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COMING EVENTS

Programs are virtual until further notice.
Check www.templebethelhollywood.org/livestream for ways to join and program updates.

MAY

Sunday, May 10 ............................................................ Happy Mother’s Day!
Monday, May 11 ........................................................ Women’s Spirituality Group
Tuesday, May 12 ....................................................... Lag B’Omer
Thursday, May 14 .................................................... Sisterhood Meeting
Thursday, May 21 .................................................... TBE Book Club
Friday, May 22 ......................................................... Yom Yerushalayim
Sunday, May 24 ....................................................... Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 25 ........................................................ Temple Office Closed - Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26 ....................................................... Brotherhood Meeting
Friday, May 22 ........................................................... Temple Office Closed - Shavuot
Saturday, May 24 ..................................................... Yizkor Service

JUNE

Monday, June 8 ........................................................ Women’s Spirituality Group
Thursday, June 11 ................................................... Sisterhood Meeting
Friday, June 12 ........................................................ Shabbatini - Happy Hour Jewish Style
Thursday, June 18 .................................................... TBE Book Club
Sunday, June 21 ....................................................... Happy Father’s Day!
Tuesday, June 30 ..................................................... Brotherhood Meeting

JULY

Friday, July 3 ............................................................ Temple Office Closed
Sunday, July 4 ........................................................ Independence Day
Friday, July 10 ........................................................ Shabbatini - Happy Hour Jewish Style
Thursday, July 16 ..................................................... TBE Book Club
Friday, July 17 ........................................................ Family Shabbat
Tuesday, July 28 ..................................................... Brotherhood Meeting
Thursday, July 30 .................................................... Tisha B’Av

For a complete listing of our events, and to sign up for our weekly email newsletter, visit our website at templebethelhollywood.org.
I am thrilled to report to you on our progress and sustained success at Temple Beth El over the past year. This year has been a remarkable journey for TBE; for the clergy, for the staff, for our teachers, for our Board of Trustees, and for you, our beloved Temple family members. Although many temples nationally are experiencing a decline in membership, Temple Beth El is bucking that trend, with growth in both member families and financial resources. In addition to growing our congregation, growing the enrollment at our wonderful preschool and increasing participation in our Friday night Shabbat services, we have dramatically increased and improved our programming.

Even as our Temple family continues to grow, our focus continues to be on creating a community washed with love, kindness and compassion. Over the past year, we hosted and participated in some particularly important activities as a congregation. In September, we celebrated TBE Preschool’s 25th Anniversary. This was attended by those congregants who began with the preschool 25 years ago, to our newest families who have children enrolled today. Our activities continued throughout the year and were all well-attended. Most of our programs had an attendance of over 200 congregants. Some of the events included our Holocaust Survivors Luncheon, Progressive Dinner, Mitzvah Day, Klezmer Shabbat, and the Gospel Chorus Performance. Our once monthly Shabbatinis have been highly attended and well received by our congregation. We are averaging 90 congregants at our Friday night services. Thanks to Dodi Weinstein and Bob Goldberg, in February we enjoyed our Scholar-in-Residence, author Mark Oppenheimer, “The Bar Mitzvah Crasher.”

In March, the Salant Family made a beautiful donation to TBE in honor of Rubin Salant. Thanks to their generosity, and others, we know we are blessed that congregants like you keep Temple Beth El in your heart.

In April our events were to continue with Cantor Manny and the University of Miami Alumni Jazz Band for a Jazz Night filled with song, food and dance. This was to be followed by our Gala, to celebrate the retirement of Broward Public Defender, Howard Finkelstein. Then the unthinkable happened, Covid-19.

Though the world came to a halt, we at Temple Beth El continued. Telephone calls are being made to check on the welfare of every member of Temple Beth El. These calls are continuing on a weekly basis and will continue until this pandemic is over. We were also able to provide seder meals to over 240 of our Temple families.

We now welcome new Board members and say thank you to those who have served on our Board but are stepping down. We are so thankful for our incredible Executive Director, Shai Habosha, our administrative team, our teachers, our Board Members, Rabbi Tuffs and Cantor Manny and to all whose work “behind the scenes” enables everything we do. We thank you for making Temple Beth El such a vibrant and joyous community. Let us continue to make TBE a welcoming Jewish home. As I have said many times, we are family and we know that we will get through this crisis together and will be stronger at the end of this. Stay connected through our live streaming, Facebook and Zoom. Read our Trending @ TBE weekly e-blast to stay connected and check in on our website at www.templebethelhollywood.org.

As to the Covid-19 virus, Gam Zeh Ya’avor, “this, too, shall pass.”
A few years ago, at a bar mitzvah luncheon, I had the pleasure of schmoozing with the grandparents of the bar mitzvah boy, who came all the way from Topeka, Kansas for the celebration. I asked them about their hometown, which they described as a warm, friendly city, affordable, and with lots of interesting sites, including the Evel Knievel Museum. They added that not that many people visit Topeka. Sadly they admitted, “Most people fly over Topeka at 35,000 feet and 400 miles an hour on their way to someplace else.” Topeka is not high on my list of places to visit (even though I’m sure the Evel Knievel Museum is great). However, I was struck by the image of flying over Topeka at 35,000 feet and 400 miles an hour, which could be a metaphor for the way I live much of my life.

Are we really where we are when we’re there, or are we moving so quickly that our minds are somewhere else? Can we truly be anywhere when we’re always on the way to someplace else? How much attention are we giving to the task at hand when we are performing three tasks at once? How much attention are we paying to the present moment when we’re thinking about our next appointment? How invested in conversation with another person are we when our minds have already left the gate and are miles away? How much of our lives do we truly experience at 35,000 feet and 400 miles an hour?

For the last few weeks, no one I know has traveled very far from home. Grounded by the Coronavirus, the geography we traverse has shrunk to a fraction of what it was. For me, a twice a week trip to Publix, gloved and masked, has taken on the excitement of an expedition to the Amazonian rainforest. Sitting alone on my backyard patio has opened me up to looking intently at the amazing vegetation that grows only here in the subtropics of Florida and watching the squirrels, lizards, and birds that have taken up residence in my yard.

I am also reading and thinking more as a result of the stay-at-home edicts. I’m reading good-for-me books and trashy detective novels. I’m also re-reading poems and plays that I haven’t looked at in years. I am also thinking about my life, where I’ve been, the decisions I’ve made, and what is really important to me. Could it be that we use our busyness as an excuse not to think or to feel too much about our lives? Traveling at 35,000 feet and 400 miles an hour, we are not truly living our lives, but simply viewing our lives from a distance. We experience many things but we don’t experience them very deeply.

Perhaps, we can learn from this strange episode in our lives to occasionally slow down and recognize the small and miraculous details of the world, to deepen our experience and appreciation of the blessings of life and consciousness, and to acknowledge God’s Presence in every aspect of existence.

O Lord, where shall I find Thee?  
All-hidden and exalted is Thy place;  
And where shall I not find Thee?  
Full of Thy glory is the infinite space.

~ Judah haLevy
Do you know what the word tzaddik means?

It’s one of those Jewish words that you hear from time to time, but coming up with a precise definition isn’t easy to do.

Generally speaking, a tzaddik is a person of the highest moral and spiritual fiber who stands out for all the good that he or she does – but it’s really much more than that.

Surfing the internet, I found a great definition of a tzaddik on Chabad.org:

“A tzaddik cares for nothing but service to God, he does so by helping all of those he meets who truly need help. He asks for nothing for himself, he helps them in ways that they do not know about, that they cannot even trace back to him, unless they are discerning individuals. This is how you recognize and know the tzaddikim.”

We’re very lucky during our lifetime if we happen to rub elbows with a tzaddik and bask in their aura. So count me as one of the lucky ones! For I was friends with Normal Leventhal, a friendly, easygoing man who was a real tzaddik.

As the co-founder of the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind (IGDCB), Norman spread love around the world and improved the lives of thousands of people who really needed help.

I first met Norman back in 1998 when I was the cantor of a wonderful little synagogue before coming to Temple Beth El. Like many congregations, they had a tzedakah box – or “pushke” – for people to give charity following the morning prayers.

One day I noticed a beautiful calendar on the wall – with pictures of magnificent dogs – and it was from the IGDCB, an organization that had received tzedakah from the morning minyan.

I sent in my own donation, and a short while later I received a letter from Norman, inviting me to have lunch with him the next time he was in Florida. We met and became friends in about two minutes flat! I knew right away that I had met an exceptional man.

At the time, Norman was a retired businessman working out of his basement in suburban Philadelphia, trying to launch an organization to help blind people in Israel get guide dogs. Everyone told him it was an impossible dream, but that just made him work harder.

Norman didn’t know any blind people, and he knew nothing at all about seeing eye dogs, but he knew he had to help.

An official at the Israeli Consulate in New York had phoned him one day and asked for a favor. They had
met a few years earlier when Norman traveled to Moscow, working in the movement to free Soviet Jewry.

This time the diplomat had called Norman in a last-ditch attempt to help Noach Braun, a young veteran of the Israel Defense Forces, who had come to America with the dream of somehow starting a guide dog program back home in Israel.

Up until then, Israeli soldiers who were blinded by warfare or terrorist explosions had nowhere to turn. At best, they could maybe go to America or England (provided they spoke fluent English) and hope to get a guide dog.

Besides the young soldiers, there were many blind Israelis who had to struggle through life without a guide dog to help them in daily chores.

Norman and Noach were introduced to each other through the Israeli diplomat, and soon they were doing great things together! Against all odds, they made IGDCB into a reality.

Today it is a thriving organization, giving out guide dogs for free to deserving Israelis. To date, over 760 guide dogs and 300 emotional support dogs have been paired with those in need in Israel.

Not only do the recipients get a magnificent highly-trained dog, but they receive training with their guide dog at the beautiful IGDCB campus in Beit Oved, about 20 miles south of Tel Aviv.

Today the IGDCB has an annual budget of over $3 million and is one of the highest rated charities in the world. They have offices in the USA, Canada, and England staffed by volunteers motivated to help our brothers and sisters in Israel.

The enormous amount of good done by the IGDCB was sparked by my friend Norman Leventhal, a humble man with a beautiful heart. He treated everyone with kindness and respect and left this world a better place.

Norman and his wonderful wife Phyllis visited Temple Beth El at least half a dozen times through the years – and on two occasions they brought blinded war heroes from Israel, and their guide dogs, with them to our Friday night services.

Norman always liked to meet our bar and bat mitzvah students who raised money for the IGDCB as their mitzvah project and the kids were always enthralled by this sweet, friendly man who lit up the world with his love and positive energy.

We had a true tzaddik in our midst right here at Temple Beth El! May his memory be a blessing and inspire us all to help others.
February 2, 2020 - TBE members did their part for *tikkun olam* - to help repair the world.

Help Repair the World
Donate to the
Spechler Family Mitzvah Fund

Donations can be made online at [www.templebethelhollywood.com/donate](http://www.templebethelhollywood.com/donate) or checks can be mailed to Temple Beth El with “Mitzvah Fund” in the memo.
This year TBE was honored to offer Passover meals delivered to your home

Thanks to the Caring Committee volunteers, who made phone calls and took meal orders, 240 Passover seder meals were delivered!

And thanks to those who very generously made donations to our Schneir Family Mitzvah Fund, 24 of these meals were fully or partially covered.

We also provided 42 meals to TBE staff and their families, including Rabbi Allan & Marilyn, and Cantor Manny & Ginger, with thanks and appreciation for all their efforts.

Also, thanks to the many congregants and community members who offered their help with phone calls, etc., as we may need in the future.

Caring Committee Volunteers

Al Levine | Dee Levine | Marvin Luterman
Cantor Manny Silver | Scott Singer | Hinda Smith
Sharon Tanenhaus | Dodie Weinstein

Food Drive Do-Gooders do it again

Rabbi Allan Tuffs and Social Action Chair Sharon Tanenhaus were so happy to do a mitzvah as the pandemic first took hold in March and deliver food donations from TBE congregants to Hollywood Central Elementary School Guidance Counselor Lisa LaBruto. Food went home with HCE students whose families need a helping hand.

TBE and HCE have a long-standing relationship. We are all one community. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to do our part in Tikkun Olam - repairing the world. May we all be blessed to be able to reach out a helping hand during these next weeks and months, even if only virtually, and may we all feel supported when we need support.

The Caring Committee Wants You!

Want to do a mitzvah of some acts of loving kindness within the TBE community? We'd love your help!
Contact Sharon Tanenhaus at daniasha@aol.com to get involved today!
FRIDAY
10 am | Preschool Shabbat with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)
11 am | Kids' Yoga with Ms. Jena (via Zoom) meeting ID: 258 126 0562
   email jena@lotuslabyoga.org for password
7:30 pm | Shabbat Service (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)

SATURDAY
9:30 am | Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service (via LiveStream, Facebook Live and Zoom)
   meeting ID: 834-1371-2298*

SUNDAY
9:30 am | JLC with Ms. Barbara: T'Filah (Facebook Live)
11 am | B.E.T. Youth: Boker Or with Orly (via Zoom) meeting ID: 386-087-662
   email orly@tbehollywood.com for password

MONDAY
9:30 am | Morning Meditation & Intention with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)
   4 pm | JLC Learning with Ms. Barbara: Prayers (via Zoom) meeting ID: 226-985-4403

TUESDAY
9:30 am | Morning Meditation & Intention with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)
   1 pm | Nosh & Schmooze with Rachel Kaplan (via Facebook Live)
   4 pm | JLC Learning with Ms. Barbara: Grades K - 2 (via Zoom) meeting ID: 226-985-4403

WEDNESDAY
9:30 am | Morning Meditation & Intention with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)
11:30 am | Mussar Class with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream & Zoom) meeting ID: 324-662-671*
   3 - 5 pm | B.E.T. Youth: Cool Chat with Orly (via Zoom, FaceTime or call)
   4 pm | JLC with Ms. Barbara: Grades 3 - 6 (via Zoom) meeting ID: 226-985-4403

THURSDAY
9 am | Minyan with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)
9:30 am | Morning Meditation & Intention with Rabbi Allan (via LiveStream and Facebook Live)
   4 pm | JLC with Ms. Barbara: Music & Art Projects (via Zoom) meeting ID: 226-985-4403
   7 pm | Judaism Class with Cantor Manny (via Zoom) meeting ID: 940 8228 7996*

This schedule is subject to change. Please check www.templebethelhollywood.com/livestream for updates.

*Call the TBE office or email temple@tbehollywood.com for Zoom password
MAZEL MOMENTS

TBE Welcomes Rachel Kaplan to the Team!

TBE is thrilled to announce that it has a new Marketing & Membership Director! Rachel Kaplan joined the TBE team in March, one week before the pandemic altered our realities. She has helped us thrive in connecting with our membership, and beyond, by guiding our clergy and staff into virtual programming.

Rachel has a lifetime of experience as a Jewish professional in a multitude of communities, having worked and lived at a Jewish spiritual retreat center, a Jewish organic farming summer camp, and a community for earth-based Judaism. Raised in Coral Springs and living in Hollywood with her family, Rachel has brought Jewish nature-spirituality programs for families with young children (and anyone else who wants to join in the fun) to South Florida. She is excited to continue her offerings with TBE.

Rachel and her husband, Greg Lawrence, and their kids, Hazel and Ember, could not be more excited to be members of their new TBE Family!

TBE Alumnus is Frontline Hero in the Making

Mazel Tov to Leo Berman Ferretti, who graduated from Nova Southeastern Medical School, and will begin as an emergency medicine resident doctor at Kendall Regional Hospital on July 1.

Leo’s Temple Beth El education began in preschool, after which he attended religious school and continued on through becoming a bar mitzvah and a confirmand. Leo was privileged to go on the March of the Living with the help of TBE. Diane Berman and Walter Dorfman are his proud parents.

“This pandemic is challenging for everyone,” Leo said, “especially to the frontline workers such as those in Emergency Medicine. Although there are many unknowns, I’m excited to do my part helping those in need as an EM resident at Kendall Regional Medical Center!”

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 rachel@tbehollywood.com.

Pictured left to right: Ember Lev, Greg Lawrence, Rachel Kaplan, and Hazel Glow
FIRST TBE FAMILY BRIT MILAH IN COVID-19 TIMES
Allows More Loved Ones to Share in the Simcha

ADEN DAVID LEWY
Born 8 lbs. 10 oz., 20.75 in.
March, 2020

This TBE family is thrilled to welcome Aden David Lewy into the world! Alexander Lewy, TBE Brotherhood President, was the only family allowed to visit his new son and Jessica Lewy, Aden’s mother, during their post-birth hospital stay at the end of March. “The delivery, at Memorial Regional Hospital, was thankfully seamless,” said Jessica. “The photos of us wearing masks while holding our newborn will forever remind us of these uncertain times.”

The Lewys then had some decisions to make. “We were so excited as we got ready to welcome our precious boy,” Jessica said. From planning a bris, to picking a name, and preparing Aria to be a big sister – the Lewys never thought they would have to take into account the current circumstances, according to Jessica.

“All of our plans changed when we realized our son would be born during one of the worst global pandemics in over a century,” Alex said.

The Lewys then prepared to handle everything without the support network of family, friends and the TBE Preschool family, where their daughter is a student. “I know Aria misses her friends and teachers at the preschool,” Alex said.

So as hectic as life generally is just days after the birth of a child, with a big sister to boot, the Lewys were doing it in quarantine times. Then came the question of Aden’s bris.

“Since the brit milah is an initiation rite for Jewish newborn baby boys, there was no question of doing it,” Jessica said, “we only were faced with how.” They toyed back and forth and decided on a Zoom Bris.

When they realized they couldn’t have a traditional bris, the Lewys were excited for the opportunity to invite everyone to participate in the mitzvah virtually, according to Alex. “It was really special to have Rabbi Tuffs and TBE members join in the celebration with family and friends,” he said.

“What made it even more special,” Jessica said, “is that family and friends, who normally would not be able attend for one reason or another, were able to be there.”

Over 75 people attended Aden’s bris using their laptops or iPhones. One guest even watched along from the comfort of their hammock.

“During these times of uncertainty, we welcomed the ‘virtual love’ while also sharing our mitzvah moment via a Zoom Bris,” Jessica said.

Their TBE family is excited to meet baby Aden in person, but will wait patiently until it is safe to do so. We wish blessings of safety, health, and a hearty mazal tov to the whole Lewy family!

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The proud Lewy parents with mohel, Michael Andron, facilitating Aden’s Zoom bris
OUR PURIM CELEBRATION WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD!
SUNDAY, MARCH 8
This past year has been a joyous one. We had special celebrations like Man in My Life, Grandparents Day, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover and for the first time a Winter Wonderland that had everyone transported to a magical Frozen land with their friends. Each one of these celebrations has left us with great memories lasting for a lifetime. It is always good to see how our families come together and celebrate as one, and I can’t wait to see what the next year will bring.

It is hard to believe that we are only few weeks away until the school year ends, but it is very rewarding to see how much the children have grown socially, emotionally and academically.

Pending COVID-19 regulations, we hope to continue the fun and education in the summer through Camp Keshet. In Hebrew, keshet means rainbow, which symbolizes not only the range of different activities and play experiences our children partake in, but the range of cultures, backgrounds, and ethnicities of our children, as well. This year has gotten even bigger, we are now accepting children in our summer camp program from 3 months to 7 years of age. This summer will have a wide range of exciting activities in a warm and safe environment, under the supervision of our qualified staff.

We encourage you to reserve your spot for Camp Keshet as well as the 2020-2021 school year. Spots fill up quickly, and discounts won’t last long.

I wish all of you a wonderful and safe summer and thank you for entrusting us with your children’s education that will last a lifetime.
2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR WAS A BLAST!

[Images of children and adults engaged in various activities, indicating a fun and active school year.]
CHAI-LIGHTS

Shabbat on the Beach - February 28, 2020
Tu BiShevat Celebration in T.Y. Park
February 9, 2020
CHAI-LIGHTS

HAPPY YOM HA'ATZMAUT!

From TEMPLE BETH EL PRESCHOOL
NEW! SUMMER 2020 JLC SCHEDULE

ZOOM CLASSES UPDATED WEEKLY!
Due to the pandemic, TBE has decided to extend JLC classes through the summer months!
Please check your emails from Barb and the weekly online schedule posted at www.templebethelhollywood.org/livestream to stay up to date.

JLC ZOOM MEETING ID: 226-985-4403

5/12 LAG B’OMER VIRTUAL BONFIRE
Join your TBE Family via Facebook Live and celebrate Lag B’Omer and the life of Rebbe Shimon Bar Yochai!

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE FALL

SEPTEMBER 2020
9/11 BACK TO SCHOOL SHABBAT
9/13 FIRST DAY OF JLC!
9/20 JR. CONGREGATION
       Rosh HaShanah Services
9/28 JR. CONGREGATION
       Yom Kippur Services

OCTOBER 2020
10/4 SUKKOT FESTIVAL
10/9 SIMCHAT TORAH
       Consecration
       Family Shabbat Services
       Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

What does Lag B’Omer have to do with COVID-19? Presumably nothing, but follow me here. The time period between Pesach and Shavuot is a time marked with mourning, where weddings and other special occasions are not to occur. Upon further investigation, I learned that the reason we are supposed to “mourn” during this time is because a plague may have wiped out Rabbi Akiva’s students. If he had only known to social distance, wash his hands and wear face masks, his students could have been spared.

We are living in a plague. This plague has kept us from visiting our loved ones and gathering in spaces that we love. It has been heart-breaking but the only constant throughout the COVID-19 crisis has been Temple Beth El. Rabbi’s morning meditation on FB Live, Shabbat services on our livestreaming page on our website, and my daily JLC Zoom classes. They give me hope when I am feeling sad about not being with my temple family.

We cannot let this plague destroy our Jewish identity. Everybody’s COVID experience has been different, but one thing I can say for certain: I cannot wait until we are all together again celebrating each other. Orly and I have been planning for an awesome year 2020-2021, so stay tuned.

B’ahava,

Barb

barbara@tbehollywood.com

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Living a ‘BET-ter’ Life

2019 - 20 Rocked!!!

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

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

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Grades 3 - 5 Grades 6 - 8 Grades 9 - 12

FALL SAVE THE DATES
SEPTEMBER 2020
9/13 FIRST DAY OF YOUTH GROUP!
Following JLC
9/20 TEENS CONNECT
Rosh HaShanah
9/28 TEENS CONNECT
Yom Kippur
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.

Mondays at 7 PM via Zoom | Meeting ID: 333-420-415
Contact below for meeting password

May 11 - Betty Glazer - How Our Mothers Inspired Us
June 8 - Barbara Segal will speak on a topic of her choice.

Group Contacts:
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Lucy Lichtblau (954)-612-6209 or lucylichtblau@aol.com
Jeanette Cohnen (305) 332-3980 or jcohen@bellsouth.net

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

Upcoming Meetings
Thursdays, May 14 & June 11 @ 1pm via Zoom
Sisterhood Zoom Meeting ID: 693-888-798
Membership is just $36.
Contact Ruthie Schwartz, Sisterhood President, ruthierudyrrs@gmail.com for Zoom meeting password or for more information.

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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Brotherhood Zoom Meeting ID: 333-420-415
Membership is just $36.
Contact Alex Lewy, Brotherhood President, at alex@lewys.us for Zoom meeting password or for more information.

Book Club
ZOOM MEETING ID: 980-023-408
THURSDAY
MAY 21
10:30am-12:00pm
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

THURSDAY
JUNE 18
10:30am-12:00pm
TBD

THURSDAY
JULY 16
10:30am-12:00pm
TBD

To join Book Club or for Zoom Meeting password, contact Hinda Smith at hindasmith2368@gmail.com
**LIFE CYCLE EVENTS**

**ADULT BIRTHDAYS**

**MAY**
- 4 Rabbi Allan Tuffs
- 5 Jeffrey Greene
- 6 Carol Singer
- 7 Janine Anbinder
- 7 Gall Gotfried
- 7 Harriet Bial
- 7 Barbara Segal
- 8 Janet Emas
- 8 Michelle Wolfe
- 9 Esther Stein
- 10 Michael Housman
- 12 Joy Cooper
- 13 Jeanette Cohnen & Alan Seidman
- 13 Ellen Silvers
- 17 Edward Gelband
- 18 Leonard Redlich
- 18 John Kurzman
- 20 Susan Dell
- 20 Karmen Weiss
- 21 Helene Firestone
- 22 Drina Portman
- 22 David Reiser
- 22 David Segal
- 23 Ethan Singer
- 23 Steven Lewis
- 23 Natalie Kaminsky
- 24 Harrison Gottlieb
- 24 Kenneth Gottlieb
- 26 Ellen Axinn
- 29 Robert Baer
- 30 Pamela Gordon
- 31 Alan Spritz
- 31 Julia Muys

**JUNE**
- 1 Marilyn Franzblau
- 2 Paul Silitsky
- 2 Myrna Price
- 2 Susan Puretz
- 4 Bernard Schinder
- 5 Shelia Margolis
- 5 Diane Berman
- 10 Susan Budowsky
- 11 Anouska Greene
- 12 Marvin Sodicoff
- 12 Douglas Spechler
- 13 James Fox Miller
- 13 Howard Frank
- 13 Marilyn Gruder
- 14 David Lazarovic
- 14 Lillian Schoenfeld
- 15 Donald Pinkus
- 15 Amanda Caster
- 16 Yair Sarf
- 16 Elaine Rudner
- 17 Brian Silber
- 18 Joni Schachere
- 18 Brennan Schechtman
- 19 Kenneth Budowsky
- 19 Deena Landsman
- 20 Maxine Sodicoff
- 20 Damon Solomon
- 20 Kenneth Budowsky
- 21 Myron Burnstein

**JULY**
- 1 Shai Habosha
- 2 Alexandra Novorro
- 2 Max Ferretti
- 3 Ingrid Gottfried
- 3 Paul Pavilack
- 6 Howard Marmorstein
- 7 Sarah Axinn
- 7 Nathalie Vainstein
- 7 Peri Shechtman
- 7 Stephen Heiden
- 7 Michael Franz
- 9 Helena Fordin
- 11 Hinda Smith
- 11 Stanley Leskin
- 12 Suzanne Gunzburger
- 12 Robert Holtzman
- 12 Jerome Levitt
- 13 Rebecca Henshaw
- 14 Neil Tanenhaus
- 15 Adam Holtzman
- 15 Hannah Weber
- 16 Betty Glazer
- 17 James Stern
- 18 Jessica Baer
- 19 Alexander Lewy
- 19 Mildred Raffe
- 20 Sheryl Ziporkin
- 20 Gerri Smith
- 23 Cathy Shure
- 26 Mona Share
- 28 Julia Shure
- 30 Steve Prince
- 30 Carol Franz
- 31 Gloria Winton

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**MAY**
- 6 Madelyn & Harvey Rappaport
- 7 Lisa & David Reiser
- 9 Jeanette Cohnen & Alan Seidman
- 24 Sonia & Dean Sorrentino
- 28 Susan & Herbert Dell

**JUNE**
- 1 Mona & William Share
- 4 Bonnie & Marvin Luterman
- 9 Jeevanpre & Jeffrey Fox
- 11 Evelyn & Donald Pinkus
- 15 Ellen & Bernard Schinder
- 21 Susan & Stephen Heiden
- 22 Sheryll & Ira Ziporkin
- 26 Sarina & Morris Cook

**JULY**
- 1 Janel & Shai Habosha
- 6 Alexis & Jared Strauss
- 8 Frances & Richard Bernstein
- 12 Nan & Roy Ans
- 19 Fay Bean & Mark Kerner
- 30 Barbara & David Segal

**CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS**

**MAY**
- 5 Nathan Sorrentino
- 12 Peyton Greene
- 14 Idan Habosha
- 14 Thomas Lisjak
- 26 Jacob Kasner
- 26 Dallice De Souza
- 29 Jamie Stern
- 30 Ellie Mukamel

**JUNE**
- 4 Sabrina Chamides
- 5 Jonathan Schwarz
- 6 Benjamin Hernandez
- 15 Jack Smith
- 17 Edward Miller
- 21 Maxwell Bernstein
- 21 Alexis McMurray
- 28 Isaac Vainstein

**JULY**
- 2 Samara Witz
- 7 Dana Wrubel
- 14 Alec Sheitelman
- 15 Olivia Mukamel
- 15 Cameron Chassen
- 17 Oliver Freedman
- 17 Grayson Sorrentino
- 17 Daniella Fordin

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Janine Anbinder & David Rofe
Olga & Josh Eisenman
Anastasia & Anton Fetkulov
Ingrid & Gall Gottfried
Rachel Kaplan & Greg Lawrence
Rachel & Adam Silverman
CANTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Esther Lopiano, as a “Thank You” to Cantor
Sheryl & Kurt Shaw, with gratitude to Cantor Manny for Live Streaming Passover Seder
Gloria & Lawrence Winton

DODIE WEINSTEIN AND BOB GOLDBERG ADULT EDUCATION FUND
Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg, in honor of a speedy recovery to Harriet Blal
Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg, in honor of a speedy recovery to Marlene Rose
Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg, in memory of Irene Devin

ESACK BOTANICAL FUND
David Esack, in memory of Alan Jacobs

GENERAL FUND
Diane Berman, in memory of Irene Devin
Diane Berman & Walter Dorfman, in honor of their son, Leo Berman Ferretti, becoming a doctor
Stanislaw Bersch, Mi Shebeirach for friend Anatoli Vilnits
Rita Gilbert, in honor of her son Howard’s Birthday
Ladies of the former “Investment Club,” in memory of Irene Devin
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kreinces
Mihaila & Larry Malkenson, in honor of “life”
Hilda Schwartz, loving Friday night services with members who are friends of hers
Sisterhood, in honor of a speedy recovery to Marlene Rose
Sisterhood, in honor of a speedy recovery to Harriet Blal
Susan and Paul Stein, to help out during this difficult time
Shelley Stern, in honor of Gerry Dubman’s 91st Birthday
Ellen Wacher, in memory of her aunt, Pauline Wacher

GUNZBURGER L’DOR V’DOR FUND FOR CONFIRMANDS TO ATTEND MARCH OF THE LIVING
Allen Zack, in memory of his brother, Norman Zack

HANNAH & AL LIPTON EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Hannah Lipton, in memory of Mickey Tobin and Benjamin Tobin
Hannah Lipton, in memory of her mother, Regina Diamond

ONEG/KIDDISH
Arnold Feinerman, in memory of his mother, Annette Feinerman
Shiela & Aaron Margolis, in honor of their 55th Anniversary
Dodie Weinstein & Bob Goldberg, in honor of the Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Eva Abramczyk
Eva Abramczyk, in honor of the birth of Rabbi Tuffs’ grandson, Benjamin
Alan Garfield
Debra & Robert Holtzman, in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter
Morton Kalin, in memory of his daughter, Susan Kalin
Melvyn Saslow, in memory of his wife, Emily Saslow
Melvyn Saslow, in memory of his mother, Fae Saslow
Ruthie & Rudy Schwartz, in honor of the birth of Rabbi Tuffs’ grandson, Benjamin
Harvey Silver
Sheryl & Kurt Shaw, with gratitude to Rabbi Tuffs for Live Streaming Passover Seder
Dr. James & Barbie Stern, in memory of Dr. Gerald Browdie
Nancy Warren
Gloria & Lawrence Winton

ROSE EDUCATION FUND
Eileen & Ron Abraham, in memory of Marlene Rose’s mother, Gertrude Bluestone
Marlene Rose, in memory of her mother, Gertrude Bluestone

TORAH RESTORATION FUND
Eva Abramczyk, in honor of the birth of Rabbi Tuffs’ grandson, Benjamin

YAHRZEIT MEMORIAL FUND
Eva Abramczyk, in memory of her father-in-law, Kurt Abramczyk
Eva Abramczyk, in memory of her mother-in-law, Renate Emanueli
Eva Abramczyk, in memory of her cousin, Uri Lewin
Marilyn Adani, in memory of her father, Murray Comiter
Roy Ans, in memory of his mother, Henrietta Ans
Roy Ans, in memory of his father, Leo Ans
Roy Ans, in memory of his sister, Roby Kuh
Nan Ans, in memory of her father, Theodore Weinstein
Marcia Bell, in memory of her husband, Paul Mutnick
Harriet Blal, in memory of her parents, Gertrude & Rudolph Rosenfeld
Daniel Bleicher, in memory of his wife, Carol Bleicher
Agnes Borhegyi, in memory of her parents, Lilly & Laszlo Fischer
Karen Budowsky, in memory of her husband, Benjamin Budowsky
Karen Budowsky, in memory of her mother-in-law, Fannie Budowsky
Karen Budowsky, in memory of her father-in-law, Max Budowsky
Nancy Chamides, in memory of her aunt, Helene Streicher
Phyllis Cohen, in memory of her brother, Alex Sadowfsky
Jeanette Cohnen, in memory of her mother, Grete Cohnen
Harry Cooper, in memory of his brother, Robert Cooper
Susan & Herbert Dell, in memory of Herbert’s father, Saul Dell
Irene Devin, in memory of her son, Alan Devin
Gerry Dubman, in memory of her mother, Rose Stein
Ione Elkins, in memory of her former husband, Maxwell Goodless
Margie Feuerman, in memory of her father, Harold Weil
Shirley Fischler, in memory of her mother, Rose Bailer
Shirley Fischler, in memory of her father-in-law, Morris Fischler
Marilyn Franzblau, in memory of her husband, Charles Franzblau
Bryan Freehling, in memory of his sister, Brooke Freehling
Bryan Freehling, in memory of his father, Glenn Freehling
Edward Gelband, in memory of his mother, Edith Gelband
Edward Gelband, in memory of his father, Hyman Gelband
Florence Gelband, in memory of her mother, Sara Moskovitz
Wayne Geller, in memory of his father, Lester Geller
Judith Grebin, in memory of her father, Dr. Irving Grebin
Marilyn Gruder, in memory of her father, Max Gruder
Sondra Grussgott, in memory of her mother, Bella Zappia Jaffe
Sandra Gurowski, in memory of her mother, Sarah Lapides
Ruth Halpern, in memory of her father, Carl Mandelbaum
Ruth Halpern, in memory of her mother, Gertrude Mandelbaum
Donations can be made online at www.templebethelhollywood.org/donate or by mailing a check to Temple Beth El of Hollywood with the fund name in the memo.

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.

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

Name: ___________________________  Telephone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Please select level of giving:  **Chai – Lifetime Membership:**  
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**Please accept our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for your continued support!**

It takes a lot of effort on the part of a lot of people to keep our Temple functioning. Temple Beth El would not be the uniquely warm and vibrant spiritual home it is without the dedication of our volunteers, professionals, and support staff. For the past 16 years, Loris Adler has worked as my assistant while handling a plethora of other administrative tasks in our Temple office. She has taken my phone calls, managed my calendar, typed my letters, and edited my sermons. She helped with our mass mailings and the production of our newsletter. Loris worked with the Sisterhood preparing Shabbat onegs – often running out to shop at Publix on a Friday afternoon. I don’t know how we could have coped with the immense task of preparing for the High Holy Days without her. Working in a Temple office can pull a person in her position in several directions simultaneously. It was not unusual for the Executive Director, the Rabbi, the Cantor, and various committee chairs to request her help at the same time. Yet, Loris always found ways to negotiate the multi-faceted demands of her job.

It has been my honor to work with Loris over these many years. When I think of Loris, the words intelligent, loyal, and hard working come to mind. Over the years, I have come to know Loris as a person of great integrity and character. She and I have worked together in times of relative calm and during chaotic times that called upon us to “go the extra mile” to get the Temple back on its feet. During Hurricane Wilma in 2005, the financial collapse of 2008, and the recent corona virus outbreak, Loris’ dedication to her work at TBE has never wavered.

In her tenure here at TBE, Loris has become like one of the family. She has shared in our simchas and our losses. She has been the friendly and familiar voice and face of Temple Beth El to hundreds of people who have crossed her path. Loris has announced her retirement and will be leaving us at the end of May.

We will miss her greatly and we extend our best wishes for a rewarding and exciting new phase of her life.

Rabbi Allan

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