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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1 ................................................................. Hadassah Shabbat
Sunday, November 3 ............................................................... Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, November 3 ............................................................... Brotherhood Top Golf event
Friday, November 8 ............................................................... Shabbat Service to Commemorate Kristallnacht
Saturday, November 9 ............................................................ JLC Incredible Havdallah
Sunday, November 10 ............................................................ Veterans Day Service, Memorial Gardens
Monday, November 11 ............................................................ Temple Office Closed - Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 13 ...................................................... Sisterhood Make a Card event
Friday, November 15 .............................................................. Shabbatini, Happy Hour Jewish Style
Sunday, November 17 ............................................................. JLC Latke & Sale Event
Thursday, November 21 .......................................................... TBE Book Club
Friday, November 22 ............................................................... Tot Shabbat, JLC Shabbat & B.E.T. Youth Sleepover
Monday, November 25 ............................................................ Women’s Spirituality Group Meets
Thursday, November 28 .......................................................... Temple Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29 ............................................................... Temple Office Closed - Black Friday

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 8 ............................................................... Sisterhood Holiday Bazaar
Friday, December 13 .............................................................. Shabbatini, Happy Hour Jewish Style
Sunday, December 15 ............................................................. JLC Hanukkah Party
Sunday, December 15 ............................................................. Preschool 25th Anniversary Event
Monday, December 16 ............................................................ Women’s Spirituality Group Meets
Thursday, December 19 .......................................................... TBE Book Club
Friday, December 20 ............................................................... Hanukkah Dinner / Tot Shabbat / JLC Shabbat
Sunday, December 22 ............................................................. Hanukkah Menorah Lighting & Celebration
Monday, December 23 ............................................................ Brotherhood Miami Heat Heritage Night
Tuesday, December 24 ............................................................ Temple Office closes at noon / Chinese & A Movie
Wednesday, December 25 ....................................................... Temple Office Closed
Tuesday, December 31 ............................................................ Temple Office Closes at noon

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 1 ............................................................ Temple Office Closed
Saturday, January 4 .............................................................. JLC Painting with a Twist Fundraiser
Friday, January 10 ................................................................. Rock’n’Soul Klezmer Shabbat Service & Dinner
Sunday, January 12 ............................................................... Hollywood Runs for Haiti 5K
Sunday, January 12 ............................................................... Brotherhood Cigar & Whiskey Night
Monday, January 13 ............................................................... Women’s Spirituality Group Meets
Thursday, January 16 ............................................................. TBE Book Club
Monday, January 20 ............................................................... Temple Office Closed - MLK Day
Friday, January 24 ................................................................. Shabbatini, Happy Hour Jewish Style
Friday, January 31 ................................................................. Tot Shabbat / B.E.T. Youth Pre-Oneg / JLC Shabbat

For a complete listing of our events, and to sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter, visit our website at templebethelhollywood.org.
It’s no secret, we Jews are a tough bunch. The Torah calls us an “am kasheh oraf” (a stiff neck people). We love to argue among ourselves. If there are no other Jews around to argue with, what does a Jew do? He argues with himself. Take, for instance, the Jew who was shipwrecked alone on a desert island. To pass the time, he builds a model city out of sand, rocks, and sticks. When he’s finally found, he says to his rescuers, “I have to show you the model city I built. You see here, that’s the business district. This is where the people live. There’s the police department and there’s the school. Here’s a synagogue and over there is a synagogue.” His rescuers are a little confused and ask, “Why two synagogues? He answers, “That one I belong to, and that one I wouldn’t be caught dead in.”

Despite the internal divides among the Jewish people, the Talmudic verse, “Kol Yisrael arevim zeh ba-zeh” (All Jews are responsible for each other,) is as true today as it was when it was first uttered almost two thousand years ago. We are one people, bound by blood, history, and faith.

That’s why the attacks on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh a year ago and the Chabad synagogue in Poway California earlier this year were so alarming to us. In both cases, anti-Semitic white supremacists burst into synagogues during Shabbos morning services with semi-automatic weapons blazing. A total of twelve people died and many more were wounded. It doesn’t matter that we’re a Reform congregation and the Pittsburgh congregation is a Conservative shul and the Poway synagogue is a Chabad synagogue; an attack on Jews anywhere is an attack on Jews everywhere.

The August 2017 Unite the Right rally brought together hundreds of far right thugs who stood in front of Temple Beth Israel in Charlottesville during Erev Shabbat services, carrying AR-15’s and torches and chanting, “Jews will not replace us.” My friend, Rabbi Tom Gutherz, had to lead his frightened congregants out of the Temple by a back exit. Online media messages that day called for burning down Temple Beth Israel. Thank God it did not come to that.

The Anti-Defamation League keeps track of anti-Semitic incidents in this country. According to the ADL, anti-Semitic incidents in 2017 were 60% higher than they were in 2016 – the largest single increase on record. In 2017 there were 1,986 such incidents, including personal assaults, vandalism, bomb threats, and harassment of Jewish students in schools and colleges. That year, anti-Semitic incidents were reported in all 50 states. These incidents have come at a time when we have seen a rising climate of incivility and the emboldening of hate groups in America.

During the 1930’s a Catholic priest by the name of Father Charles Coughlin, spewed vicious anti-Semitic theories on his radio show. It’s estimated that more than twenty-five percent of Americans tuned into his broadcasts every week. He claimed Jews were the cause of the Great Depression and later on he blamed us for World War Two. Father Coughlin was a great admirer of the Nazi Regime in Germany. Believe it or not, we have a new version of Father Coughlin, not far from here, in Vero Beach, Florida, by the name of Rick Wiles, pastor of the Flowing Streams Church. Rick Wiles is a radio host, pundit, and operator of the website Tru-News. Everyday Wiles reprises traditional Nazi canards: Jews control the media and the government; Jews created ISIS. He even accuses us of having killed JFK.

There is no denying that far right wing anti-Semitism is on the rise. But don’t think for a moment that anti-Semitism is the exclusive province of the far right. We have been dealing with anti-Semitism on the far left for some time now, masking itself in the cloak of “Anti-Zionism.” The far left is obsessed with Israel and its interactions with Palestinians. The far left never condemns Islamic terrorism or protests against despotic regimes around the globe. Instead, it reserves its vitriolic
criticism for Israel – the only Jewish nation on earth. For years, pro-Palestinian groups on college and university campuses have been harassing Jewish students who show any loyalty or love of Israel. Most young Jews are open to dialogue with supporters of the Palestinian cause. But these radical groups are not interested in peace, they are not interested in dialogue, they’re interested in one thing – the destruction of the Jewish State.

They say, “We’re not anti-Semitic, we are anti-Zionist.” Abba Eban, longtime Israeli ambassador to the UN put it eloquently when he said, “The new anti-Semitism says the right to establish and maintain an independent national sovereign state is the prerogative of all nations so long as they happen not to be Jewish.” The people on the far left deny the Jewish people’s historic connection to the Land of Israel. They deny Israel’s right to exist. Never do you hear them acknowledge the many generous offers by Israeli leaders to help create a Palestinian State; never do you hear them condemn the murder of innocent Israeli civilians by Palestinian terrorists.

When radical leftists take over civil rights causes in this country, it creates a dilemma for people like me. I, like many American Jews, have a soft spot in my heart for underdogs. For example, I have sympathy for the Black Lives Matter movement. I even attended an early Black Lives Matter rally. But when I learned that the BLM organization had aligned itself up with the BDS movement (the movement to Boycott, Disinvest, and Sanction Israel) I could no longer support it. I was proud of my wife and several of her friends who participated in the Women’s March, here in South Florida, only to learn that the co-chairperson of the Women’s March, Linda Sarsour, said, “Nothing is creepier than Zionism” and “feminism and Zionism are incompatible.” Does she not know that while Israel is a world leader in the pursuit of gender equality, honor killings of women are still common in many Arab societies, including the Palestinians? When people on the far left fringe say, “We’re not anti-Jewish, we’re only anti-Israel, I refer you to a line in a song written by the blues singer Delbert McClinton, “If you can’t lie any better than that, you might as well tell the truth.” (You’re an anti-Sem-ite.)

We’re all aware of how politicized and tribal America has become during the past few years. We’re also aware that our two major political parties are coalitions of various groups and interests. Both Democrats and Republicans search for every vote they can find to tip the balance in their favor during close elections. Sometimes they turn a blind eye to support they receive from groups on the fringes of the political spectrum. Democrats ignore radical groups calling for the destruction of Israel and Republicans ignore the MAGA hats worn at KKK rallies. We Jews cannot afford to ignore either of these threats to our people.

It doesn’t take moral courage to condemn the other guy and his backers – there’s no cost to doing that. Real moral courage is standing up and speaking out against those in your own party, those who stand beside you at the demonstration, those who vote like you, but none-the-less are filled with hatred. That’s what real moral courage is all about. Democrats must loudly and unambiguously condemn the likes of Representatives Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar who employ traditional anti-Semitic tropes in their speeches against Israel. Republicans must condemn without reservation the Alt-Right Movement and conspiracy mongers Alex Jones and Steve Bannon. Moral courage is the willingness to confront those on your side of the political divide who spread hatred.

The good news is that in every survey Jews are highly regarded by the vast majority of Americans. The good news – support for Israel remains high in both parties. Israel is one of the few bi-partisan issues in the country. We need to make sure that these realities never change. The good news is both Israel and the American Jewish community are strong. As long as we stand together – as long as the Jewish people is united, despite our many internal differences – the Jewish people will not only survive but will thrive.

As Joshua stood at the edge of the Promised Land, he said these words to the Jewish people, “Chazak v’ematz.” (Be strong and of good courage…be resolute in observing the Torah and do not deviate to the Right or the Left.) (Joshua 1:7)
Do you know the last thing Moses did in his incredible life?

HE SANG A SONG!
That's right. The greatest prophet who ever lived decided to leave this earth singing.

This astounding fact was impressed upon me in a memorable lecture at a Cantor’s Convention a few years ago.

The speaker was a professor at Hebrew Union College who began by saying how thrilling it was to be in a room full of cantors and to hear them lift up their beautiful voices to God in prayer.

And then he told us that the special power of music can be traced back to Moses.

For the record, Moses wasn’t singing just any old song that came to mind before he ascended Mount Nebo to die. He was singing his final thoughts and instructions to the Jewish people, in a poem known as “The Song of Moses.”

It’s found in the Torah portion “Haazinu,” which comes at the end of Deuteronomy, the final book of the Torah.

Our lecturer at the Cantor’s Convention made the point that music has the power to impact the human soul unlike anything else.

And I agree!

The great Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, one of the most beloved Hassidic rabbis of the 1800’s, said it this way:

“The most direct means for attaching ourselves to God from this material world is through music and song.”

In fact, Rebbe Nachman suggested that we should all get in the habit of singing every day! He advised:

“As someone who absolutely loves to sing, it is always a joy and honor for me to lead our congregation in prayer each week.

Each and every Shabbat, I always remember how blessed I am! And that feeling never leaves me.

So I invite you all to raise your voices in joyous prayer and sing along with me! One of the sweetest sounds on earth is hearing a congregation sing our timeless and holy prayers with joy and gratitude.

I would love for everyone to raise their voices to God along with me!

“Even if you can’t sing well, sing. Sing to yourself. Sing in privacy of your own home. But sing.”

Cantor Manny Silver with singer Debbie Taylor. Ms. Taylor joined the TBE Congregation for a duet of Oseh Shalom sung to the tune of “Shallow” this High Holy Day season.
ABOUT THE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM GUIDE

Every three months (Quarterly, four times per year), Temple Beth El of Hollywood publishes and distributes CONNECTIONS.

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Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, November 3 from 11 am to 12:30pm
on the lawn at TBE
Shanah Tovah

My favorite band is the Beatles. And my favorite album of theirs is called Rubber Soul. My parents gave me the album Rubber Soul for Hanukkah in 1965.

I remember how different the songs were from the other Beatles music. The rhythm was different, the instrumentation was different, and each song painted a picture in my mind.

The analogy of Rubber Soul with Yom Kippur is that during Yom Kippur we reflect on our souls. Rubber is a very flexible material and can be changed into many forms. This is like our souls, which we can adjust and improve to make ourselves better.

My favorite song on this album is called “In My Life.” Actually, I have two favorite songs on this album, the other one is called “Michelle.”

For those who know me, I don’t need to explain that one. It is my wife’s name.

The lyrics to “In My Life” have a beautiful message. The words correspond to the reflection of people in our lives. Yom Kippur is the day we reflect upon the past year; how we spent our days, the places we went to, the memories we made with friends and families during the past year.

The first two verses are:

“There are places I’ll remember all my life though some have changed. Some forever not for better. Some have gone and some remain.”

“All these places had their moments, with lovers and friends, I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living. In my life I’ve loved them all.”

Some of the people who are gone, and who I remember are: My parents who raised me to be respectful, courteous and helpful to all people.

I remember my father in law Howard Towbin. Howard was a member of the California Club Shul in North Miami Beach. Before the High Holidays, the Shul would have an auction to bid on who gets to be called up on the bimah, who gets to read an Aliyah, and who gets to hold the Torah.

The highest honor on Yom Kippur is to carry the Torah. One year, during the time I was dating his daughter, Michele, Howard was the highest bidder for carrying the Torah. He then turned around and gave that honor to me. That gift will always be treasured.

When Michele and I joined Temple Beth El, the President of the Temple was Gerry Gunzburg-er. During the High Holy Days, one thing Gerry would always say, is this: “Never let anyone tell you that being a reform Jew is not being Jewish enough.”

Gerry and his wife Sue established the Gunzburger Fund. This fund pays for JLC children who complete Confirmation to attend the March of the Living.

Another person I would like to remember this year is George Fink. George was the husband of Julie Fink and brother-in-law of Brent Spechler. George always had a kind word and could make
anyone feel welcomed and comfortable. He was a lovely man.

Ben Budowsky, the father of Ken Budowsky, was another person who could always put a smile on your face. He was wonderful around the kids. I remember whenever he saw my son, he would say, “Hey Ethan, want to pitch some pennies?”

As for the living:

I think of my mother-in-law, who is a truly wonderful person. And, of course, I think of my children, Ethan and Sara.

I think of Micki and Spencer Mallinson, and Brent Spechler. Micki and Brent have been members of the Temple for 50 years. They are always volunteering their time in so many ways.

I think of Eva Abramczyk, who just celebrated her 90th birthday. Before Michele and I joined Temple Beth El we attended services. I remember one evening, I watched and listened as various musical instruments were being played. Eva had people on their feet, dancing and clapping their hands as Cantor Manny sang. I had never seen so much music and enjoyment in Temple. We joined that night.

I think of Ms. Yana. She was my daughter's teacher at our Preschool. She is so caring and thoughtful.

Rabbi Tuffs not only enlightens us with spirituality but is a great listener. When my father passed away, Rabbi came to my home to meet my mother. He asked her questions about herself and my father. The eulogy he gave for my father made my mother very happy.

Who here doesn't go home after services singing one of his psalms? If you do, it's because of Cantor Manny. He's a genuine honest to goodness mensch. We are so blessed to have him as our Cantor.

The one thing that all of the people I mentioned have in common, is that they don't speak negatively about other people or get involved with gossip about negative things that are going on in their neighborhood, at work or in Temple. What they do is help to make improvements. There’s a saying in the Talmud — “Say little and do much.” These are the people who we remember.

As for places I remember:

I was raised in Brooklyn. We had many synagogues all around us. On my block was an Orthodox temple. Across the street and down the block was a Conservative temple.

I recently went back to my old neighborhood and both temples are now gone. Temples are disappearing. And not only in Brooklyn, but all over. When I was growing up, families would sit on their porches or meet in the parks and sit together. Porches are not being built anymore, and people are not going to parks as much to meet.

Back then, shopping malls were being built. This became the place for families to meet and see each other. Now malls are closing. The same can be said for movie theaters. Baseball attendance is down. Attendance at churches and synagogues is also declining.

It appears the one thing that was supposed to help us communicate more, the cell phone, is causing us to communicate less with one another. It is easier to stay home and look at our cell phones than to go out to socialize. We can easily become complacent. Complacent means “self-satisfied” or “unconcerned.” Once we become complacent, there is no turning back.

Temple Beth El is doing well when compared to other Temples. Membership is growing. Individuals and families are returning after being away, or after being members at a different temple. It was great to see everyone during the High Holy Days, but that alone can be considered complacent.

We all need to take it upon ourselves to prevent this temple from closing down as is happening in many neighborhoods. Get involved, stay active, socialize again and show up for Friday night services every now and then.

We have many programs that go on each month. Go to our Temple web site and click on the events box. Pick out at least two or three events that you can attend – and bring a friend.

“G’mar Hatima Tova” (May you be sealed in the Book of Life)
MUSSAR: The Jewish Art and Practice of Everyday Holiness

Mussar, a Jewish tradition that goes back to biblical times, is a collection of concepts and practices designed to enhance the spiritual and ethical loves of its students. Rabbi Israel Salanter, in 19th century Lithuania, is often referred to as the founder of the modern Mussar movement.

Anyone who yearns to expand and deepen their experience of Jewish spirituality will love this course. Held on Wednesdays for 18 weeks from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, please bring lunch. The schedule may be subject to change due to secular and Jewish holidays. Free for members; non-member price is $60.

STARTS:
Class begins Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (bring lunch)

DATES:
December 11, 18
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 22

The last class will be April 22, 2020.

LOCATION: Media Center, Temple Beth El of Hollywood, 1351 S. 14th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33020.

The Enneagram and Kabbalah: Reading Your Soul

We recently concluded the High Holy Day cycle in which we were encouraged to undergo Cheshbon Nefesh – deep introspection of our lives with the intention of gaining awareness of our strengths and weaknesses, enabling us to mindfully chart new paths for our lives.

This program, based on the insights of Rabbi Howard Addison, blends two flavors of mystical psychology, the Enneagram and Kabbalah, helping us grow in self-awareness and our understanding of others. Held on Wednesdays for four weeks (4 classes) from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, please bring lunch. Free for members; Non-member price $30.

Required text: The Enneagram and Kabbalah, by Rabbi Howard A. Addison

BEGINs: Wednesday November 6 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (bring lunch)

DATES: November 6, 13, 20 and December 4

LOCATION: Media Center, Temple Beth El of Hollywood, 1351 S. 14th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33020.

REGISTRATION: Please call the Temple office at (954) 920-8225 to register.
Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Judaism, But Were Afraid to Ask!

We will learn about the major -- and even the fun and fascinating minor aspects -- of Jewish ethics, traditions, religious practices, and history that have made the story of the Jewish people stand out on the world stage.

This course is open to anyone who wants to keep growing and learning about Judaism...and have fun every Thursday night! Held on Thursday nights through April 2, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Free for members; non-member price is $60.

STARTS: Thursday, November 7, 2019
TIME: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Learn to Chant Torah

One of the greatest honors in Jewish life is to chant from the Torah. This course will teach you the trope (notation system) that will enable you to chant from any Torah portion. This is a great way to prepare for an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Held on Saturdays from November 9, 2019 through January 31, 2020 starting at 9:30 AM. The schedule may be subject to change due to secular and Jewish holidays. Free for members; non-member price is $60.

STARTS: Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
DATES: November 9, 16, 23, 30; and December 7, 14, 21, 28; and January 4, 11, 18, 25.
LOCATION: Media Center, Temple Beth El of Hollywood, 1351 S. 14th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33020.
REGISTRATION: Please call the Temple office at (954) 920-8225 to register. Free for members; non-member price is $60.
Ten-year-old Idan Habosha of Cooper City again blew the shofar in front of the Temple Beth El Congregation this year along with Sam Grussgott (pictured above).

Idan, a fifth grade student at Embassy Creek Elementary School in Hollywood, is the youngest shofar blower in Temple Beth El’s history, according to synagogue records.

“This was my first time up on that bima blowing a shofar for adults. I had done it for kids’ services, but never for adults.”

Shai Habosha, Temple Beth El’s Executive Director and Idan’s father said, “Both my wife and I couldn’t be prouder of our son.”

Idan thanks his family and Rabbi Allan Tuffs, Temple Beth El’s spiritual leader, for guiding him during rehearsals.

Tuffs said, “I think it’s an extraordinary achievement for a boy his age to be able to get such a clear and beautiful sound out of the shofar.”

“He listens very carefully to what I have to say when he practices and I think he understands the deep significance of the shofar. According to our tradition, the shofar is the instrument that wakes up our hearts on the Jewish New Year for us to begin thinking about how we’re conducting our lives with the idea of making resolutions to live better lives. I think Idan understands this and he takes it very seriously as he’s going to be standing in front of many hundreds of people on the 30th of this month [Rosh Hashanah] and he’s going to be sounding those very specific combinations of four very separate sounds that are characteristic of the sounding of the shofar.”

Temple Board member Sharon Tanenhaus said, “How wonderful it is to have additional congregants joining the Honorable Judge Kenneth Gottlieb (pictured with Cantor Manny and Debbie Taylor), who has graced us with his shofar blowing skills for many years at TBE.”
JAKE HARRIS SHEITELMAN
November 30, 2019

Jake is a 7th grader at Summit Questa Montessori School where he is a member of the school band and the Audio/Visual team. This year he is looking forward to traveling to New York City to participate in the Montessori Model United Nations competition and collaborate with students from all over the world at the actual UN. In his free time, Jake enjoys playing guitar (and occasionally accompanies Ms. Barbara on stage), paddle boarding, shooting and editing photos and video, and taking selfies.

This summer he started his first business, Jake Sheitelman Dog sitting, where he cared for various neighbourhood dogs and employed his brother as an intern. For his Mitzvah Project, Jake is supporting Hungry For Music, a national organization whose mission is to put quality musical instruments into hungry hands - children and teachers alike. He is collecting new and gently used instruments as well as gift cards and monetary donations to help bring music closer to people everywhere.

TBE President Scott Singer, Eva Abramczyk, Marvin Luterman, Rabbi Tuffs and Cantor Manny celebrate the birthday of Eva Abramczyk.

Max Berman Ferretti became a Bar Mitzvah and Confrmand at Temple Beth El. In May 2019 Max earned his PhD in Molecular Biology from The Scripps Research Institute. He is currently doing a Post Doctorate at University of Pennsylvania researching viruses (not the computer kind).

Diane Berman and Walter Dorfman are Max’s proud parents.

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MAZEL MOMENTS
If you have any feel-good news to share, send the information along with any pictures our way, we would love to feature it in our next issue of Connections! Please email info@tbehollywood.com.
It is hard to believe that three months have passed since the school year began. The children have adjusted well to new teachers and routines. With new and old friends by their sides, the children continue to learn and discover new worlds that offer challenges and rewards.

During November and December, the children will be busy with fun and interactive learning experiences like our Thanksgiving Feast, where we will recreate family traditions. At our holiday bazaar, the children will shop for friends and family members as they learn about money management and decision making. They will also dazzle parents with a special Hanukkah show on December 10. To end the year, we’ll celebrate our Preschool’s 25th Anniversary on December 15, 2019.

After our holiday break our learning will continue as we celebrate a special man in our lives with a breakfast and handmade gifts.

Many of our events are sponsored by our fabulous PTO members, who work tirelessly with joy and enthusiasm for the benefit and growth of our Preschool. I would like to give a special thanks to all of these parents from all of us at the Preschool.

I wish all of you and your families a holiday season filled with fabulous food, bright lights, family, friends and much joy!

**Preschool Closed Nov. 27 - Nov. 29**

**DECEMBER 2019**
- December 10  - Hanukkah Show
  - 9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- December 15  - Preschool 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Dec. 23 - Jan 3  - Closed (Winter Break)

**Preschool Closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 3**

**JANUARY 2020**
- January 6  - School Resumes
- January 20  - Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
- January 23  - Half-day vs. Full-day VPK information session at 9:15 a.m.
- January 29  - Man in My Life at 9:00 a.m.
**Chill Out at**
**Mini-Camp Keshet**

**Week 1:**
December 23, 24 (9 am - 12 pm), 26, 27

**Week 2:**
December 30, 31 (9 am - 12 pm), Jan. 2, 3

**Regular Times:** 9 am - 3 pm*

*On December 24 and 31, we will close at noon.
We are closed December 25 and January 1.

**Early care:** 8 am - 9 am $6 per hour
**Aftercare:** 3 pm - 5 pm $6 per hour

**PRICE:** $210 per week

A minimum of 15 children must be registered. Infant class contingent upon enrollment.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Child's Name: ___________________ Child's Date of Birth: ___________________

Parent's Name: ___________________ Parent's Signature: ___________________

Check selection: Week 1 ($210): ______ Week 2 ($210): ______

Payment Date: ______________ Total Paid: __________________

Check one:  Cash _____ Check ____ Credit card (2.5% fee): ______

Card Number: ____________________________

Address for credit card: ____________________________

Name on card: ____________________________

Exp. date: ________ CVV: ________

Reservations are required in advance. Tuition is nonrefundable and nontransferable. Call (954) 921-7096 for more information. This form must be returned to the office no later than Friday, November 22.
CHAI-LIGHTS

JLC & BET YOUTH Sukkot Festival
CHAI-LIGHTS

JLC Consecration

Joint IJKL/TBE Sukkot Event

Holocaust Heroes Dinner
NOVEMBER 2019

11/3 JLC-7 Parashat Noach, Blessing of the Animals
11 AM to 12:30 PM
Small Service, Obstacle Course,
Winner’s Circle, Pet Photo Booth,
Good Karma Pet Rescue, and treats.

11/10 NO JLC (Veteran’s Day)

11/17 JLC-8 Launch Latke Sale

11/22 Tot Shabbat 6:00 to 6:25 PM
JLC Led Shabbat 6:30 to 7:45 PM

11/24 JLC-9 Theme of JLC is G’milut Chasadim,
acts of loving kindess. Students will be
bringing food items for the Kosher
Pantry in honor of Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER 2019

12/1 JLC-10 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
12/8 JLC-11 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
12/15 JLC-12 HANUKKAH PARTY
11 AM - 12:30 PM
12/20 Tot Shabbat 6:00 to 6:25 PM
JLC Led Shabbat 6:30 to 7:45 PM
Theme is Hanukkah

12/22 NO JLC 1st Night of Hanukkah, lighting @TBE

12/29 NO JLC

JANUARY 2020

1/4 Saturday - Painting with a Twist
7 to 10 PM a JLC Fundraiser

1/5 NO JLC

1/12 JLC Welcome Back

1/19 NO JLC (Martin Luther King Birthday)

1/26 JLC-14

1/31 Tot Shabbat 6:00 to 6:25 PM
JLC Led Shabbat 6:30 to 7:45 PM
Theme is Mushuga Shabbat

For more information,
contact Barbara Segal,
Jewish Learning Center
Director
(954) 920-8225

barbara@tbehollywood.com
B.E.T. UPCOMING EVENTS
YOU CAN ‘BET’ ON US!

KULAM
Upper Elementary Group
Grades 3 - 5
Friday, Nov. 22
6:30PM-9:30AM
BET Youth Friends-Giving
Sleepover
A sleeping under the stars
celebration of Shabbat and giving
thanks to friends.

Sunday, December 1, 2019
Kulam Special Event
12:30PM-1:30PM

Sunday, January 12, 2020
Kulam Event
12:30PM-1:30PM

CLUB B.E.T.
Middle School Group
Grades 6 - 8
Friday, Nov. 8 – Sunday, Nov. 10
@ Temple Kol Tikvah, Parkland, FL
NFTY-STR Hatikvah Kallah
South Florida Temple youth groups
get together for a weekend of build-
ing friendships and
experiencing Jewish programs.

Sunday, November 17, 2019
12:30PM-1:30PM
BET Youth Chesed (kindness) Team
– All Inclusive –
A joint program in welcoming
individuals with disabilities and
without disabilities to be included
and participate in the
BET Youth activities.

Sunday, December 8, 2019
12:30PM-1:30PM
BET Youth Board Meets, Plans 2020

Friday, December 20, 2019
6:30PM-12:00AM
Midnight Madness Shabbat

HOTY - High School Group
Grades 9 - 12
Sunday, December 8, 2019
12:30PM-1:30PM
BET Youth Board Meets, Plans 2020

Friday, December 20, 2019
6:30PM-12:00AM
Midnight Madness Shabbat

Wednesday, Dec. 26 - Sunday, Dec. 30
NFTY-STR Winter Regional Event
Orlando

Friday, January 17, 2020
6:30PM-12:00AM
Midnight Madness Shabbat

For info on meaningful
youth engagement
email: Orly Stein
orly@tbehollywood.com
or text: “Youth Group” to
(305) 367-1385.

Friday, Jan. 31st
B.E.T. Youth
Pre-ONEG
Dinner with
Friends
5:30pm-6:30pm
Before JLC
Shabbat service

OPEN TO ALL
Sunday, November 3, 2019 @ 11 AM
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 15, 2019 @ 1 PM
Field Trip to Ninja Lounge

Sunday, January 26, 2020 @ 12:30PM-1:30PM
BET Youth Chesed (kindness) All-inclusive program

Follow us on
Facebook.com
@betyouth
Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group is for women eager to grow and learn from the mysteries of our Jewish tradition. Meetings are an opportunity to embrace each other in our different stages of life and together awaken to a broader perspective. Meetings are on Mondays at 7 PM at Temple Beth El.

Nov. 25 - “The Gift of Gratitude and Blessings” with Stephanie King
Dec. 16 - Annual Collection of Toiletries for Women in Distress
Jan. 13 - "Four Jewish Architects" with Lucy Lichtblau

Group contacts are:
Betty Glazer (786) 693-0875 or bettyglazer@icloud.com
Lucy Lichtblau (954)-612-6209 or lucylichtblau@aol.com
Jeanette Cohnen (305) 332-3980 or jcohen@bellsouth.net

Join Sisterhood for fun, monthly events

TBE Sisterhood is a welcoming group of women with one common goal: to help the synagogue and the community.

Save the Dates!

Nov. 13 - Make a Greeting Card Craft, 1 - 4 pm
$15 TBE members; $20 non-members

Dec. 8 - Holiday Bazaar, noon - 5 pm, set-up 11
Shopping & Holiday Fun. Contact Dee or Ruthie about vendor tables. Space is limited.

Dec. 20 - Hanukkah Sisterhood Dinner, 5:00 pm
$20 TBE members; $25 non-members

Jan. 23 - Cinema Paradiso with lunch at The Greek Joint. $30 TBE members; $35 non-members

Membership is just $36. Contact Dee Levine (behappy45@aol.com) or Ruthie Schwartz (ruthierudyrrs@gmail.com) for information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 21
10:30am-12:00pm
Sister of Mine
by Sabra Waldfogel

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 19
10:30am-12:00pm
Beloved
By Toni Morrison

THURSDAY
JANUARY 16
10:30am-12:00pm
Sold on a Monday
by Kristina McMorris

Save the Date
Feb. 1st
TBE Progressive Dinner
Hosts Wanted

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Women’s Spirituality Annual Toiletries Drive for Women in Distress Through December 16

Donations of travel size toiletries that include shampoo, conditioner, lotions, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, etc.) are requested.

Donation collection boxes will be at the TBE front entrance.


Sunday, January 12, 2020 @ 7:30 am

RUN WITH RABBI & TEAM TBE

Join our Temple family in “Tikkun Olam” or Acts of Kindness / Repairing Our World.

To join our organizing committee, contact Sharon Tanenhaus at (954) 604-8666 or email daniasha@aol.com

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020
11 am to 2 pm
**LIFE CYCLE EVENTS**

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Sari & Michael Addicott
- Kimberly & Jarett Berman
- Marilyn Franzblau
- Fay Bean & Mark Kerner
- Eileen & Randy Kominsky
- Maralyn Leaf
- Kristina & Aaron Miller
- Julia Muys
- Jennifer Rosen
- Eugenie & Victor Rosner
- Orly & Mariano Saal
- Magda Schwartz
- Sonia & Dean Sorrentino
- Adele & Philip Wasserstrom
CANTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Gloria & Lawrence Winton, in appreciation of Cantor Manny
Barry Kaplowitz, in memory of his father, Henry Kaplowitz
Lois Kaplowitz, in memory of her husband, Henry Kaplowitz

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND
Virginia & Meir Elazar, in honor of Virginia’s Conversion

GENERAL FUND
Mary C. Brown, in honor of Selma Nichols’ 100th Birthday
Marylin Cohen, in memory of Barry Meiselman
Andre, Marilyn and Erik Danesh Charitable Fund
Arnold Feinerman, in honor of Rabbi Allan Tuffs
Arnold Feinerman, in honor of Cantor Manny Silver
Jessica Fox, in honor of Selma Nichols 100th Birthday
Esther & William Gonzalez, in honor of Selma Nichols 100th Birthday
Sherry Horwitz, in honor of Selma Nichols 100th Birthday
Ceil Kaplowitz, in honor of her Birthday
Dee & Allan Levine, in honor of their 20th Anniversary
Selma Nichols & Terry Reynolds, in honor of Selma Nichols 100th Birthday
Conny Politto, in honor of Selma Nichols 100th Birthday
Barbara Samuels, in honor of Eva Abramczyk’s 90th Birthday
Geri Sant, in honor of Selma Nichols’ 100th Birthday
Rudy & Ruthie Schwartz, in honor of Ruthie’s Birthday
Jay & Carol Serbin, in honor of Selma Nichols 100th Birthday
Renee Serlin, a Mi Shebeirach for Joanne Barnes & Frederi Assenzio
David Surowitz, in honor of Shai Habosha’s Birthday

GUNZBERGER L’DOR V’DOR FUND
Allen Zack, in memory of his mother, Florence Zack

HANNAH & AL LIPTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Hannah Lipton, in honor of Eva Abramczyk’s 90th Birthday
Hannah Lipton, in memory of Ferne Sandra Friedman

KIRSNER FUND
Bernie & Ellie Schinder, in memory of his mother, Eva & Harry Schinder
Bernie & Ellie Schinder, in memory of Sara & Myer Kirsner
Bernie & Ellie Schinder, in memory of Rose Black
Bernie & Ellie Schinder, in memory of Steven London
Marilyn & Burt Black, in memory of Eva & Harry Schinder
Marilyn & Burt Black, in memory of Sara & Myer Kirsner
Marilyn & Burt Black, in memory of Rose Black
Marilyn & Burt Black, in memory of George Black
Marilyn & Burt Black, in memory of Steven London

LIVE STREAMING-WEBSITE
Victor Elbaz
Barry Kaplowitz, in memory of his father, Henry Kaplowitz
Judith & Kenneth Lebensburger

ONEG/KIDDISH
Brotherhood in honor of Eva Abramczyk’s 90th Birthday
Helena & Eric Fordin, in honor of their daughter, Sydney’s Bat Mitzvah
Deena Landsman, in memory of her mother, Selma Landsman
Dee & Allan Levine, in honor of their 20th Anniversary
Jessica & Alexander Lewy in memory of his father, Albert Lewy
Marlene Rose, in memory of her husband, Marty Rose
Marlene Rose, in memory of her father, Joe Bluestone
Ruthie & Rudy Schwartz, in honor of Ruthie’s Birthday
Hinda Smith, in honor of Hinda Smith & Bruce Drewitts
One Year Anniversary
Francine & Damon Solomon, in honor of their 51st Anniversary

PRESCCHOOL FUND
Virginia & Meir Elazar, in honor of Ariel Elazar

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Lois Kaye, in memory of Barrie Kaye
Shelley & Jeff Margolis, in honor of Tobi’s Confirmation
Barry Kaplowitz, in memory of his father, Henry Kaplowitz
Lois Kaplowitz, in memory of her husband, Henry Kaplowitz
Barbara Samuels, in honor of Eva Abramczyk’s 90th Birthday

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
Shelley Margolis, in memory of my mother, Terri Katz
Shelley & Jeff Margolis and Family, in memory of grandmother, Bernice Greenberg
Shelley & Jeff Margolis and Family, in memory of grandmother, Pearl Levan
Shelley & Jeff Margolis and Family, in memory of sister/aunt, Lauren Perlstein

SISTERHOOD FUND
The Faber Family in memory of Dorothy Faber
Helena & Eric Fordin, in honor of their daughter, Sydney’s Bat Mitzvah
Julie Spechler-Fink, in memory of her husband, George Fink
Ellen Wacher, in memory of her cousin, Steven Wacher

SISTERHOOD FLORAL FUND
Diane Berman & Walter Dorfman, in honor of Eva Abramczyk’s 90th Birthday

TZEDAKAH FUND
Laura Csillag

YAHRZEIT MEMORIAL FUND
Ann Aboulafia, in memory of her husband Sam Aboulafia
Ronda Amar, in memory of her mother, Irene Katz
Judy Anderson, in memory of Enid Ravitz
Ellen & Mark Axinn, in memory of her father, Arthur Dorfman
Ellen & Mark Axinn, in memory of his father, Martin Axinn
Frances & Richard Bernstein, in memory of his mother, Elsie Bernstein
William Brody, in memory of Roslyn Cohen
William Brody, in memory of Abraham Brody
Karen Budowsky, in memory of her father, Philip Schissel
Karen Budowsky, in memory of her aunt, Helen Goldstein
Karen Budowsky, in memory of her mother, Dorothy Schissel
Marylin Cohen, in memory of Barry Meiselman
Walter Coleman, in memory of his mother, Sarah Coleman
Cindy Cossin, in memory of her grandmother, Fannie Frank
Cindy Cossin, in memory of brother, Barry Hillsenroth
Cindy Cossin, in memory of goddaughter, Jamie Leamon
Gerry Dubman, in memory of her son, Jeffrey Dubman
Gerry Dubman, in memory of her daughter, Leslie Dubman
Audrey Eros, in memory of her mother, Lillian Goldstein
Janet Enas, in memory of her father, Paul Stark
Michael Gable, in memory of his father, David Gable
Renee Goldsmith, in memory of Ira Goldsmith
Bonnie Goner, in memory of her mother, Betty Schwartz
Bonnie Goner, in memory of her friend, Jerry Breslow
Marlyn Gruder, in memory of her sister, Francine Gruder
Sandy & Sam Grussgott, in memory of his father, Pinkas Grussgott
Sandy & Sam Grussgott, in memory of her father Daniel Zappia
Ruth Halpern, in memory of her husband, David Halpern
David Harris, in memory of Harvey Shone
Susan & Stephen Heiden, in memory of his father, Herbert Heiden
Jerome Hesch, in memory of his wife, Joni Braunstein
Milton Jacobs, in memory of his father, Samuel Jacobs
Milton Jacobs, in memory of his mother-in-law, Jeanette Munter
Morton Kalin, in memory of his father, Sam Kalin
Morton Kalin, in memory of his father-in-law, Joe Berger
Stanley Kessel, in memory of his daughter, Bonnie Tischler
Janet Krop, in memory of her mother, Sarah Atlas
Andrea Larsen, in memory of Al Goldin
Trudy & Benjamin Lechner, in memory of his father, Michael Lechner
Trudy & Benjamin Lechner, in memory of his mother, Rose Lechner
Trudy & Benjamin Lechner, in memory of her aunt, Paula Blumenthal
Lucy Lichtblau, in memory of her mother-in-law, Sylvia Gordon
Funds & Donations

TEMPLE BETH EL APPRECIATES ALL DONATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

- Adult Education Fund
- Cantor’s Discretionary Fund
- Capital Fund
- David and Lillian “Lu” Kaplan Children’s Education Fund
- Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg Adult Education Endowment Fund
- Emas Family Rabbinic Community Development Endowment Fund to further religious, spiritual, and educational endeavors of the Temple in the community
- Endowment Fund
- Abe and Shirley Fischler Religious School Fund
- Fred Lippman Family Cantorial High Holiday Fund
- General Fund
- Gunzburger L’Dor V’Dor Fund to assist Temple Confirmands attend the March of the Living or similar program
- Hannah & Al Lipton Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund
- Esack Botanical Fund
- Kirsner Fund to assist families to pay for Religious School education
- Live Streaming
- Prayer Book Fund
- Preschool Fund
- Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
- Rachlin Scholarship Fund
- Religious School Fund
- Rose Jewish Educational Fund
- Shabbatini
- Sisterhood Floral Fund
- Sisterhood Service to the Blind Fund
- Spechler Family Mitzvah Fund
- Torah Restoration Fund
- Tzedakah
- Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

Donations that do not appear in this issue of Connections will appear in the next. Thank you for your understanding.
Please enhance your dues! Membership Dues only cover a portion of our Temple’s operating expenses. Your family helping other families will guarantee that our Temple doors will remain open to our Jewish community and that no one is turned away because of financial challenges.

WHEN YOUR FAMILY HELPS ANOTHER FAMILY, YOU:
• Provide life-changing Preschool and JLC scholarships to children who may otherwise not receive a Jewish education.
• Make exciting programming and innovative, meaningful events possible at Temple Beth El.
• Provide dues assistance to those not able to afford Temple membership.

**Levels of Giving – In addition to your dues:**

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We would like to participate in the Families Helping Families Program!

Name: ____________________________ Telephone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Please select level of giving:  

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  - Family $50,000  
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  - $540 Family  
  - $360 Individual

Enclosed please find my check # __________ Amount: $ ______________

Credit card #: ____________________________ Exp. date: ________ CVV ________

Name on credit card: ____________________________  
(if different than above)

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Please accept our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for your continued support!
Our Accelerated Prep Program offers custom tailored classes with both our Rabbi and Cantor. Have a traditional Torah service in our beautiful Sanctuary and celebrate this important milestone.

For more information, please call (954) 920-8225 or visit templebethelhollywood.org/app
THE ANNUAL

SISTERHOOD HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
NOON TO 5 PM

Vendor set-up begins at 11 am

Vendors interested in tables, contact:
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ruthierudyrrs@gmail.com
or
Dee (847) 977-7873
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