy. We practiced the art of truly listening to the students. We wanted to hear what they were interested in, what were they pondering and thinking about, and then from there our lessons were built!

The joy and enthusiasm for learning was so evident. The children loved the loose parts in our classes. These pieces allowed the children to expand their creativity and imaginations. The joy they had in building with stones, rocks, keys and beads was evident. In addition to this, the new blocks on our school playground were so popular. Building was a favored activity in all of our classes this year. From the blocks to the Magna-Tiles to the boxes the students built! They planned, they worked together, they learned about balance, design and gravity, and they explored height and size. They used their minds creatively each day as they built. They problem-solved independently and formed amazing friendships. In addition to the excitement of exploring a "play-based" curriculum we continued to follow the high standards of our NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation. We strive to build each child's skills and abilities academically and socially.



As we finish the year I take this time to reflect on the past ten months. Our enrollment is strong and we are proud to end the year with 205 students! This is an amazing achievement as we move through this Pandemic. The care and attention each teacher gave their students was our biggest accomplishment. From sitting with a child individually, to helping them create a piece of art, to guiding them so that they could express themselves, to running with them on the playground, we value and cherish our thousands of interactions and moments with each child. In addition to this we respected and valued their independence. We discover how intelligent they are when we step back and watch them with their friends or on their own! Each year, Dina and I challenge the teachers to learn exciting and new ways to facilitate

learning, conflict resolution and problem-solving in the classroom. With our continued emphasis on professional development our teachers are able to stay creative and fresh in their classroom strategies.

Dear Staff, this paragraph is for you. Thank you for emerging at whatever pace you are comfortable with - we are a great team! Thank you for challenging yourselves and for reflecting, growing and learning each day alongside your students! Thank you for coming to work each day in the face of this Pandemic with your masks and the Florida heat...you persevered. With your determination, your rigor and your commitment, the children at our school were able to experience a regular school day, as they deserve.

The office team that runs our school is outstanding. Miss Dina, Miss Aimee and Miss Lily work hard and diligently to keep our school running. I am so fortunate because when we work, we brainstorm together, we share ideas and sometimes we laugh. Thank you for working in a team that values hard work and partnership with a side of laughter! A job with laughter is a job worth doing!

Thank you to our PTO board for helping us and for supporting us in family programs and for taking care of our staff and the millions of little and big things you did behind the scenes. We are forever grateful for your support. Thank you so much Sara Depass, Jenn Simmons, Melissa Blum, Jaime Gazes and Jenn Weinstock! From live to virtual, you shifted and kept us going!

May you all have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you at Camp Beth Emet and Beth Emet School for the 2021-2022 school year!







Our Nesher Connection

Our Merkaz Limud has been participating in Jewish Federation of Broward County's "School Twinning" program for many years, also sponsored by the Jewish Agency for Israel. Jennifer and I were fortunate enough to, separately, travel to Israel and visit our Nesher counterparts https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nesher.

We toured some of their schools, got to know some of the students there, and broke bread with members of the Nesher community. We gave presentations about life in Broward County and about our Temple Beth Emet community. Our trips to Nesher reinforced our mindset that Israel should be part of our curriculum throughout the school year, not just during Yom Ha'atzmaut in the spring. That is one of the reasons we choose to participate in the School Twinning Partnership2Gether program every year, so that our students understand that Israel is not just a foreign place off in the distance, but that it is our homeland, filled with Jewish children that are just like them.

During the school year, our 6th Grade students celebrated Jewish holidays together with our 6th grade friends at Glilot School in Nesher, including Chanukah and Purim. This past month we also celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel's Independence Day – together! Both sides prepared questions to ask each other about Independence Day in their respective countries. "What is the overall message of the Declaration of Independence?" "When was Independence Day declared in Israel?" "What are some facts about the American flag? The Israeli flag?" "How do you celebrate Independence Day in your country?" "Why do you think it's important to celebrate Independence Day?" These questions help to show the students on both sides of the ocean that they are more similar in their traditions and celebrations than they may think. Our goal is that when it comes time for any of our families to visit Israel, possibly even for Bar/Bat Mitzvah time, they will make a stop in Nesher as part of their tour. Our hope is that through personal interactions, our students will develop a sense of belonging and the drive to visit not just Israel as the country, homeland, but to visit a friend...learn their culture, taste their food, and realize that they are all teens with the same aspirations.



#joinUS









MEY ECC Camp (3 mo - 4 yrs) and Day Camp (K-7th Grade)

Camp News...Can you believe camp is starting next month? Over the past few months we have spent hours planning and organizing an amazing program for the children ranging in ages from 12 months and up. We are always thinking about how to create the most amazing program with an emphasis on independence for the older campers. In addition to this we bring back

our successful programs such as Coach Jeff for instructional swim and our animal interaction experience!



At Beth Emet each child gets to experience a variety of activities in a warm, and loving Jewish environment. Yet it is not this planning that keeps the children happy. It is the friendships, and comfort they experience on our campus that leaves them with a memorable camp experience. Studies show that children's camp memories are a big part of their adult memories. The connection the children build with the Temple is significant. Camp gives children the opportunity to connect the Temple with fun, and happy memories. The joy, team spirit, and camaraderie they develop in the summer stays forever in their hearts and souls.

I wish you could all experience Color War with us. The children's enthusiasm and sportsmanship is incredible. The song fest at the end is amazing; last summer we were not able to have a Color War - we are hoping this year we can bring back this amazing tradition!

When we go home at the end of the day we are smiling (and a little sweaty!), and looking forward to coming back to our friends and counselors. Our camp friends are so special to us! This quality time, playing, running and hanging out are so meaningful! Our wonderful time connected to the Temple builds our commitment to our heritage and our community. Who could ask for anything more?

REGISTER NOW! www.templebethemet.org/form/campreg2021

Teen Camp (6th - 10th Grade)

Our Teen Camp is all about bonding with peers, sharing experiences and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Our teen camp this year will be Covid friendly! We will be doing EXCITING on campus activities and some off-campus events including a full time PE coach, gourmet cooking, swimming, CPR, yoga, art, social action, Shabbat and so much more!! Our off-campus trips will be a Marlins Game, Beach, Miniature Golf, Escape Room, Plug In and Movies (reserved theater). If life as we once knew it gets back to somewhat normal, then we will implement more off campus activities. We promise that we will have the greatest of all summers and we will stay safe!!!! Our teens will have a balance of independence and safe supervision.



For any questions please do not hesitate to call Rayna Engle, Teen Camp Co-

Director at 954-347-7530! (Limited enrollment available) We know things are different, but we'll get through this together!



Temple Beth Emet and IJKL have partnered to offer TBE members opportunities to join in some great classes. TBE will cover the cost to register for these classes. Once you register for a class you will have access to all of the classes that are offered by IJKL at no additional charge.

BUDAPEST

Wed., April 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 12:30 pm Explore the history and legends of beautiful Budapest from Pest to the largest synagogue in Europe., The Grand Dohany and on to Szeged Keskemes and Sarvas'. We will chart over 800 years of the Hungarian Jewish experience under the shadow of Antisemitism. From Hungary, we will learn the story of Romania's Jewish community through the personal experience under the dark shadows of Communism and its heroic Comrade Rabbi!



Monday

3:30 PM - High Tea and Me (no class 5/17 or 5/31)

Tuesday

7:30 AM - Bookie Group study text & solve the world's problems.

Wednesday

10:00 AM - Coffee with TBE & Check-In A brief time to just check in and let us know how you are doing. We will end with a very brief (no more than one paragraph) teaching from our tradition.

7:00 PM - Intro to Judaism Explore long standing questions you haven't asked. (The last class is May 12.. The next round of classes will begin next October or November.))

Thursday

10:00 AM - Humor is Necessary!

12:00 PM - Torah Study

7:00 PM - Healing Meditation

7:00 PM - Judaism 2.0 (1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month)

Friday

10:00 AM - Coffee with TBE & Check-In

Youth Happenings

Rayna Engle, Youth Director

Kagna Engle, Fouth En

GESHER & BOGRIM

Grades 5-12 Meets Every Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM Meet at TBE

May 2021 Program Schedule

5 - NACHO BAR 12 - GAGA 19 - END OF YEAR DINNER & BONFIRE HONORING OUR SENIOR CLASS





YOUTH GROUP POLICIES: SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

- Masks must be worn at all times
- All activities will be socially distanced



HE*BROS HAPPENINGS



The He*Bros' mission is to build friendships and camaraderie while planning family events that contribute to the well-being of Temple Beth Emet and the larger community, financially and in good deeds. Calling all male Temple members and dads of our schools to become He*Bros! Dues are only \$36 and enjoy all of the benefits of being a He*Bro including free and discounted events, and a beautiful tee shirt & mask with our logo.



Family Kickball Tournament Sunday, May 16 at 1:00 PM

On Sunday, May 16, we will have our second He*Bros Family Kickball Tournament. We will draw fields on the Temple's grassy area in front of the parking lot and break out into teams to play kickball after Merkaz Limud lets out. We'll BBQ as well! The last time we did this we had over 100 participants and had an amazing day. Check your Thursday Eblast or the website to RSVP.



Virtual Poker Tournament Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 PM

A chance to join one of our most exciting events! \$40 Buy-in = 5,000 chips (\$50 on tournament day) \$20 Add-on = 7,000 additional chips. Rebuy \$20 = 5,000 chips. Deep stack with 10 minute blinds.

Top 10% of players win! 50% to Players and 50% to He*Bros Charity



Coming Soon: Star Wars Under the Stars – Outdoor movie, details soon





Sisterhood Board Positions

Sisterhood is reaching out in search of those who may be interested in serving on the Sisterhood Board for the upcoming year. There a few positions available. Anyone who is interested in serving and/or would like more information about these positions can contact Beth Herzbrun at bethherzbrun@bellsouth.net or Marcy Gray marbilgray@gmail.com



Gift Shop

Our display cases have moved to the Temple and school lobbies. Check them out and shop our giftware for Shabbat and other holidays, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and all occasions. When purchasing through the Gift Shop, you do not pay sales tax and the entire profit goes back to supporting TBE! Questions? Contact: TBEgifts@gmail.com



Matthew Antecol

Matthew Eddy Antecol will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 8, 2021. Matthew is an eighth grader at Tequesta Trace Middle School where he is very active in the Drama program.

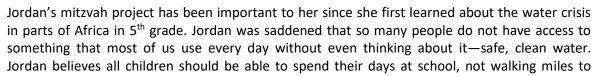
Matthew is a kind, sensitive, fun-loving kid with a great sense of humor. Matthew's hobbies include a new interest in the law, acting, karate, video games, movies and spending time with his family, friends and four cats.

For his mitzvah project, Matthew chose to help the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He once again participated in the annual MS Walk. This project was meaningful to him because his grandmother has been living with MS for over thirty years.

Matthew and his family would like to give a huge heartfelt thank you to Debra Dayan for preparing him so well for this important milestone. Despite the mitzvah being postponed, Miss Debra continued to study with Matthew to make sure he was still ready. We would also like to thank Rabbi DeWoskin, Rabbi Greenspon and Cantor Jan for their support, teachings and guidance.

Jordan Jockers

We are so excited for Jordan Dana Jockers to be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 15, 2021. Jordan is a 7th grader at Pioneer Middle School where she enjoys being a part of the school's morning news show. Outside of school Jordan is honing her tennis skills and becoming a true artist and yogi. Jordan likes to spend her free time with her friends and creating just about anything from a delicious meal to a stylish outfit, from room décor to a TikTok dance to beautiful rocks for a community garden.





obtain water for their families. Jordan started a campaign with thewaterproject.org to help increase awareness of this issue and to help communities in Sub-Saharan Africa by raising funds to build wells, rain-water tanks, hygiene and sanitation projects, and more. Jordan is proud of her mitzvah project and excited to see so many of her friends and family contributing to this important cause. Anyone that would like to donate can visit Jordan's campaign page at https://thewaterproject.org/community/profile/jordan51521.

Jordan and the Jockers family would like to thank everyone at Temple Beth Emet for providing Jordan with the guidance and knowledge she needs to become a bat mitzvah and a member of the Jewish community. Special thanks to Debra Dayan for being such a supportive mentor and encouraging Jordan every step of the way.

Anyone that knows Jordan knows her spunk and spirit make her shine. We are proud of Jordan and all that she has accomplished, and we look forward to continuing to watch her grow, mature and create herself.



Mason & Stella Cooperman

Mason Cooperman will be called to the Torah, along with his sister, Stella, as a b'nai mitzvah on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Mason is currently a 7th grader at Indian Ridge Middle School in Davie. He is a sensitive, caring and thoughtful young man. He does well academically in the advanced program at school while still balancing his other activities quite well.

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Mason & Stella Cooperman (cont'd)

Mazal Tov to all our families

He enjoys gymnastics, particularly, trampoline and tumbling. The pandemic may have thrown a curveball to us, but Mason found his niche and began spending a lot of time socializing and playing with his friends during late night virtual gaming sessions. He also enjoys getting out of the house a bit by playing flag football.

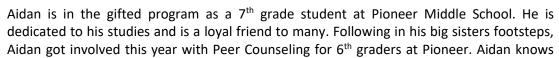
Stella, joining her brother, Mason, as a b'nai mitzvah, also attends Indian Ridge Middle School and is in 6th grade. She is sweet yet sassy, and very social. She could not wait to go to her new school and meet friends as soon as she was able. She has shown such great progress and is in the advanced program. She also enjoys trampoline and tumbling. Since the pandemic, she has found that cheerleading comes in a close second! She is quite the TikTok'r and loves watching her shows over and over again! If you need any explanation on Vampire Diaries, just ask, she knows each episode by heart. Temple Beth Emet has been in our family's hearts for over 42 years, and we are proud to see our children become b'nai mitzvah here.

For their mitzvah project, they have decided to create a program that will hopefully continue for many years to come. They have created "Gifts for Gaucher", which will raise money to create care packages for newly diagnosed patients and families of Gaucher Disease. Gaucher Disease is a Jewish genetic disease that has personally affected our family. We look forward to the success of this program with the help of friends and family.

We want to thank the clergy and staff at Temple Beth Emet for the years they have given to our children's Jewish education and we look forward to celebrating this special and meaningful day together.

Aidan Jacobs

Aidan Paul Jacobs will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Aidan began his Jewish education in preschool at Temple Beth Emet's Early Childhood Program when he was 2 years old. Aidan then transitioned from ECC right into Merkaz Limud when he started Kindergarten. He attended summer camp each year at TBE until he got very involved with travel baseball and decided to attend baseball programs over the summer.





how important it is to care for others and wanted to make sure the students knew they would have someone to talk to whether it be regarding their studies or just trying to fit in. It has been challenging trying to do this from home this year but Aidan is always willing to talk with people on Facetime/Zoom calls. Aidan has played soccer, basketball and baseball. After a few seasons of baseball, Aidan discovered this was his true passion and he has worked hard each year to get better and better, pushing himself for greatness. He is an amazing pitcher and is known to hit a home run more often than not! Aidan loves our time in Aruba every year, traveling to many different countries and Sundays at home just relaxing with the family.

For his mitzvah project, Aidan is collecting used baseball equipment for under privileged children. He is collecting uniforms, bats, baseballs, gloves and bags for the equipment. His hope is to give as many young children a bag of equipment/uniforms as he can.

The Jacobs family would like to thank Rabbi Greenspon, Rabbi DeWoskin, Cantor Jan and Aidan's AMAZING tutor, Paula Bergman for their help with Aidan's journey to becoming a Bar Mitzvah. He couldn't have done any of this without all of you. Your patience, support and confidence helped prepare him for this simcha. We couldn't be more proud of all that Aidan has accomplished and can't wait to see what he does in the future. Aidan, always know we are your biggest fans on and off the field. Mazel Tov to our baby Aidan!

Laura Goodman, Development Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jaime Gazes, Jessica Hampshire and Candice Scholl for being the co-chairs of this year's Gala. TBE can't thank you enough for all of the hard work and the dedication you have given to this event. The 3 of you are truly exceptional. I personally thank you from the bottom of my heart! While this years Gala was no easy feat to plan during Covid, it was an absolute pleasure working with the 3 of you!



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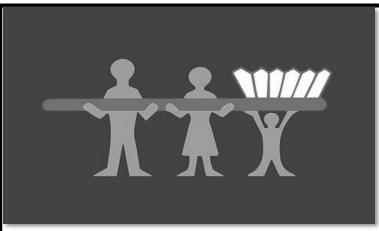




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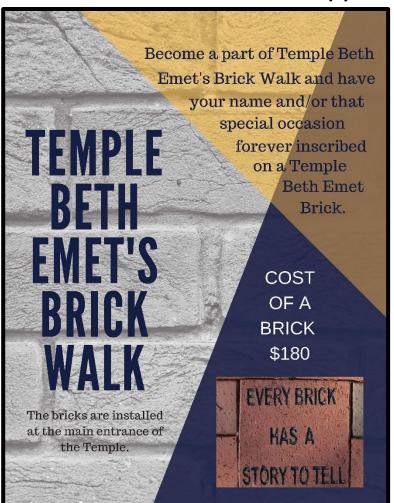
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