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## FEBRUARY

- **Saturday, February 1** ................................................................. Progressive Dinner
- **Sunday, February 2** ................................................................. Mitzvah Day
- **Thursday, February 6** .............................................................. Sisterhood Norton Museum Trip
- **Sunday, February 9** ................................................................. JLC/B.E.T. Youth Tu Bishvat at TY Park
- **Sunday, February 9** ................................................................. Preschool Winter Wonderland Party
- **Monday, February 10** .............................................................. Women's Spirituality Group Meets
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- **Saturday, February 15** .............................................................. Scholar in Residence Torah Study
- **Thursday, February 20** .............................................................. Temple Office Closed - Presidents’ Day
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- **Tuesday, February 25** .............................................................. Brotherhood Meeting
- **Friday, February 28** ................................................................. Family Shabbat on the Beach

## MARCH

- **Sunday, March 1** ................................................................. Brotherhood Family Canoe Outing
- **Sunday, March 8** ................................................................. Purim Celebration
- **Friday, March 13** ................................................................. Shabbatini followed by BART Shabbat Service
- **Monday, March 16** ................................................................. Women's Spirituality Group Meets
- **Thursday, March 19** .............................................................. TBE Book Club
- **Tuesday, March 24** ................................................................. Sisterhood Games & Cards Night
- **Tuesday, March 31** ................................................................. Brotherhood Meeting

## APRIL

- **Saturday, April 4** ................................................................. Cantor’s Jazz Concert
- **Wednesday, April 8** .............................................................. Office closes at noon - Passover
- **Thursday, April 9** ................................................................. Temple Office Closed - Passover Second Seder at TBE
- **Friday, April 10** ................................................................. Temple Office Closed - Passover
- **Monday, April 13** ................................................................. Women's Spirituality Group Meets
- **Wednesday, April 15** .............................................................. Temple Office Closed - Yizkor Service
- **Friday, April 17** ................................................................. Shabbatini; TBE Annual Meeting; Shabbat Service
- **Sunday, April 19** ................................................................. B.E.T. Youth Teen Event
- **Thursday, April 23** .............................................................. TBE Book Club
- **Friday, April 24** ................................................................. Tot Shabbat / Family Shabbat
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For a complete listing of our events, and to sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter, visit our website at templebethelhollywood.org.
Lessons from Purim and Chanukah in 2020

If we were looking to rename the holiday of Purim, we might consider the name “Anti-Semitism Day,” as Purim celebrates the victory of Persian Jewry over Haman, history’s most notorious Jew hater around the year 350 BCE. Megilat Esther, read on Purim, recalls the story of Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai, who used their political influence in the court of King Ahasuerus to foil a plot to annihilate the Jews living throughout the Persian Empire.

Chanukah also celebrates a victory over those who would have brought an end to the Jewish people in the year 164 BCE. It was Judah Maccabae and his followers who took up arms against the armies of the Syrian Greek King Antiochus and saved Judaism for future generations.

Purim and Chanukah were the last holidays to make it into the Jewish calendar, almost in anticipation of our people’s challenge of surviving the threat of anti-Semitism during 2,000 years of exile. These holidays provided our people with courage and strategies in confronting threats to our survival.

Purim and Chanukah represent ancient expressions of anti-Semitism that would resurface during the twentieth century. In the Purim story, Haman wanted to murder every Jew he could find, reminiscent of the scourge of Nazism. In the Chanukah story, Antiochus sought to destroy the Jewish people, not by murdering them, but by destroying Judaism and Jewish culture, reminiscent of the scourge of Soviet Communism.

In the twenty-first century, we are facing new versions of anti-Semitism. On the Left, we are witnessing a rise of anti-Semitism in the guise of anti-Zionism. In the recent election in the UK, Jeremy Corbin, the leader of the Labour Party, was called out for tolerating anti-Semitic sentiments among many of the most vocal critics of Israel in his party.

On the Right, we see the normalization of reprehensible anti-Semitic and racist ideologies moving into the political mainstream. In Charlottesville two years ago, torch carrying Neo Nazis stood outside a synagogue chanting, “Jews will not replace us.” Since then, there has been a sharp rise in anti-Semitic incidents in America—the Chabad synagogue in Poway California, the Etz Chaim synagogue in Pittsburgh, and the recent attacks on Jews in New Jersey and Upstate New York.

In the chaos of the Middle East, Radical Islamists scapegoat Israel, blaming the dysfunction of Moslem societies on the Jewish state. Their anti-Semitism, tinged with the racist theories of Nazism, has a theological tone. Jews are seen as an intolerable threat to traditional Islamic values.

What can explain the current resurgence of anti-Semitism across the world? First of all, to quote Lord Jonathan Sachs, former Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, “Anti-Semitism has little to do with Jews. Jews are not the cause of anti-Semitism but its object.” He goes on to say that the cause of anti-Semitism is the dysfunction of the communities that give rise to it. The world is rapidly changing. There is an unprecedented intermingling of cultures and ideas these days. Technology is disrupting old ways of communicating and conducting business, causing economic dislocation for many. People are fearful and insecure about their place in the world, and consequently are open to suggestions that “the other,” the immigrant, or the Jew is the cause of their misfortune. This opens them to visions of restoring society to its former and familiar glory—which in fact never existed.

The rise of the politics of anger and “the disinhibiting effect” of social media, which allows individuals to say things they would never say in a face-to-face encounter, are also factors. How often do we see stories of individuals who spend an inordinate amount of time on the internet and eventually commit horrendous hate crimes? Neighbors are quoted, “We’re shocked. He was so quiet and unassuming. Kept to himself mostly.”

What can we do to protect ourselves as a community? Like Esther and Mordecai in the Purim story, we must be politically active. We must build alliances with others who believe, as we do, in a tolerant and diverse America. We must never be shy of flexing our political muscle when necessary. Like Judah Maccabee in the Chanukah story, we must be ready to defend ourselves when necessary. We must be vigilant in securing our facilities and institutions. We must never be “soft targets.” Let it be known to our enemies that they threaten the Jewish people at their own peril. Like Judah Maccabee, Esther, and Mordechai, let us stand tall and proud of our Jewish heritage. As Nachman of Bratzlav said, “The most important thing is never to be afraid.”
PLEASE DO your friendly Cantor a big favor.

Get out your cell phone and personal calendar right now and mark down the date of Saturday April 4!

That’s a date you won’t want to forget. That’s when our temple ballroom will be magically transformed into a swank nightclub .... and I will be singing with the University of Miami Alumni Jazz Band.

If you like great music, you won’t want to miss it!

We will be doing songs from the Great American Songbook and the music of artists like Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond and Michael Bublé.

More importantly, we will be coming together as a family to have a fabulous night of music, dancing, food and fun while supporting the temple that means so much to all of us.

Personally, I have been counting down the days to the concert because I can’t wait!

I promise that the music, the fun and the memories we make that night will be etched into our hearts.

A temple is much more than just a holy place to pray!

Temple is where we come together as a community and make lasting friendships that enhance our lives.”

So I hope to see all of you on Saturday night April 4!
SOCIAL ACTION

Some of our Team TBE members - 4th Annual Hollywood RUNS for Haiti - January 12, 2020

REMINDER: Join us February 2nd for Mitzvah Day

SISTERHOOD’S JUDAICA GIFT SHOP
Open Friday evenings after Shabbat services or call the Temple office to arrange a visit. Candlesticks, Mezuzahs, Kiddush Cups, Holiday Items, Gifts for B’nai Mitzvah, Babies, New Homes, Birthdays, Hostess Gifts & Jewelry

Service with a Schmear!

Daven, Nosh & Kibbitz with Rabbi Tuffs
Every Thursday at 9 a.m.

Join Temple Beth El for a quick morning Minyan Service followed by free coffee & bagels with a schmear.
Why Tot Shabbat is Great for Kids – and Everyone

I love Tot Shabbat.

For those who don't know, Tot Shabbat at Temple Beth El is a Friday night service once a month for families with children up to about age 6 that incorporates music and movement to introduce the history, values, and traditions of Judaism to a new generation. It brings the Shabbat experience alive in a fun and engaging way.

When my wife and I moved to Hollywood and joined TBE 18 years ago, we were excited to bring our children, Ethan and Sara, into the world of Reform Judaism and expose them to its values. Tot Shabbat represents the first opportunity to take a step forward and create their own version of Judaism.

Ethan was 5 years of age and Sara was just 2; it's impossible to know how much of the actual content they were absorbing at their age. We were not having deep, spiritual conversations with them about Judaism—we were mostly just adoringly watching them dance around to the guitar strumming and songs.

Nonetheless, it was a really important and formative experience for them. These 25 minutes on Friday night truly matter. We were integrating Judaism into their life as a regular presence—and it's a Judaism that's warm, playful, and infused with the tolerant values and spirit of inquiry so important to us. Even in relating basic stories, like that of the Exodus and Moses' liberation of the Hebrews from Egypt, we were planting the seeds of a social conscience that teaches our children to always stand with the oppressed over the oppressors.

What's more, we were making our own connections with other young, Reform Jewish parents—and building our own Jewish community. It's a perfect foot in the door, a way to experience Judaism alongside our children, but also independently from them.

In meeting other like-minded parents, we were and still are, helping to build the framework in which we'll live Jewishly as a family—the friends we'll share our experiences with, the spaces we'll inhabit together, and the memories we'll create with one another.

We believe it's important for Judaism to be a force that touches everyone in the family. The last thing we want is for temple to be merely a form of babysitting or daycare—a place we drop them off for a few hours but remain completely detached from what they were learning, feeling, and experiencing.

Tot Shabbat is a great service for not only the young, but for all adults, including our senior adults.

Please don't think that as a senior adult you shouldn't attend Tot Shabbat services. Come experience these moments as a family and a community.

Fast Forward: Ethan graduated from Indiana University two years ago: The first thing he purchased was Tefillin. Sara is attending Florida State University and teaches Hebrew.
Mark Oppenheimer, Ph.D. is the former religion columnist for The New York Times. He is an editor at Tablet Magazine, teaches creative writing at Yale University, hosts the popular podcast Unorthodox, dealing with Jewish news, ideas and culture, and is the author of four books, including The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia.

He is working on his next book, about the Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Oppenheimer will speak during Shabbat services on Friday, February 14. His topic will be “American Jews, Where Are We Now?”

On Saturday, February 15, he will lead Torah Study. The topic will be: “This Week in Torah today.”

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Free events. No RSVP necessary.

MARK OPPENHEIMER

Friday, Feb. 14 @ 7:30 pm (during Services)
Saturday, Feb. 15 @ 9:30 am (Torah Study)
Save the Date

TEMPLE BETH EL

GALA

Honoring Howard Finkelstein
Broward County Public Defender

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 25TH
COCKTAILS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM
DINNER AND DANCING TO FOLLOW

Temple Beth El Hollywood
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Preschool 25th Anniversary Celebratory Brunch and Upcycle Fashion Show

Temple Beth El Preschool celebrated 25 years on Sunday, December 15, with a Brunch and Upcycle Fashion show featuring the Preschool’s children, who modeled upcycled clothes and toys.

The event was chaired by local real estate agent Susan Lewis, whose children attended the school. Jonathan and Lindsay attended the second year of the preschool class when it was still in the building process. “I wanted to hold this event in order to bring people back to the Temple Beth El family,” said Mrs. Lewis. “It is a great way to remember the founding Director Lolly Cohn, who became one of my best friends. The classes were very small at that time, so naturally we all became very close. Lolly passed away in 2010. She was the person who knitted families together and made mothers and fathers feel confident to leave their children at Temple Beth El Preschool. And she always had Tootsie Rolls in her office. Because of that, the children loved getting a time out in her office.” Jonathan now works in Wynwood. Lindsay is a naturalist working in Bar Harbor, Maine.

The City of Hollywood issued a Proclamation that recognized Temple Beth El Preschool’s 25 years and was presented by Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy at the event.

Sue Gordon was among the founding members of what was the Temple Beth El Preschool re-boot more than 25 years ago. At the time, her son Alex was two years old. “Four of us were called into the Rabbi’s office. Rabbi Norman Lipson was rabbi at the time. The rabbi said we needed to start a preschool. The former preschool had been closed for 10 years. The classrooms had been abandoned. Rabbi Lipson set out his vision for revitalization. He had demographics about the changing community.

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MAZEL MOMENTS
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“We cleaned classrooms and painted them ourselves. A woman on my company’s design team created the logo and my husband painted it on the building. Abe Fischler, who became the second President of Nova University, was a big supporter of our Preschool. Amy Mankuta, who now lives in Vero Beach, was head of the committee in 1993. She monitored the budget and kept us on track for an opening in the fall of 1994.”

Gordon was in charge of the search for teachers and a new Preschool director. Lolly Cohn became the school’s first Director. “When I met Lolly Cohn, I was sure she was the right person for the job. Rabbi Norman Lipson was instrumental in helping to hire our first Preschool Director. He had to convince her not to take another job and join our upstart preschool.”

Sue’s son Alex was in the Preschool’s first graduating class. He’s married and will be turning 30 soon. He still lives in Broward County and works in IT. He’s in the process of adopting two children.

“When I think back to the Temple I walked into in 1990 and look at the temple that’s here now, it’s fantastic. People believe in the value of Jewish education. Here was a synagogue on the brink of extinction and the Temple Board had the presence of mind to revitalize it with young families. When people say the Jewish community is unaffiliated, I think…we’re not doing too badly,” said Gordon.

Jonna Epstein has been a Temple member since the 1970s. She had a career as a dental assistant. When the Preschool re-opened in 1994, Jonna became a teacher’s assistant. She worked at the Preschool for 18 years and was in the audience at the December 15 event. “It was lovely to be with the children. Those 18 years were the best time of my life. I really miss them and have a lot of fond memories.” Many of her former students are in university now but they still call her Miss Jonna.

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CODY BABAR HOOVER
Bar Mitzvah
January 25, 2020
Cody Babar Hoover is the first of three siblings born to the Rudnick-Hoover family. Cody was born on a snowy day in the West Village of New York City, where he acquired his street smarts and love of the fine arts.
Cody is now a 7th grader at Ben Gamla Preparatory School, where he is a member of the band and the "Jew Club" where he learns about his heritage and mingles with other 'tribe members.' Cody plays flute and piano and is studying music theory. He hopes to eventually go to high school at New World School of the Arts where his father teaches theater.
Cody’s mitzvah project began a few years ago when his "papa" founded "The Shirt Off My Back," where he assists with collecting gently worn clothing items and gives them out to the underserved populations of Broward and Dade counties. He has witnessed the loss of autonomy that falling victim to homelessness can cause and has worked hard to bring awareness to restoring pride and self-worth to our community. All donations can be sent to: www.facebook.com/TheShirtOffMyBack.Org.

MR. & MRS. YAIR SZARF
November 10, 2019
Natalie Kaminsky and Yair Szarf celebrated their marriage at Temple Beth El on November 10, 2019. The couple met in 2013 in Miami on Tu B’Av (the Jewish Day of Love). Among many special details of their wedding was the chuppah, a quilt made by Natalie’s grandmother and given to Natalie on her Bat Mitzvah. The joyous occasion brought together beloved family and friends from nearby, and as far as Canada, Venezuela, and Israel. Yair and Natalie are pleased to join the Temple Beth El community.

TYLER GREENE
Bar Mitzvah
April 18, 2020
Tyler is in 7th grade at NSU University school. He enjoys robotics and competes in the Vex Robotics competitions and is starting underwater robotics.
He loves sailing, hiking, lacrosse and water skiing.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

PURIM
OUT OF THIS WORLD

Wear your favorite outer space costume.
Visit planet Hamentaschen.

9:30-10:30 - Megillah, songs, spiel.

10:30-11:30 - Games, activities. craft table, face painting, arcade basketball, bean bag toss, mishloach manot station, hamentaschen making, bake sale, music.

11:30-12:30  BBQ, fun factory: bounce house with activities (Age 7 and up), popcorn machine, cotton candy.
As we continue to settle into the New Year, it is time to reflect on the many great things we have accomplished in our Preschool during the first half of the school year. We have celebrated 25 years since the Preschool first opened, the PTO conducted many incredible fundraisers to benefit the Preschool, our playgrounds were given a makeover with new mulch, fences and sand to protect our children.

Additionally, let's not forget about the many milestones our students have reached with the help and guidance from our fabulous staff.

We are looking forward to the second half of our school year, when we have many great things planned and left to accomplish along with celebrations, gatherings and activities that will help us continue to grow and create memories that will last a lifetime.

FEBRUARY 2020
9 - Winter Wonderland Party
10 - Planting for Tu B’shevat
17 - School Closed – Presidents’ Day
24-28 - Spring Book Fair
28 - Grandparents Day Celebration 9:30 am

MARCH 2020
2- Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration
6 - Purim Parade and Show
17 - Spring/Graduation/Group Pictures

APRIL 2020
2 - Passover Experience
2 - Kids Event Sponsored by the PTO
8 - Noon Closing Passover

Week of April 9-15 Closed Passover/Spring Break
24 - Tot Shabbat
29- Yom Ha’atzmaut
Passover Experience
Join our Camp Keshet SUMMER squad

JUNE 8 THRU AUG 5

3 Months to Age 7

Call (954) 921-7096 for registration info

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Kids on the Catwalk
Preschool 25th Anniversary
See more of our models on TBE’s Facebook Album

CONNECT WITH YOUTH JUST LIKE YOU! B.E.T. YOUTH
CHAI-LIGHTS

Blessing of the Animals
FEBRUARY 2020

2/2 JLC-15 Tu Bishvat/Mitzvah Day Program
Launch the Great Tzedekah Challenge, Mitzvah Day! JLC will begin at 9:30 and this event will start at 11:00. Students will plant trees on TBE property, try different fruits, learn about recycling, sing, donate goods to the local food pantry, a slew of mitzvah projects, and paint friendship rocks for our garden. Parents and congregants are invited and expected to attend.

2/9 JLC-16 Tu Bishvat at TY Park

2/16 NO JLC Presidents' Day

2/23 JLC-17

2/28 SHABBAT JLC Shabbat on the Beach. Meet at Connecticut Street & the Atlantic Ocean at 6:00 pm.

MARCH 2020

3/1 JLC-18

3/8 JLC PURIM CELEBRATION
Dress in your favorite 'Out of this World' costume. 

3/13 BART SHABBAT @ TBE
JLC to sing songs at the beginning of the service.

3/22 NO JLC - SPRING BREAK

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APRIL 2020

4/5 JLC-20 SCHOOL WIDE PASSOVER SEDER School Wide Passover Seder begins at 11:30AM. Each class will be responsible for making a dish for the seder. Parents will be invited to attend.

4/12 NO JLC PASSOVER

4/19 JLC-21 YOM HASHOAH Either a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial, Documentation Center or invite a survivor for a Café. Students will then write about their experiences to share at Family Shabbat 4/24. Grades 3-10.

4/24 SHABBAT Tot Shabbat 6:00 to 6:25 PM; Family Shabbat 6:30 to 7:45 PM. The theme for this Shabbat is Out of Darkness Comes Light.

4/26 JLC-22 ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY At 11:45AM, all students will gather in the ballroom and simulate the moment of silence (Yom HaZikaron) as they do in Israel, then learn to Israeli dance for Yom Ha’atzmaut.

As our children continue to learn about the vibrant history, culture and customs of our people, it is important that we start to help them to put the pieces together. One way to do this is to celebrate Shabbat with our TBE family. Once a month, JLC students enjoy the mitzvah of leading services for our congregation. Please make a point to celebrate Shabbat with TBE.

Another way to assist our children in connecting their Sunday school teachings to the real world is to share stories of your childhood, describing the traditions that you practiced while growing up in your grandparents’ home.

If you have any questions or would like to chat, please feel free to contact me. I would love to hear from you!

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B.E.T. UPcomings EVENTS
Living a ‘BET-ter’ Life

KULAM
Upper Elementary Group
Grades 3 - 5
Sunday, February 2, 2020
Kulam Special Event
12:30PM-1:30PM

Sunday, March 15, 2020
Kulam Special Event
12:30PM-1:30PM

Friday, April 24, 2020
KULAM KIDS/FAMILY SHABBAT
Kulam Kids bring your own board game.
5:30PM-6:30PM

Sunday, April 26, 2020
Kulam Event
12:30PM-1:30PM

HOTY - High School Group
Grades 9 - 12
Friday, Feb. 28 - Sunday, Mar. 1, 2020
NFTY-STR Spring Kallah
Congregation Schaarai Zedek, Tampa
Celebrate, Laugh, Engage. South Florida Temple youth groups spend an amazing weekend of building friendships and experiencing Jewish programs. This event is open to 8-12 graders!

Friday, March 13, 2020
Teens Connect for BART Shabbat
5:30PM
A teens shabbat to connect with other NFTY youth groups. Creative shabbat programs, meet new people and learn something new about yourself.

Sunday, April 19, 2020
12:30PM-1:30PM
Teens event Yom HaShoah.

CLUB B.E.T.
Middle School Group
Grades 6 - 8
Sunday, February 23, 2020
12:30PM-1:30PM
B.E.T. Meeting

Friday, Feb. 28 - Sunday, Mar. 1
NFTY-STR Spring Kallah
Congregation Schaarai Zedek, Tampa, FL
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Sunday, April 5, 2020
12:30PM-1:30PM
B.E.T. Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2020
12:30PM-1:30PM
Teens event Yom HaShoah.

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

Hey High Schoolers... earn volunteer hours by being part of the Chessed (Kindness) Team when you help out during a Youth Group Event.

Follow us on Facebook @betyouth

ALL GROUPS
Sunday, February 9, 2020
11:00AM - 3:30PM (TY PARK)
ALL B.E.T. Youth meet @ TY Park for a Tu B’Shevat celebration with drum circle, Israeli dance, food, nature crafts.

Sunday, February 16, 2020
(NO B.E.T. Youth - Presidents’ Day)

Sunday, March 8, 2020
9:30AM - 12:30 PM
ALL B.E.T. Youth attend our Purim Celebration.

Sunday, March 22 & Sunday, March 29, 2020
(NO B.E.T. Youth - Spring Break)

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – (NO B.E.T. Youth - Passover)
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.

Feb. 10 - Cantor Manny will speak on a topic of his choice.
Mar. 16 - Rabbi Tuffs will speak on a topic of his choice.
April 13 - Eva Abramczyk, “Growing Up During The Time of The Nazis.”

Group contacts are:
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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!
Feb. 6 - Norton Museum & Custom Jewelry Show trip. All day event. $75 TBE members
Feb. 21 - Gospel Music Dinner & Shabbat.
March 24 - Games & Cards Night
Membership is just $36. Contact Dee Levine (behappy45@aol.com) or Ruthie Schwartz (ruthierudyrrs@gmail.com) for information.

Membership is just $36. Contact Alex Lewy for information at alex@lewy.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS
MARCH 1 Family Canoe Trip
APRIL 4 Cantor's Jazz Concert
APRIL 26 Poker Tournament
MAY 10 Mother’s Day Brunch
JUNE TBA Family Baseball Outing

SCHMOOZE
Join Temple Beth El’s Brotherhood for laughter, fellowship, sports talk and discussions about how to serve and support the community.

2020 MEETING DATES
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Book Club, Hinda Smith (hindasmith2368@gmail.com)

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 20
10:30am-12:00pm
The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah

THURSDAY
MARCH 19
10:30am-12:00pm
Akin
by Emma Donoghue

THURSDAY
APRIL 23
10:30am-12:00pm
The Giver of Stars
by Jojo Moyes

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Group contacts are:
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COMMUNITY
PASSOVER SEDER
THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 9th 6:00 PM

Join Temple Beth El for a Community Seder on the second night of Passover.
Please RSVP by April 3. Call (954) 920-8225.

TBE Members
Adults - $65
Children 4-12 - $25

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Adults - $70
Children 4-12 - $30

Children 3 and under are free.

1351 S. 14th Avenue, Hollywood
**LIFE CYCLE EVENTS**

### ADULT BIRTHDAYS

**FEBRUARY**
1. Orly Stein
2. Melissa Caster
3. Mason Wolfe
4. Stacy Winton
5. Paula Steinberg
6. Irene Devin
7. Lawrence Winton
8. Jennifer Rosen
9. Heshy Wilensky
10. Sam Grussgott
11. Jeff Markman
12. Harvey Rappaport
13. Allison Reiser
14. Paulina Vayner
15. Karen Budowsky
16. Herbert Dell
17. Marlene Rose
18. Sami Hoover
19. Andrea Lubell
20. Gloria Heitner
21. Laura Holtzman
22. Frank Pravder
23. Allan Levine
24. Fran Savlov
25. Nicole McMurray
26. Karyn Morris
27. William Shure
28. George Adler
29. Perry Blank
30. Debra Kash-Feldman

**MARCH**
1. Sari Schulman
2. Kim Shechtman
3. Alan Seidman
4. Ruth Halpern
5. Tyler Gottlieb
6. Marni Lamberk
7. Marissa Silverstone
8. Eric Shure
9. Marisa Silverstone
10. Bonnie Goner
11. Esther Shrago
12. Craig Chassen
13. Melissa Cooperman
14. Madison Wolfe
15. Steven Saffan
16. Ursula Leon-Mans
17. Kimberly Kanoff Berman
18. Sharon Gordon
19. David Esack
20. Steve Shechtman
21. Steven Smith
22. Harry Pomeranc
23. Hannah Lipton
24. Steven Caster
25. Maralyn Leaf
26. Lee Bernstein
27. Anna Budowsky
28. Ellen Wacher
29. Itzhak Bernstein

**APRIL**
1. Nan Ans
2. Ricardo Schwarz
3. Vicki Gersten-deCastro
4. Sharon Tanenhaus
5. Justin Shure
6. Owen Wyma
7. Joel Epstein
8. Frederick Lippman
9. Julia Epstein
10. Sarina Cook
11. Jeffrey Fox
12. Florence Gelband
13. Linda Caster
14. Jeff Cooperman
15. Kappie Braun
16. Ellie Bernstein
17. Lori Macaulay
18. Amy Leaf Erwin
19. Elaine Baer
20. Steven Freedman
21. Alan Pate
22. Dodie Weinstein
23. Armin Lovenvirth
24. Mitchell Cohen
25. Rudy Schwartz
26. Jenna Barnavon
27. Marcia Bell
28. Ronald Schachere
29. Walter Dorfman
30. William Brody

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**FEBRUARY**
3. Tara & Christopher Junno
7. Susan & Alan Puretz
12. Candace & Michael Sheitelman
15. Jacqueline & Leigh Needelman
17. Delphine & Ron Rechtman
20. Diane Berman & Walter Dorfman

**MARCH**
2. Florence & Edward Gelband
5. Samantha & David Lazarovick
7. Barbara & Armin Lovenvirth
10. Shari & Ed Robbins
11. Mary & Jerome Levitt
12. Michelle Joubert & Michael Rosenfeld
13. Barbara Miller & James Fox Miller
23. Kimberly Kanoff Berman & Jarett Berman
27. Ellen & Eric Somberg
28. Sandra & Manfred Gurowski
29. Linda & Frank Pravder
30. Eleanor & Howard Frank

**APRIL**
3. Jessica & Alexander Lewy
5. Lorena Bejar-Mukamal & Daniel Mukamal
7. Janet Krop & Larry Davis
5. Stefanie & David Copelow
8. Cathy & William Shure
9. Gisele & Brent Spechler
15. Lisbeth & Darren Wrubel
17. Linda & Steven Caster
20. Ann & Mark Hubscher
27. Micki & Spencer Mallinson

### CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS

**FEBRUARY**
8. Lucy Freedman
24. Aria Lewy
27. Jacob Stern

**MARCH**
1. Emma Hofbauer
2. Rosalind Hoover
3. Tyler Greene
4. Shane Dell
5. Alyssa Portman
20. Shayla Portman

**APRIL**
9. Gavin Stroupstein
9. Rowan Stroupstein
9. Blake Ruben
9. Kasey Ruben
14. Jack Shechtman
27. Lea Saal

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Susan & Herbert Dell
Amy Leaf Erwin
Maralyn Leaf
Natalie Kaminsky & Yair Szarf
Funds & Donations

Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- Eva Abramczyk, in honor of Cantor Manny
- Helena & Eric Fordin, in honor of their daughter Sydney's Bat Mitzvah
- Ursula Leon-Marams, in honor of the High Holy Days
- Marlene Rose, in honor of Cantor Manny
- Barbara Samuels, in memory of her father, Elliott Meyerson

Dodie Weinstein and Bob Goldberg Adult Education Fund
- Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg, in memory of Walter Dorfman's mother, Mathilda Dorfman
- Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg, in honor of the birth of Gisele & Brent Spechler's grandson

General Fund
- Marilyn & Mordechai Adani, in honor of Sheila Cincinatus and Dawn Bernstein & Family
- Diane Berman & Walter Dorfman, in memory of Walter's mother, Mathilda Dorfman
- Barbara Drabkin, in honor of Rabbi & Marilyn's Anniversary
- Barbara Drabkin, in memory of Walter Dorfman's mother, Mathilda Dorfman
- Helen Esgani
- Aaron Fine, in honor of his mother, Jeanne Fine's 90th Birthday
- Helene Firestone, in honor of her granddaughter, Sarah Schimel's Master's Degree
- Sharon Garroway, in honor of Edward Robbins, Esq.
- Cecelia Kaffowitz, in honor of a speedy recovery for Bill Chapot
- Eileen & Randy Kominsky, in honor of a speedy recovery to Jeffrey & Jordan Niefeld
- Trudy & Benjamin Lechner, in memory of Walter Dorfman's mother, Mathilda Dorfman
- Carol Macht & Sheldon Lerman, in memory of Eileen Kominsky's mother, Gertrude Stoler

Kirsner Education Fund
- Ellie & Bernie Schinder, in memory of their fathers, Harvey Schinder & Myer Kirsner
- Ellie Schinder, in memory of her mother, Sara Kirsner

Hannah & Al Lipton Scholarship Fund
- Hannah Lipton, in memory of her husband, Alan Lipton
- Hannah Lipton, in memory of her father, Hyman Diamond

Oneg/Kiddish
- Anouska & Jeffrey Greene in honor of their son Tyler's Bar Mitzvah
- Badassah of Greater Miami & Broward Counties
- Sami & Silas Hoover in honor of their son Cody's Bar Mitzvah
- Gloria Kopelow & Ceil Kaffowitz in honor of their continued friendship
- Shelia & Aaron Margolis in honor of their 55th Anniversary
- Lauren Schneider & mom Charlotte in honor of Lauren's marriage to Larry Moss
- Ruthie & Rudy Schwartz in honor of their 63rd Anniversary
- Candace & Michael Sheitelman in honor of their son Jake's Bar Mitzvah
- Sisterhood in honor of Chanukah
- Rosita & Maxim Szarf in honor of the marriage of their son Yair to Natalie Kamsinsky

Preschool Fund
- Jerome Hesch, in memory of his wife, Joni Braunstein Hesch

Rabbis' Discretionary Fund
- Eva Abramczyk, in honor of Rabbi Tuffs
- Fredric Batterman, in honor of his granddaughter Valerie's Baby Naming
- Helena & Eric Fordin, in honor of their daughter Sydney's Bat Mitzvah
- Ursula Leon-Marams, in honor of Rabbi & Marilyn Tuffs' Anniversary
- Marlene Rose, in honor of Rabbi Tuffs

Rose Education Fund
- Eileen & Ron Abraham
- Marlene Rose, in memory of her husband, Martin Rose

Shabbatini
- Perry Blank & Gloria Heitner in honor of their 8th Anniversary
- Bonnie Goner in memory of her husband Stuart Goner
- Michele & Scott Singer in honor of their 25th Anniversary

Sisterhood Floral Fund
- Eva Abramczyk in memory of her mother Gertrude Baerwald
- Anouska & Jeffrey Greene in honor of their son Tyler's Bar Mitzvah
- Goldie Hill in memory of her father Julius Litt
- Sami & Silas Hoover in honor of their son Cady's Bar Mitzvah
- Ruthie & Rudy Schwartz in honor of their Anniversary
- Candace & Michael Sheitelman in honor of their son Jake's Bar Mitzvah
- Michele & Scott Singer in honor of their Anniversary
- Julie Spechler-Fink in memory of her husband George Fink
- Spechler/Fink/Shrago Family in memory of Elise & Dr. David Spechler
- Ellen Wacher in memory of her father Jack Wacher

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund
- Ann Aboulafia, in memory of her sister, Gilda Klein
- Eva Abramczyk, in memory of her mother, Gertrude "Trudy" Baerwald
- George Adler, in memory of his wife, Violet Adler
- Judy Anderson, in memory of her parents, Herb & Enid Ravitz
- Marvin Bart, in memory of his father, Abraham Bart
- Gitelle Bernstein, in memory of her husband, Harry Tashkin
- Richard Bernstein, in memory of his father, Robert Bernstein
- Elaine Billings, in memory of her son, Mark Steven Simon
- Roberto Bolilt, in memory of his grandmother, Tullia Santini
- Agnes Borhegyi, in memory of her husband, Michael Borhegyi
- Gerry Dubman, in memory of her father, Erwin Stein
- Audrey Eros, in memory of her husband, Jennifer Eros
- Helene Firestone, in memory of her father, Carl Firestone
- Helene Firestone, in memory of her aunt, Selma Cohen
- Helene Firestone, in memory of her mother, Ann Firestone
- Helene Firestone, in memory of her aunt, Estelle Cohen
- Margie Feuerman, in memory of her mother, Florence Weil
- Penny Frederick, in memory of her mother, Harriet Blau
- Bonnie Goner, in memory of her father, Lawrence Schwartz
- Marilyn Gruder in memory of his mother, Arline Gruger
- Sam Grussgott, in memory of his mother, Margaret Grussgott
- Manfred Gurowski, in memory of his mother, Elise Gurowski
- Sandra Gurowski, in memory of her father, Maurice Lapides
- Goldie & Steven Hill, in memory of Goldie's father, Julius Litt
- Milton Jacobs, in memory of his sister, Florence Lilf
- Milton Jacobs, in memory of his brother, Sigmund Lilf
- Cecelia Kaffowitz, in memory of her father, Morris Stave
- Eileen & Randy Kominsky, in memory of her mother, Natalie Kominsky
- Deena Landsman, in memory of her mother, Selma Landsman
- Andrea Larsen, in memory of her cousin, Alan Wolnerk
- Andrea Larson, in memory of her aunt, Belle Abrams
- Andrea Larson, in memory of her son-in-law, Richard Macier
- Shelley Leeboew, in memory of her mother, Rose Golden
- Lucy Lichtblau, in memory of her mother, Hope Lichtblau
- Lucy Lichtblau, in memory of her father, Paul Lichtblau
- Edward Light, in memory of his son, David Light
- Frederick Lippman, in memory of his wife, Judith Lippman
- Frederick Lippman, in memory of his father, Charles Lippman
- Armin Lovenvirth, in memory of his uncle, Simon Lovenvirth
- Barbara Lovenvirth, in memory of her father, Louis Gardner
- David Marans, in memory of his aunt, Esther Levine
- David Marans, in memory of his sister, Rachel Gitlitz
- Judy Anderson, in memory of her parents, Herb & Enid Ravitz
- Marvin Bart, in memory of his father, Abraham Bart
- Arline Gruger
- Selma Nichols, in memory of her mother, Nathan Sigal
- Steven Oppenheim, in memory of his mother, Pearl Oppenheim
- Howard Pohl, in memory of his father, Sherwin Pohl
- Steve Prince, in memory of his nephew, Harris Young
- Mildred Rafe, in memory of her husband, Philip Rafe
- Mildred Rafe, in memory of her father-in-law, Benjamin Rafe
- Faye Redlich, in memory of her father, Sam Samuels
- Faye Redlich, in memory of her brother, Bernard Redlich
- Arlene Rosenstock, in memory of her husband, Gerald Zimmerman
- Joan Sanchez, in memory of Maurice Abramson
- Melvyn Saslow, in memory of his father, Harry Saslow
- Linda Scharf, in memory of her mother, Renee Scharf
- Lillian Schoenfeld, in memory of her husband, Herbert Schoenfeld
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- David and Lillian "Lu" Kaplan Children's Education Fund
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- Hannah & Al Lipton Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund
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- Kirsner Fund to assist families to pay for Religious School education
- Live Streaming
- Prayer Book Fund
- Preschool Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
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- Rose Jewish Educational Fund
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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.
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Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

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SAT. APRIL 4

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Playing songs from the Great American Songbook and the music of artists like Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond and Michael Bublé.

April 4, 2020
6:30 pm
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