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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Purim Carnival 3/17 & Purim Shpiel 3/22</p>					<p>1</p> <p>Birthday Shabbat Service 7:00pm</p>  <p>6:04pm</p>	<p>2</p>
3	4	<p>Bookie Group 7:30am</p> <p>Shamash Tribe Meeting 9:00am</p> <p>Survivors Speak 7:00pm</p> <p>JTL 7:00pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mah Jong 6:30pm</p> <p>Youth Group 7:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Meditation 7:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Shabbat Service 7:00pm</p> <p>6:08pm</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Merkaz Limud 9:00am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 10:30am</p> <p>Chalutzim Youth Group 12:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>JTL 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bookie Group 7:30am</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh Group 6:00pm</p> <p>Intro to Judaism 7:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mah Jong 6:30pm</p> <p>Youth Group 7:00pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>B2B Breakfast 7:30am</p> <p>Finding Humor in Life 10:00am</p> <p>HeBros Axe Throwing 6:30pm</p> <p>Meditation 7:00pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Shabbat Service 7:00pm</p> <p>7:11pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ava Greenberg's Bat Mitzvah 10:00am</p> <p>Purim Pray & Play 11:00am</p>
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Rabbi's Ramblings

Rabbi Bennett Greenspon



Yesterday was Mitzvah Day. It was heartwarming to see so many people come out to do good deeds, learn new things or make this world a better place. We wish we lived in a world where some of the groups would be unnecessary or superfluous; it would be wonderful if no one ever needed blood; it would be wonderful if no one ever needed CPR; it would be wonderful if there were no hostages being held against their will. But that is not the world we live in. Here are some impressions I and others have from our 25th Mitzvah Day.

Critical Mass matters sometimes. It was wonderful having as many people show up as we did. Between registrations, walk-ins, off-site activities and those who only dropped off stuff or sent in contributions, we probably had around 600 participants. That is more than last year but significantly less than pre-Covid times. It was good seeing some people there whom I have not seen in forever. It was sad not seeing others there, who, in the past, had been stalwart supporters of the day. One person there had just retired and had been to 25 Mitzvah Days. Another, also had been to 25 days but they were only 31. There were 80-year-old people who were attending their first as well as two-year-old kids also attending their first.

But the critical mass part was that you could feel the excitement in the air. It's the same with services. Zoom is nice but being there with others is nicer.

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This is not new for TBE or BES. We used to support a food bank (their mission and operations have changed) where their largest donor was Publix. Publix was followed by Walmart and then Winn-Dixie. Beth Emet was consistently in their top ten. For all of you who donated time, goods, money, Thank You!

Volunteering is also not dead. Yes, it is harder to get volunteers. Yes, we are all being pulled in a thousand directions. Yes, time is short (we would have a bit more if we stopped spending so much time on our devices). But people want to help.

So, we will try to create some more opportunities here at TBE for you to do so. A few weeks ago, we put out a call for people to help in the office. You responded. That need passed. But maybe, we should reopen the offer. If you want to come in to help answer the phones (there are days when they are silent and days when our 7 lines don't stop) let us know. You want to garden, you can do that. Data entry to our systems is also a possibility. How about calling fellow congregants to wish them a happy birthday, or greeting them at a Shabbat service? Going out to dinner, how about asking the restaurant manager for a gift card for the Gala auction? How about chairing an event that you help create? We need camera operators for Shabbat. We also are looking to create an auxiliary patrol to help keep our campus safer.

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Rabbi's Writings

Rabbi Frank DeWoskin

I have been a fan of baseball since as far back as I can remember. Growing up in St. Louis, everyone was a Cardinals fan. While some people do not love the slow pace of baseball games, I find them to be filled with many small components, which leads to more excitement. There is the pitcher looking for a perfect game, the hitter trying to increase the batting average or the defense working towards getting the batters and runners out without getting an error. There is something about spring training that just breeds excitement for me.

Spring training is a marker of time. It brings the game back to the basics. Teams hit a reset button from the previous year. Whether they have new players, players who will be promoted or veterans trying to stay at the top of their game, everyone is working to be successful and ultimately win games for a chance to make the playoffs and win the world series. There is hope for everyone as the preparations for the season start fresh.

In Judaism, we have a reset button, too. Often, we talk about the high holidays being a time to consider where we are in life, how can we improve and be our best selves. We also look at Passover, taking place in the spring, as a chance for rebirth and renewal, reminding us of the importance of freedom and how we must fight for it all of the time. Even the holiday of Purim gives us a chance to reset, giving gift baskets to others, dressing up in costumes and listening to a story of heroism, advocacy and joyously overcoming enemies.

You do not need to wait to hit your reset button. Even though Spring begins in March, there is always a chance to reflect where you are in life and start anew. Have you created a balance between family, work and your own well-being? Are you excited about the projects that you take on in work and in your personal life? Do you feel connected to the community? If there is one thing you can change, what is it? How can you be your best self?

If you want to reflect with someone, the clergy are always here for you. You could also talk with a friend or family member or perhaps a stranger along your path. Spend time figuring out your wants and needs. Feel free to hit your reset button.

Rabbi Frank DeWoskin



Cantor's Notes

Cantor Jan Sheer



Shalom to everyone! We are approaching that joyous time of year again when the Jewish people celebrate our being saved from Haman and his dastardly plans so long ago in the land of Persia.

Of course, our celebrations are tempered with sadness for all of the suffering being experienced since October 7.

Yet we are still commanded to come together as communities, to celebrate in whatever ways we can, to keep hope alive, to support each other, and to appreciate all that we have endured in the past and yet somehow survived. We can glean strength from our past triumphs.

Please join us this year on Friday evening, March 22, for our TBE Purim celebration, as we retell this timeless story through parodies of songs from the blockbuster movie and Broadway hit show "Grease" ("Schmaltz").

Just to give you a little taste of the fun... here are the lyrics to our closing song:

We Go Together

We go together like
lox and bagels,
latkes and applesauce
Friends forever
like candles, wine and challah
matzah balls and chicken soup
Hine ma tov umanayim
Welcome to TBE
We're Jews, yeah!!

We're one of a kind
Connected to Israel
our home away from home
It's yours and mine
Yerushalayim, Tel Aviv
pray for *shalom*

Hine ma tov umanayim
We will always be one
Am echad!

Whether it's day or night
our stars are shining bright
Surrounded by God's love
we know our faith is true
Adonai will see us through
Shabbat Shalom!!

Instrumental

We're for each other
We learned that lesson
a long, long time ago
Sisters and brothers
that's why we keep singing
Hine ma tov umanayim
We'll always be together
wahoo, yeah!!

We'll always be together
Hine ma tov umanayim

Please come join us in song!
Happy Purim!

Cantor Jan





President's Message

Mackie Feierstein

Friends - it warms my heart to see the TBE community thriving in such challenging times. Our ECC program has a wait list, BES continues to grow, and our Youth Group has its highest numbers in several years.

I want to thank our Sisterhood for the beautiful "Be the Light" Shabbat experience on February 9, celebrating the women of Temple Beth Emet. Mazel Tov to Debra Saltzman for her extraordinary efforts! The service was meaningful and it was nice to see so many people in attendance.

As Purim approaches, we are once again reminded of the deep religious roots of the holiday. The Megillah readings teach us that even with the countless challenges we have faced throughout history, the Jewish people have survived and will be empowered to thrive. Despite the evil Haman, whose mission was to destroy the Jewish people, we were saved. In the face of danger, the Jewish people did not hide or back down. They chose to fight with dignity and valor.

To this day, we commemorate the holiday by giving food to the needy, sending food to friends, and of course we masquerade in costumes. So as we celebrate, let us remember the message of the holiday. Remember that despite the threats of antisemitism and hatred around the world, we should be the light. Be inspired by the examples of Esther and Mordecai and continue to fight for what we believe is right.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Temple Beth Emet & Beth Emet Schools Present

IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE GALA

FEATURING: DJ JASON BANK

COCKTAIL HOUR | OPEN BAR | FOOD STATIONS | DANCING
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION | LAWN GAMES AND SO MUCH MORE!

TICKETS	
EARLY BIRD (UNTIL 3/22/24)	\$118
GENERAL ADMISSION	\$136

50/50 RAFFLE
\$20 FOR 40
TICKETS

**SATURDAY, MAY 18
7:00 PM**

TEMPLE BETH EMET
4807 S. FLAMINGO RD. COOPER CITY, FL 33330

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Israeli DANCE CLASS

with Silvio Berlfein



JOIN US IN AN UPBEAT AND FUN DANCE CLASS WHERE WE WILL
CONTINUE LEARNING ISRAELI DANCES OF ALL TYPES THAT ARE ROOTED
IN THE JOYS OF DANCE AND MUSIC OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

MONDAYS: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

TIME: 7:00-8:00 PM

LOCATION: TEMPLE BETH EMET SOCIAL HALL
4807 S. FLAMINGO RD COOPER CITY, FL 33330

PRICING

TBE MEMBER

6 CLASSES - \$90

WALK INS - \$20

SEND PAYMENT VIA VENMO @SILVIO-BERLFEIN OR ZELLE
SILBERHORA@GMAIL.COM

COMMUNITY

6 CLASSES - \$120

WALK INS - \$25

THIS IS NOT A BEGINNERS CLASS.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF STEPS OR HAVE DANCED BEFORE.

QUESTIONS CONTACT SILVIO BERLFEIN, SILBERHORA@GMAIL.COM



Temple Beth Emet



BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

Breakfast

THURSDAY MARCH 14 | 7:30 AM

Breakfast • Speed Networking

\$18 PER PERSON

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Cooper City, FL 33330

Temple Beth Emet is inviting all professionals to join us for our Inaugural Business and Professionals Networking Breakfast. Enjoy a continental breakfast and fun, productive "Speed Networking" as we try to foster meaningful connections to help you grow your network.

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ONLY

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per
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2024 PURIM FEST

Join us for an extravaganza of Purim delight!

March 17

10:00 AM Hamantaschen Bake (Virtual)

Join us on Zoom and learn the steps to make delicious Hamantaschen from the comfort of your kitchen!

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/tbehamantaschen>

12:00 PM Purim Carnival

Join us for our annual Purim Carnival complete with carnival games, rides, food and Purim activities!

Get your tickets: www.templebethemet.org/form/pc

March 21

9-15 AM ECC Purim Parade & Shpiel

ECC students show off their costumes in a Purim Parade around the playground.

9:30 AM BES Purim Prance

Join us for Beth Emet School's 3rd Annual Fund Run. All donations go to support BES.

1:45 PM BES Purim Shpiel

March 22

7:00 PM TBE Purim Shpiel & Shabbat

Join us for Shabbat with a Purim twist and hear the incredible story of Queen Esther and Uncle Mordechai as they defeat Haman and save the Jews from destruction!

March 23

10:30 AM TBE Megillah Reading

Temple Beth Emet

PURIM



CARNIVAL

RIDES - GAMES - FOOD

MARCH 17
12:00 - 4:00 PM

\$18 / CHILD (AGES 2 AND UP)
ALL RIDES & GAMES INCLUDED
ADD'L FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
FREE ENTRY FOR ADULTS + CHILDREN 1 & UNDER

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Temple Beth Emet

SECOND NIGHT PASSOVER SEDER

Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:00 PM
at Temple Beth Emet

Enjoy a meaningful,
engaging and interactive
Seder led by Temple Beth
Emet clergy.

Pre - Paid RSVP required by 4/15/24
Adult: \$75, Teen: \$55, Child: \$35
**Child price is for ages 12 and under*

Menu Details and to Register:
www.templebethemet.org/form/seder
954-680-1882 | laura@templebethemet.org

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SPRING BREAK CAMP 2024

<p>ECC SPRING CAMP 3 MONTHS - PRE-K DATES ON-CAMPUS 3/26, 3/27, 3/28</p> <p>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</p>	<p>TRAVEL SPRING CAMP KINDERGARTEN - 7TH GRADE DATES & TRIPS 3/26 - AIRBOARD RIDE/BOWLING 3/27 - BOOMERS 3/28 - PARK/MOVIES</p>
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REGISTER: WWW.TEMPLEBETHEMET.ORG/FORM/SC2024

*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 CAMP: DINA CHASKES, DINA@TEMPLEBETHEMET.ORG
TRAVEL CAMP: RAYNA ENGLE, RAYNA417@AOL.COM OR 954-680-1882

PASSOVER SEDER MENU

Charoset, Salt Water, Celery, Horse Radish,
Parsley, Assorted Pickles (Sours/Half Sours),
Matzah

Soup Course: Matzo Ball Soup

Adult Entree:
Duet Plate of Stuffed Chicken Breast and Pan
Seared Salmon as well as family style Beef
Brisket

Adult Side Dishes:
Potato Kugel & Sauteed String Beans

Children/Tweens Entree:
Matzoh Chicken Nuggets & Potato Kugel

Dessert: Chocolate Molten Cake

Drinks: Coffee & Tea Station, Assorted Soda, Juice
and Infused Waters

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

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

FINDING HUMOR IN LIFE

Enjoy a morning of good jokes with Rabbi DeWoskin.
For zoom link, Email
office@Templebethemet.org
(ongoing)

BOOKIE GROUP

For great discussion, learning about life & Torah while having a bagel & coffee, join this men's discussion group. For details: bethemet@templebethemet.org
(ongoing)



INTRO TO JUDAISM

If you're interested in exploring questions you haven't yet asked, becoming a more confident parent of Jewish children, conversion and more, this is your class
For details: rabbifd@templebethemet.org
(ongoing)

TORAH STUDY

Led by Rabbi Greenspon on zoom. Study and discuss the Torah portion of the week.
For details go to:
office@templebethemet.org
(ongoing)

SAGES OF ALL AGES

Events aimed at growing the community, camaraderie & engagement of our Golden Age adults with lectures, movie reviews, game nights & social gatherings.
(ongoing)

HEALING MEDITATION CIRCLE

Led by Cantor Jan on zoom for those seeking peace, healing from grief or looking for quiet spiritual moments.
For details, email
office@templebethemet.org
(ongoing)

JUDAISM 2.0

Led by Rabbi DeWoskin
Anything & everything you want to know! Meets the first & third Thursdays of the month. For details email
rabbifd@templebethemet.org
(ongoing)



Camp

Robin Sheridan, Camp Director
Dina Chaskes, Camp Asst. Dir



Registration is on line at
www.templebethemet.org/camp/reg-forms



Beth Emet School

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



Nurturing Young Minds: Exploring First Grade Reading and Phonics Philosophy

The first-grade marks a crucial stage in a child's educational journey, especially in the realm of reading and phonics. This foundational year sets the stage for a lifetime of literacy, making it essential to understand and appreciate the philosophy behind first grade reading and phonics education. In this article, we will delve into the principles and strategies that guide our first-grade team in fostering a love for reading and building strong phonics skills amongst first graders.

First-grade is a pivotal time in a child's development as the focus shifts from basic decoding skills to comprehension and fluency. At this stage, children are introduced to more complex texts, expanding their vocabulary and comprehension abilities.

Phonics plays a central role in first-grade reading education. Phonics is the method of teaching reading and spelling by emphasizing the relationship between sounds and their corresponding letters or groups of letters.



The philosophy behind phonics instruction in first grade revolves around the following key principles: first-grade **phonics instruction is systematic**, introducing letter-sound correspondences in a logical and organized sequence. This ensures that children build a strong foundation and gradually progress to more advanced phonetic concepts. Phonics is seamlessly **integrated into reading activities**. Our first-grade students are exposed to a variety of texts that allow them to apply their phonics knowledge in context. This integration helps them transfer decoding skills to real-world reading situations. Recognizing that students have different learning styles, we often employ a **multisensory approach** to phonics instruction. This involves incorporating auditory, visual, and kinesthetic elements to engage learners and reinforce letter-sound relationships. Our first-graders explore **word families and patterns**, learning to recognize common phonetic elements in words. This approach aids in developing both decoding skills and the ability to identify familiar chunks of words, enhancing overall reading fluency. Alongside phonics instruction, our first-grade students are introduced to **high-frequency words (sight words)** that may not strictly follow phonetic rules. These words are crucial for building reading fluency and comprehension. Our first-grade classrooms are filled with **interactive and engaging phonics activities**. Games, puzzles, and interactive technology are

used to make learning phonics enjoyable, fostering a positive attitude toward reading. Recognizing the diverse learning needs of our students, we employ **differentiation** strategies. This ensures that each student receives targeted instruction to address their unique strengths and areas of growth in reading and phonics.

First-grade is a formative year for young readers, and the philosophy behind reading and phonics instruction plays a vital role in shaping their literacy skills. By embracing systematic phonics instruction, integrating reading activities, and employing a multisensory approach, we, at Beth Emet School, create a rich learning environment that nurtures the love for reading and lays the groundwork for future academic success. As we delve into the intricate world of first-grade reading and phonics philosophy, we recognize the profound impact it has on unlocking the doors to a lifetime of knowledge and imagination.



Early Childhood Center

Robin Sheridan, Director

Dina Chaskes, Assistant Director



The masks we wear...

I love Purim! We come to school in costumes and we dance and celebrate with our Early Childhood Students. And we are happy, and so are the students! Children love costumes and the world of make believe. What do they love about it? Is it the opportunity to be a princess or a superhero? Do they try on new characters with courage and joy? What is it about costumes that so many people love, so much so that adults continue to have costume parties into adulthood - one of the few early childhood activities that has longevity!

Costumes allow us the opportunity to be who we want to be. We can hide behind masks, while at the same time, costumes bring a joy and a silliness to our experience. With costumes we can express ourselves in new ways that suddenly seem appropriate because we have on a costume.

Perhaps it is the same for children. With costumes they can explore who they are and who they want to be. With Early Childhood students we spend a great deal of time working on our identity. We discover who we are independently and in the community of the classroom, as well as in the community of our school. Each activity and experience our students take is a step forward into their journey of discovery as they build their identity. When we collect Tzedakah, some of them eagerly part with their change while others struggle with letting go. When we go in the art room, some of them approach materials with a freedom of creative expression while others step back, carefully approaching the art materials before them. In the millions of social interactions that happen daily, children determine when to take a turn, when to give a turn, and when to help a friend get a turn. They try on capes and magic wands and sometimes they are just themselves trying on different personalities and traits as they grow! We are alongside them, supporting, encouraging, and wondering about who we are.



As I dress up this year, and I smile and parade and march with our children, I will remind myself of the masks we wear each day. Some of us smile when life is hard, while some of us hide our true feelings and struggles. As you think about the masks you wear or maybe someone you know wears each day, let's remind ourselves of the compassion our children are learning at school. We walk in our own shoes and we do not know what is truly behind the mask of others. May we see light and good in each other even when it is hiding behind a mask.

In Jewish custom we sometimes make Mishloach Manot, baskets or little goody bags, to bring to a neighbor or a friend during Purim. We continue to build our compassion and understanding of taking care of others. Perhaps you want to make one at home as a family for a neighbor or someone you know that is in need, or just to tell someone you care about them! Together if we cultivate compassion one goody bag at a time, perhaps we can celebrate the life we live each day with an increased awareness of kindness, compassion, and strength! I am so proud to be part of a school, Temple, and community that strives to do this each day.

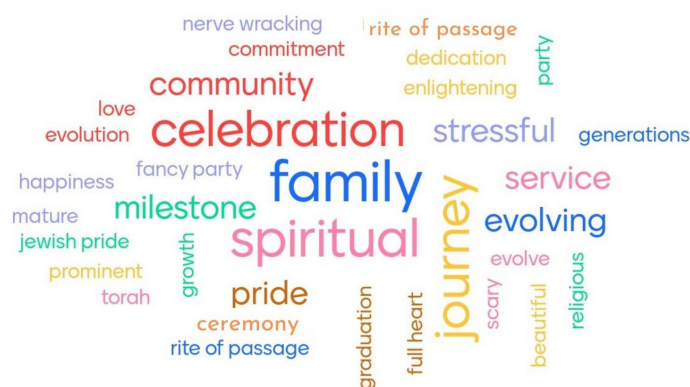


Making Memories Along the Journey...

There are many stepping stones to becoming a member of our Jewish adult community. Temple Beth Emet, as your family's partner, walks side by side with you as we believe that it takes a village to raise a Jewish mensch. Most of these stepping stones, large and small, are joint projects between the Temple, the teachers, the students and the parents.

The term Bar/Bat Mitzvah translates as "son/daughter of commandment." It is the time when a young Jewish person becomes responsible to observe the mitzvot of the Torah. One of the milestones in your child's Jewish journey is the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Last year, our 5th grade families participated in "The Companion Siddur" experience, which marked the beginning of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah journey. They performed the hiddur mitzvah of creating beautiful covers for their personal siddur, along with an inscription written to the students by you, the parents. The decorated siddur and personalized inscription were presented to each student by their parents at a special Shabbat service. This past month, the 6th Grade families continued to create memories as they took part in the "Bar/Bat Mitzvah Journey" experience.

We began the morning by asking the families to share seven words that come to mind to describe Bar/Bat Mitzvah. As the families submitted their answers, a word cloud (see below) starting populating right before our eyes. The bigger words are the ones that were submitted the most. Afterwards, the families met with Rabbi Greenspon and Rabbi DeWoskin to learn about the how the portions (parshiyot) are divided up throughout the lunar year of the Hebrew calendar. They also explored the meaning of a parsha and how to make the connection with their personal life. Students then interviewed their parents about their Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience or other important milestones that they had experienced as teenagers. Parents also had the opportunity to share with their child their expectations from them. The Journey experience concluded with each family creating their own tallit bag to use on their special day. Our Merkaz Limud and Beth Emet Middle School 6th grade families added TBE to their personal memory albums. It was definitely an illuminating and inspiring morning!



Youth Group

Rayna Engle, Youth Director



TEMPLE BETH EMET YOUTH

MARCH CALENDAR

6

BOGRIM & GESHER

Game Show
with Jason Bank
7:00 - 8:30 PM

10

CHALUTZIM

Jaxson's Ice Cream
12:30 - 2:30 PM

13

BOGRIM & GESHER

Hamentashen Bake
7:00 - 8:30 PM

20

Battle of the Boys VS the Girls

7:00 - 8:30 PM

27

No Youth Group SPRING BREAK!

BOGRIM - GRADES 8-12
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B'nai Mitzvah



Ava Greenberg

Ava Greenberg is gearing up for her bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Currently a freshman at West Broward High School in Pembroke Pines, Ava shines as an honors student deeply engaged in JROTC and debate. Her academic enthusiasm extends to her favorite subject, science, and she harbors aspirations of pursuing psychology in college.

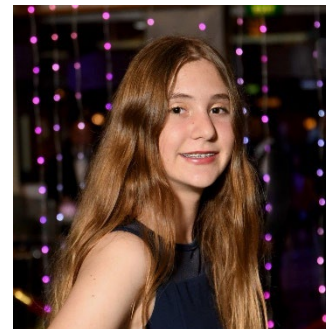
Outside the school walls, Ava is a multitasking dynamo. She's an active participant in the JROTC drill team and finds joy in the culinary arts. Adding a touch of altruism to her plate, she dedicates significant time to volunteering with her classmates and family, attending Mitzvah Days at Temple Beth Emet, and volunteering outside of school and at community events.

Ava is raising money to plant trees in Israel for her mitzvah project. She feels it puts a little bit of good into the world to make the world a better place. Trees are important to Israel, not just to improve the environment, but also because of the spiritual significance in the Jewish faith. In Judaism, the life cycle of a tree closely mimics that of the human life cycle. Therefore, planting a tree represents the idea of human life. I hope you will join me in spreading a little good in the world. You can show your support by visiting her donation page: (<https://my.jnf.org/forestry/avagreenbergmitzvah>).

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Ava's support crew—her parents Jonathan & Ryann, Grandma Adele & Grandpa Arnie, brother Ethan, Cantor Jan, Rabbi DeWoskin, Rabbi Greenspon, and all the teachers at Temple Beth Emet. Let's make Ava's bat mitzvah a day filled with celebration and warmth!

Lillian “Lily” Paper

Lily Paper will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Lily is a 7th grader at Indian Ridge Middle School in Davie, where she is considered a hard worker and overall great student. In 6th grade she received the “Outstanding Student” award for Social Studies. In Lily’s free time she enjoys making beaded jewelry, cross country, running 5Ks with her dad, and most recently she has started playing flag football.



Lily was born into the Temple Beth Emet family, as Rabbi Greenspon officiated her baby naming and then at the age of 3 months, she was enrolled in the baby room of the Early Childhood Center. Lily enjoyed her experience in the Early Childhood Center program, making lifelong friends, and ultimately, she graduated from the Pre-K program. Lily also spent several years enjoying the summer camp.

For Lily’s mitzvah project she supported, and continues to support, the Memorial Foundation Pink Angels by making and selling beautiful inspirational Breast Cancer themed bracelets. All the proceeds have been donated directly to this wonderful cause. This is important to Lily, as her mother was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in February 2023, and the Pink Angels provided her with emotional support and hair saving treatments during chemotherapy. So far Lily has raised \$1,788 for the Pink Angels. If you are interested in supporting this cause, please visit: <http://support.mhsfoundation.org/goto/LilyPaper>

Lily would like to thank her parents, grandparents, brother, family, Rabbi Greenspon, Rabbi DeWoskin, Cantor Jan, the Early Childhood Center staff, Day Camp staff, and especially Paula Bergman for helping her prepare for this important day.



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Raid Mom's/Dad's Closet: Introduce your kids to the old Purim tradition of creating their own costumes from your (old) clothing, hats, shoes and jewelry. Encourage their imaginations to run wild! Make costumes from cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes, etc. Your child could become an iPad, cellphone or digital camera! Create a neighborhood swap shop with everyone's unwanted, worn-once Purim costumes.



Naturally Sweet: Replace the candy and chocolates with fresh and dried fruit or fruit leathers, unsweetened fruit juices, and other healthy products.



Share the Spoils: Purim is over and you find yourself overloaded with unwanted food gifts? Bring (unopened) food items to a local food bank.

We invite you to join our Tevah Team! Please sign up using the link below to join our continued sustainability efforts within our school and community. We are always looking for new voices, perspectives, ideas, and volunteers for future events. For more information, please contact Leaha at leahahw@aol.com or go to <https://www.templebethemet.org/tevah>.

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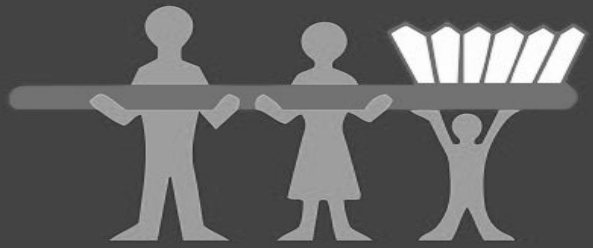
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