



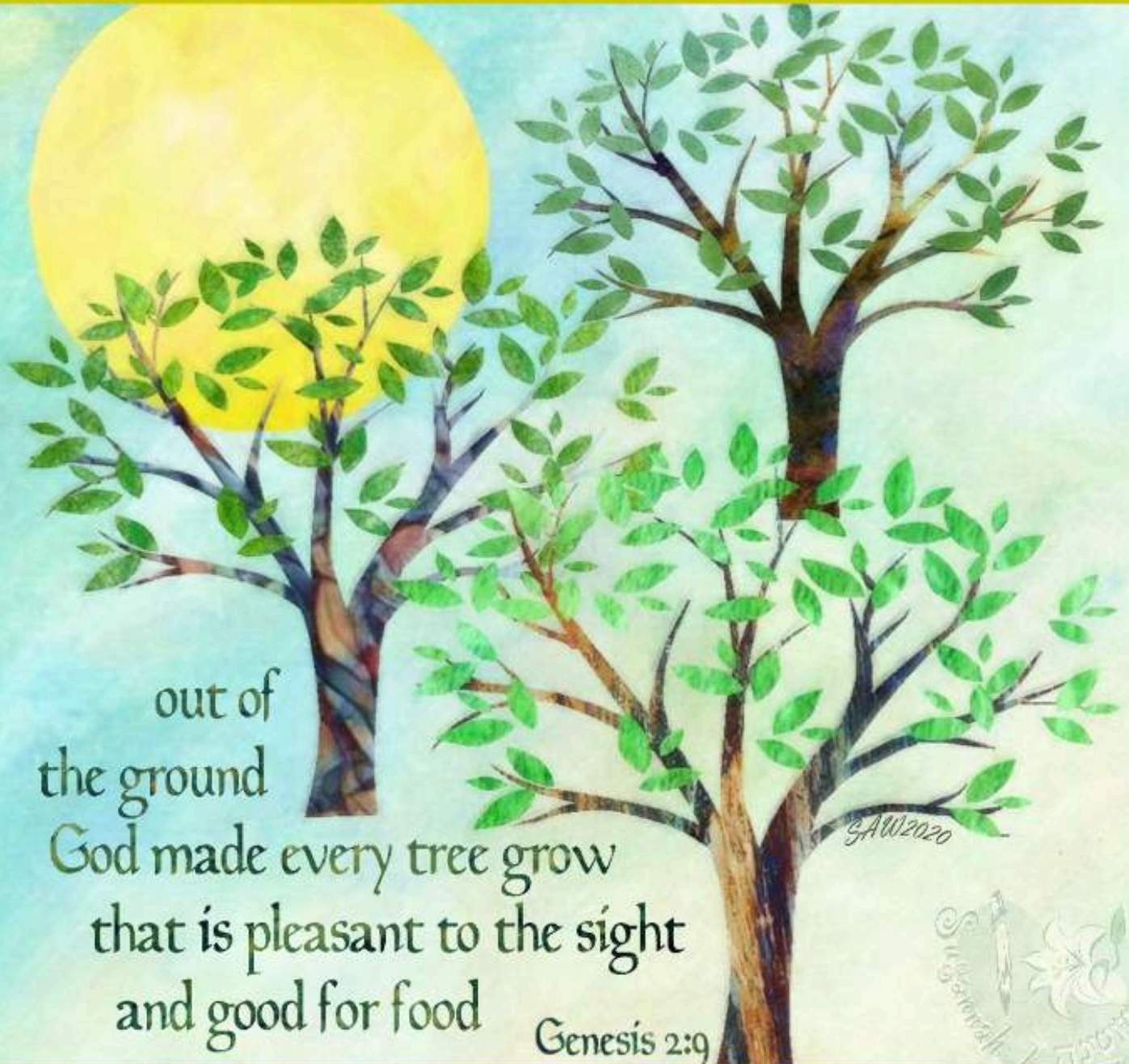
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*January 2024 - Tevet / Shevat 5784*

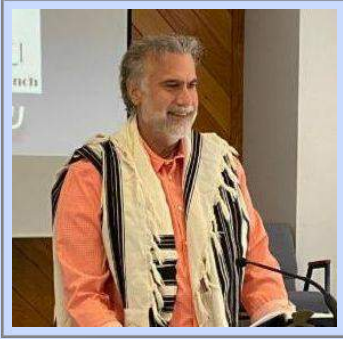


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the ground  
God made every tree grow  
that is pleasant to the sight  
and good for food

Genesis 2:9

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# My Message - By Reb Tuviah



It's hard to believe that we're turning the calendar once again and entering a brand new year; 2024. Is it just me or does that date sound like it is straight out of a futuristic sci-fi movie! As we look back over this past year, there is much to reflect upon. Our TBE community has grown significantly as we are coming together in new and exciting ways. There are many new faces filling our sanctuary and that truly is a wonderful way for a congregation to move forward.

Of course, when, reflecting upon this past year, one can help but think about warfare. The Russian – Ukrainian war continues to rage on with so much destruction and more recently, the events that occurred on October 7th on Israeli soil brought the horrors of antisemitism to the very forefront of our minds. What I found most interesting about that day is that it changed the way we look at the world and our security as Jews. Although there have been terrorist attacks in the past, this one happened on such a large scale and seemed to have found Israel woefully unprepared. We here in America most assuredly felt unprepared as well, wondering how such a thing could happen to our people.

That is what I found most interesting. What I found most comforting was that so many of you continued coming to synagogue for Shabbat services each and every week. What a beautiful way to show, to demonstrate, that as Jews, we will never ever again lie down and allow hurtful events to overtake us. Instead, we freely choose to rise up in solidarity and show the world exactly why, as stated in Exodus 6, we are “a holy nation” and, as stated in the words of the prophet Isaiah, “a light to the nations.”

As we come together in this new year, let us sing our ancient melodies along with new melodies with emboldened passion; let us read and learn from our holy texts with renewed strength and focus. It is up to each and every one of us to shine a Jewish light into this dark world, for in so doing, we honor those who are still being held in captivity and we honor those who gave their lives for Kiddush HaShem, the sanctification of God's name. We honor them and their memory when we come together as a community and greet Shabbat each and every week. Am Yisrael Chai, the People of Israel live!

L'Shalom,  
Reb Tuviah



# A Message From Our Temple President



Dear Members and Friends,

As the end of 2023 approaches, we have much to be grateful for and, sadly, much to feel sorrowful. On a positive note, we celebrated many holidays throughout the year, along with Passover, attended by over one-hundred fifty guests, and our High Holy Days services, attended by over six hundred people, all of whom could pray at this most holy of times. We are proud to say that every seat was occupied without anyone having to pay a single dollar. Many people graciously made financial donations to the temple, which were greatly appreciated. During our Yom Kippur morning service, the temple showed appreciation by donating a brand new, one-half Israeli shekel to each family in attendance as a reminder that Temple Beth El will always be a part of their lives. Let's not forget, with all our prayers, there was much time for joyful celebration and fun. Despite Mother Nature's determination to dampen our Hanukkah party, we had a blast. With vendors, latkes, gelt, baked goods, music, and fantastic people, how could we not? Many of us have had the opportunity to participate in one or many of the activities that help make us a family. Reb Tuviah's classes are always engaging and educational; our community seminars keep us abreast of our times, and the best way to describe our Chavurah and Mah Jongg groups is to have tons of fun and get involved. We have had significant exposure and much success exhibiting at the LWR farmer's market; remember, we are always looking for volunteers. Let's not forget our Sisterhood, who always does something fun and supports our community in many ways. Speaking of women, if you haven't attended one of our popular Rosh Chodesh Circles, you are missing something special, as presented by our wonderful Rebbetzin Nancy Beltran-Schreiber. This year, our Men's Club rebranded itself as Brotherhood, and they continue to support our temple in many ways; thank you to both for all you do. As a congregation, we continue to help those in need. In 2023, TBE packaged over eight-thousand bags of fresh produce and donated over five-hundred pounds of food to our local food bank. The temple also participated in this year's Toy drive; thanks to all who contributed. As we look to 2024, we must remember that our existence supports many in many ways. In these unprecedented times, please remember that our ability to keep TBE going and safe depends on your generosity. Please continue to be as generous as possible: whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. The safety of our congregation will always be our priority.

In closing, I would like to thank the Jewish Federation of Sarasota/Manatee for all their help and support throughout the year, our Board of Directors, the wonderful folks preparing our Onegs and Kiddushs, and all other volunteers for all you do. We have many silent partners whose generosity is so vital to TBE. Thank you.

Warm Regards,  
Joel Auerbach

# News from our Sisterhood & Brotherhood



Greetings from the TBE Sisterhood and Happy New Year. In December 2023, Sisterhood held a Bake Sale fund raiser at the TBE Chanukah Festival with the proceeds donated to TBE. We had our annual Chanukah potluck and gift exchange dinner. Over 23 ladies attended, and we had a lovely evening shmoozing, noshing on the delicious food, and opening our gifts. Sisterhood also made a substantial donation to the TBE Security fund. Future 2024 plans include an evening at the Piano Bar in Bradenton to hear “dueling pianos,” which has received excellent reviews from Sisterhood members, and an evening paddle wheel boat ride on the waterways of Anna

Maria Island Sound and Sarasota Bay with live music. In May, we’ll end our year with our annual Spring Fling luncheon. Check the TBE website ([www.bethel-fl.org](http://www.bethel-fl.org)) or the Temple Beth El weekly wrap for more details on these upcoming events as they become available. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts on fun events, fund raising events, and Mitzvah projects. Please share by email to [meg.weinberg@verizon.net](mailto:meg.weinberg@verizon.net) or by calling me at 401-707-2211. The next Sisterhood Board meeting will be Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 4:00pm and is open to all Sisterhood members. If you are interested, please send me an email for the Zoom link. We would appreciate your help in future planning. On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, we look forward to seeing all you ladies at our January evening at the Piano Bar. We stand with Israel!

Meg Weinberg

[meg.weinberg@verizon.net](mailto:meg.weinberg@verizon.net)

410-707-2211



The Brotherhood held their "Whiskey, Wine and Water Tasting" on Dec. 20th, and it was a big success! There were 6 different whiskeys, 4 wines and 2 different waters tasted. (And there was another very informative moment - Reb Tuviah discovered a beverage that he really liked - Butterscotch flavored!) After a couple hours of tasting, noshing on the provided snacks, we voted on what we believe tasted best and the winners were: Whiskey - Ira Kramer, Wine - Mitch Rubinstein and Water- Albert Rosenstein!

Next, the brotherhood will be co-sponsoring, with the Sisterhood, a night of music and food at Live 88 January 13th, 2024 for Dueling Pianos. This is a great show and the food is quite good too! Should be a fun event for all. Additionally, the Brotherhood donated 4 Walkie Talkies to the Temple to assist in communication for the security of TBE services & events.

The brotherhood's next breakfast is Jan 7th 9am-11am at the IHOP SR 64 in Bradenton.

Bob Johnson

[tbeflclub@gmail.com](mailto:tbeflclub@gmail.com)

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# Welcome New Members!

Joining our synagogue reminds us that we're part of a wider community and gives us a chance to reach out and unite with others. We are a warm and inviting community. Our Shabbat services are open to everyone.

*Let's all welcome our newest members:*

**Nancie and Roger Bair  
Judy Wilkinsky**

*Welcome* to our shul!

**Join today and get your new member gifts and engraved name badge!**



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# Temple Beth El

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00pm Adult Ed; Ten Paths to God (via Zoom)	3	4 1:00pm Mah Jongg	5 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service
7 9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast at IHOP	8 8:30am Mitzvah Project at Meals on Wheels	9 7:00pm Adult Ed; Ten Paths to God (via Zoom)	10	11 1:00pm Mah Jongg	12 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	13 9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service 7:00pm Event at 88 Live!
14 1:00pm Memorial for Stephen Feldman in Apollo Beach	15	16 4:00pm Memorial for Cantor Alan at TBE 7:00pm Adult Ed Class	17	18 1:00pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Rosh Chodesh Circle	19 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	20 9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service 12pm Tu B'Shevat Seder
21 7:00pm Guest Speaker at TBE – Zionist Organization of America	22	23 7:00pm Adult Ed; Ten Paths to God (via Zoom)	24 9:00am Chavurah at Felts Preserve 7:00pm TBE Board Meeting (via Zoom)	25 1:00pm Mah Jongg	26 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Theme: Shabbat Shirah	27 9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service Theme: Shabbat Shirah
28	29	30 7:00pm Adult Ed; Ten Paths to God (via Zoom)	31			



# Remember to Mark Your Calendar!

## January 2023

Tues. Jan. 2	Ten Path's to G-d Class on Zoom 7:00pm
Sun. Jan. 7	Brotherhood Breakfast IHOP SR 64 Bradenton – 9:00am
Mon. Jan. 8	Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels 8:30am
Tues. Jan. 9	Ten Path's to G-d Class on Zoom 7:00pm
Sat. Jan. 13	Sisterhood/Brotherhood 88 Live 8:
Sun. Jan. 14	Celebration of Life for Stephen Feldman 1:00pm
Tues. Jan. 16	Memorial Service/Celebration of Life for Cantor Alan 4:00pm
Tues. Jan. 16	Ten Path's to G-d Class on Zoom 7:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 18	Rosh Chodesh Circle; Shevat - 7:00pm
Sat. Jan. 20	Shabbat / Tu B'Shevat Seder - 12:00pm
Sun. Jan. 21	Zionist Organization of America Speaker 7:00pm
Tues. Jan. 23	Ten Path's to G-d Class on Zoom 7:00pm
Wed. Jan. 24	TBE Board meeting on Zoom - 7:00 pm
Fri. Jan. 26	Shabbat Shirah - 7:00pm
Sat. Jan. 27	Shabbat Shirah - 10:00am
Tues. Jan. 30	Ten Path's to G-d Class on Zoom 7:00pm

[Click Here](#) to see all of our calendar events



## COME CELEBRATE SHABBAT!

### Kabbalat Musical Shabbat Service

Friday evenings at 7:00pm

### Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday mornings at 10:00am



# Come Play Mah Jongg!



**Every Thursday from 1-3 pm at TBE**

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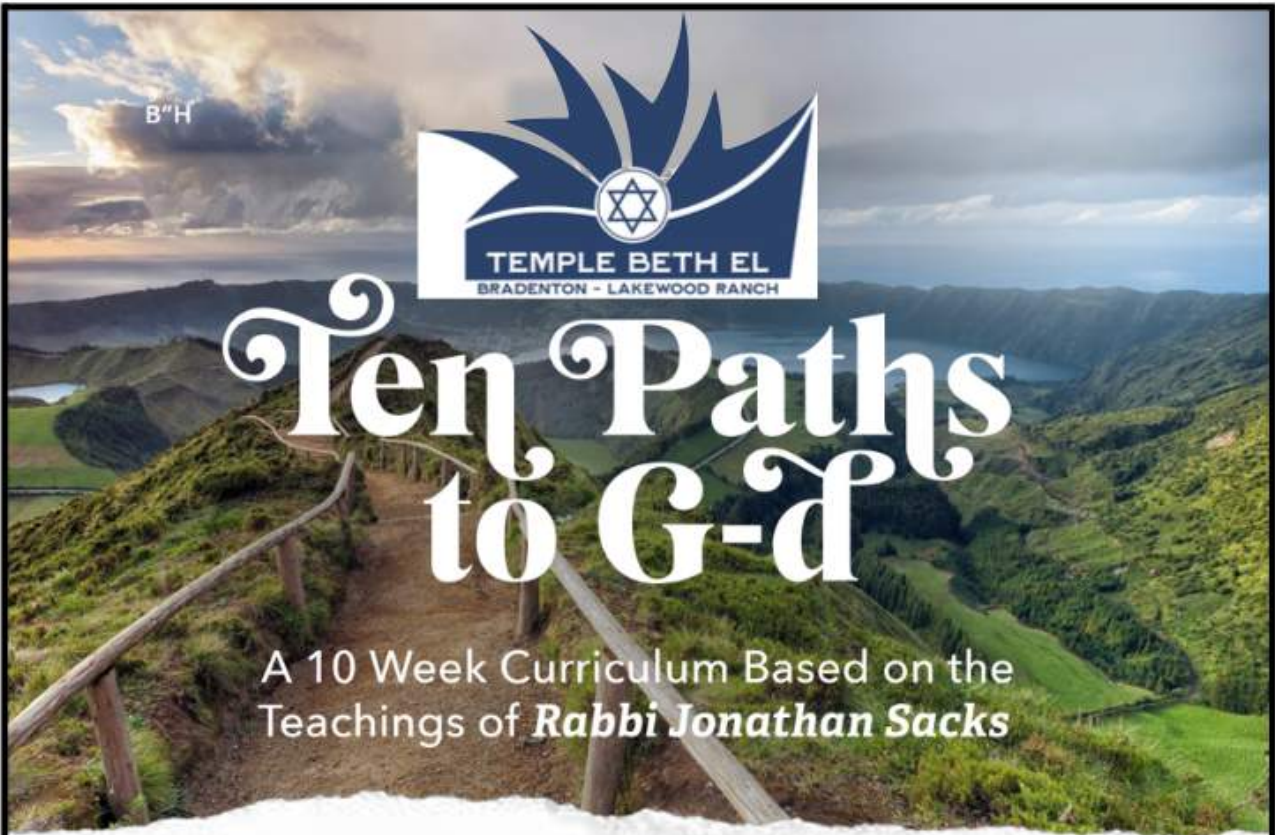
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<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Feb. 13</i>	<i>Faith</i>
<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Feb. 20</i>	<i>Israel</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>Mitzvot</i>	<i>Feb. 27</i>	<i>Kiddush Hashem</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Tzedakah</i>	<i>March 5</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>

**Suggested Donation:**

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**To receive the Zoom link, you must register online at [bethel-fl.org](http://bethel-fl.org) or call the temple office at 941-755-4900**

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Breakfast



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9:00am  
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For future dates or more information, contact ChrisAnn Allen, Mitzvah Chair  
at [ChrisAnnTBE@gmail.com](mailto:ChrisAnnTBE@gmail.com)



*The TBE Sisterhood & Brotherhood*

Invites you to:

# 88 Live!

Dueling Pianos

**Saturday, January 13 \* 8:00pm**

Join us for an evening of fun and live music at "88 Live Piano Bar". That night will feature Dueling Piano's! The 88 Live venue has a full bar & food is available to purchase. Arrive at 7:00pm to have a bite to eat before the performance.

Make your reservation **NOW** -this event sells out!  
Call the venue directly at 941-900-1133. Mention you are with TBE. \$5 cover paid at the door.



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Memorial Service and  
Celebration of Life for  
TBE member:

Stephen  
Feldman

Sunday, Jan. 14 1:00pm

Held at:  
Southshore Falls Club House  
5831 Cascade Falls Lane  
Apollo Beach, FL 33572

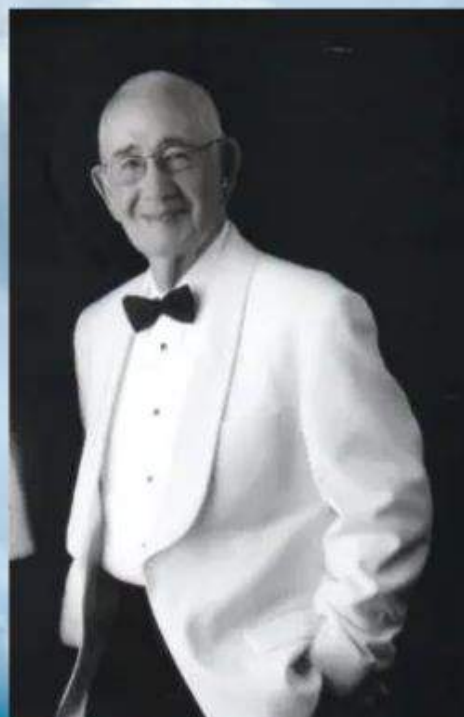
Zichrono Livracha - May his memory be a blessing for  
all those whose lives he touched.





Memorial Service and  
Celebration of Life for  
our beloved:

*Cantor  
Alan  
Cohn*



Tuesday, Jan. 16 4:00pm

Held at

Temple Beth El

5150 Peridia Blvd. E.

Bradenton





*TBE Women's  
Rosh Chodesh Circle*

**Thursday, January, 18  
7:00 pm  
at Temple Beth El**

Inviting all women to celebrate the new moon,  
make new friends & new spiritual connections...



*...anyone who blesses the new month in its proper time,  
it is as if she greets the Face of the Divine Presence.*

*~Sanhedrin 42a*

Contact the temple office for more information  
[info@bethel-fl.org](mailto:info@bethel-fl.org) 941-755-4900



# *Temple Beth El*

Invites you to join us for a

## ***Tu B'Shvat Seder***



***Saturday, Jan. 20th - 12 noon***

***Immediately following the 10am Shabbat morning service, we will take a mystical journey through the beautiful holiday of Tu B'Shvat! Examine how food connects us to our Jewish tradition, to the earth, to other people, and to ourselves!***

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Allison Zur: [azur@zoa.org](mailto:azur@zoa.org)*

**Jan. 21st Event held at  
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Join us on Jan. 26 and 27 for:

# Shabbat Shirah!

This Shabbat we will be celebrating Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song. This is a very special moment in the Torah and a very musical moment in Jewish biblical history.

We will highlight this Shabbat by creating a service brimming with extraordinary music to celebrate Moses and Miriam leading the Israelites across the Sea of Reeds (The Red Sea) and out of Egypt.

Friday 7pm  
Saturday 10am  
at TBE





Looking Ahead!

- Mon. Feb. 5            Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels 8:30am  
Thurs. Feb. 8         Rosh Chodesh Circle; Adar I - 7:00pm  
Sat. Feb. 10          TBE 50th Anniversary Gala - 6:00pm  
Sun. Feb. 11         TBE at the LWR Farmer's Market 10:00am-2:00pm

A celebratory poster for Temple Beth El's 50th Anniversary Gala. The background is black with gold confetti and streamers. At the top and bottom are gold decorative flourishes. The text is centered and reads: "Temple Beth El Commemorates 50 years!" in white bold font. Below that, "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" in white, with "50" in a large script font and "th Anniversary" in a smaller sans-serif font. "Gala" is written in a large, elegant white script font. Underneath, "Dinner ~ Dancing" and "LIVE Band" are in white sans-serif font. "Silent and Live Auction" is also in white sans-serif font. A line of white text says "Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate". Below that, "Saturday, Feb. 10 5:00pm" is in white bold sans-serif font. "Cocktail Attire" is in white script font. At the bottom, "\$65 TBE members ■ \$70 Guests" is in white bold sans-serif font, with "Deadline, Jan. 29" in white sans-serif font below it. A blue oval at the very bottom contains the text "Learn More/Get Tickets" in white underlined font.

**Temple Beth El Commemorates 50 years!**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

Dinner ~ Dancing  
LIVE Band  
Silent and Live Auction

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate

**Saturday, Feb. 10 5:00pm**

*Cocktail Attire*

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Deadline, Jan. 29

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To date we have raised \$4500 for Israel. Thank you to all who donated.  
Let's keep the donations coming! Help us in supporting Israel



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Please help support our efforts to provide Israel with funds for much-needed medical supplies and services. Our homeland is under attack, and we must be as helpful as possible.  
Select the "DONATIONS FOR ISRAEL" button

On December 1st, Jessie P Miller Elementary school hosted the Bradenton Police Department as they came to honor the schools Safety Patrol. Micah Metcalf-Clark had joined the schools Safety Patrol at the beginning of the school year and was later elected to the captain of the Safety Patrol by his peers. At the program honoring the schools safety patrol, Chief of Police, Melanie Bevan saluted Micah as she pinned him with a Bradenton Police Department police shield. What a wonderful morning for Micah's parents and grandparents. TBE is so proud of Micah!



A great Mitzvah! TBE collected toys this Chanukah for underprivileged children. The toys that were collected were given to the "Blessing Bags Project" in Bradenton who delivered them to children. Thank you to those who donated. This is one of our Shabbat school students, Aiden Esformes with toys! A Big Thank you to Aiden's mom, ChrisAnn Allen for putting the drive together.

Birthdays,  
Anniversaries  
and Simchas!



# Piano and Flute Soiree



# Chavurah Friendsgiving





# Chanukah Menorah Lighting



# Chanukah Shabbat



# Chanukah Sisterhood Pot Luck





# The Chanukah Festival!





Brotherhood  
Whisky, Wine and  
Water event



The TBE Chanukah Festival is now on YouTube!  
Thank you to Manatee Educational Television (METV)  
for filming this wonderful celebration.  
Just click on the YouTube link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdcLUpQqc3s>

# Our January Simchas

## January Birthdays

ChrisAnn Allen	1/3	Lisa Breitberg	1/21
Andrew Clark	1/3	David Basham	1/23
Helen Hammerman	1/3	Howard Hammerman	1/28
Caroline Zucker	1/3	Rhonda Kaplan	1/28
Jeffrey Corey	1/5	Francine Fontaine	1/29
Ruthie Weiss	1/6	Phyllis Hemler	1/30
Carol Harris	1/18		



## January Anniversaries

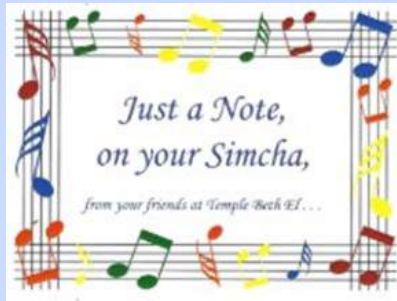


Murray and Jerilyn Dimant 1/25

If you are a member of TBE and don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, please email [the office](#) so that you can be listed here.

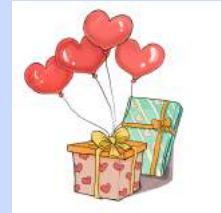


# Simcha Grams



TBE sends Birthday and Anniversary, "Simcha Grams" to members in honor of their special day. This is a great way to contribute to your Synagogue and to send your TBE family good wishes.

Names must be received at least two weeks prior to the date. The donation is \$3.00 per name. The card will be mailed to those individuals prior to their special day. Thank you for your support!



## February Birthday

Karen Knoell	2/7
Ishmael Baal-Shem	2/12
Irving Zamikoff	2/13
David Morgen	2/14
Staci Rosenstein	2/14
Beverly Safron	2/17
Robert Johnson	2/17
Jean Steiger	2/18
Jeffrey Schneiderman	2/20
Lois Gerber	2/21
Beth Cooper	2/24
Lewis Lefer	2/24
Amy Moriarty	2/25

## February Anniversaries

Judith and Alan Loew	2/1
Maxxine and Wright Smith	2/2
Mitch Rubinstein and Marcia Blacksin	2/17
Robert and Sylvia Kupferman	2/28

If we have somehow overlooked your Simcha or made an error in printing the date, please accept our apologies and call the temple office at 941-755-4900 or [send an email](#) so that we may update our records.

# Yahrzeits

It is traditional to light a Yahrzeit candle on the evening of observance. In addition, we urge you to attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of your beloved and to recite Mourner's Kaddish on the Yahrzeit. May your memories of the departed always be a blessing.



## **SERVICES January 5th & 6th**

Robert Kupferman IMO Morris Kupferman  
Andrew Cole IMO Pearl Cole  
Jeffery Schneiderman IMO George Schneiderman  
Diane Hart IMO George Roth  
Murray Dimant IMO Schura

## **SERVICES January 12th & 13th**

Beverly Safron IMO Nancy Buchalter  
Judie Littell IMO Herbert Littell  
Rise Bausch IMO Harold Baumgarten  
David Basham IMO Marjorie Dee Hayner  
Meg Weinberg IMO Richard Patton Ballard  
Carol Bodzin IMO Debra June Spitz  
Neil Spirtas IMO Nathan Spirtas

## **SERVICES January 19th & 20th**

Johanna Willner IMO Arthur Lee Willner  
Neil & Robyn Spirtas IMO Larry Harris  
Neil & Sandy Clark IMO Paul Clark  
Ishmael Ball-Shem IMO Marie Dawn Connor

## **SERVICES January 26th & 27th**

Susie Konicov IMO Werner Weinberg

To commemorate your beloved, it is also customary to memorialize the departed by making a donation to the synagogue. You can donate here or mail your check to the Temple at 5150 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton 34203.

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# Donations *Thank you for your donation!*

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## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joel Auerbach

## Yahrzeit/In Memory Of

Beverly Safron IMO Henry Hartwich  
Michele Muldoon IMO Alan Cohn  
Karen Knoell IMO Alan Cohn  
Marcy Cohen  
Stephen & Anna Feldman IMO Alan Cohn  
Joe Tully IMO Paul Wallace Tully  
Marla Perlstein IMO Jack Louis  
Karen Keesling IMO Alan Cohn  
Alan Loew IMO Miriam  
Marlena Johnsky IMO Lionel Friedman  
Phyllis Hemler IMO Evelyn and Isadore Cohen  
Helen Hammerman IMO Arnold Wermuth  
Neil Spirtas IMO Irv Spirtas  
Robin Block IMO Spencer and Joshua Block  
Diane Hart IMO George Roth  
Kate Richmond IMO Louise Richmond  
In Honor Of  
Karen Knoell IHO her grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Cole and Lily  
Beth Cooper IHO Lew Lefer on his birthday

## Security Fund

A very big thank you to the many people who donated to the security fund, your donations are always appreciated!

A Special 'Thank You' to the TBE Sisterhood for their generous donation to the security fund!



And to all that donated to the United  
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Israel thanks you!  
Am Yisrael Chai



## Future Expansion Fund

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Bob & Charlene Eredics

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Linda Hoffman IMO Alan Cohn

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## **Are you in need? Do you know someone in need?**



The mission of TBE's Caring Circle is to support any member who may be in need. If you or someone you know is struggling, reach out to us! As a family at Temple Beth El, we care about you and your loved ones!

Please notify the temple office, or Phyllis Hemler, the coordinator, with your name or the name and contact information of any TBE member in need. With your consent, we will also include you/them in our MiSheberach Prayers each week.

**TBE Caring Circle**

**Phyllis Hemler: 609-203-0110 [phyllishemler@gmail.com](mailto:phyllishemler@gmail.com)**

[Click here to reach Phyllis](#)

## Sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush!



- \* Commemorate your special day
- \* Honor or remember someone
- \* Celebrate a special occasion
- \* Recognize someone's hard work or "Just because"



**Friday Night Oneg \$50**  
**Saturday Kiddish \$50**  
**Both days \$100**

( To celebrate, consider bringing a small bakery cake! )

**\*please note- there may be more than  
one announcement at any given Oneg**

### December Oneg Sponsors

Bob and Helene Johnson - Happy 15th Anniversary

Beth Cooper - Happy Birthday Lew

Neil Spirtas - Happy Birthday Robyn

Linda Hoffman - In memory of Reuben Hoffman, Founding Member of TBE

Ira and Cheryl Kramer - In memory of Paula Kramer

Betty Klein - IMO Arnold G. "Arnie" Klein

Betty Klein- Happy Birthday Betty

Rise Bausch -In memory of Leonard Baumgarten

Helen and Howard Hammerman - Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Phyllis Hemler - In honor of our 14th Anniversary, and Isidore and Evelyn Cohen's yahrzeit.

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## Our Mitzvah Projects

Temple Beth El has been working with "Our Daily Bread" in Bradenton. They are a community-driven organization supported by churches, foundations, and numerous other community-oriented organizations. In addition to feeding the hungry, they collect health and beauty aids, everything from soap and shampoo to lotion and sunblock, to give to those in need. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project.

TBE will once again have the opportunity to participate in "produce packing" at Meals on Wheels at 811 23rd Avenue East. The Food Bank purchases fresh produce for their meal delivery clients. The project involves sorting and bagging the produce. No lifting required. If you choose to sit, you can sit. For a lot of people, this is the only fresh food in their diet. They very much look forward to receiving it. The more people we have the faster it goes. Arrive 8:30 am (Typically just 2 hours or less of your time).

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***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.***

***WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS WORTHWHILE MITZVAH PROJECT.***

***Next Date is Monday, January 8, at 8:30 am***

Contact ChrisAnn Allen for more info- [chrisanntbe@gmail.com](mailto:chrisanntbe@gmail.com)



*The synagogue can purchase burial plots in the "Gardens of Abraham" section of the Skyway cemetery and pass the savings on to our members.*

*Our Treasurer, Ira Kramer is taking names of those who might be interested.*

*Contact him for more information*  
*[treasurer@bethel-fl.org](mailto:treasurer@bethel-fl.org) or 908-723-4078*

# Religious School - A New Way, An Exciting Way!



No longer on Sunday, now "Hebrew School" happens every Saturday starting at 9:30 am and is "Shabbat School!" It is a delight for all. Children are included in the true celebration of Judaism. They become a part of their religion in a meaningful, practicing way, participating alongside their parents or grandparents and the rest of the congregants. This is the way learning was meant to be.



If you know of anyone interested in "Shabbat School" for their children, please have them contact Rabbi Tuviah.

***If you would like more information, including Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparations and how to enroll, contact, Rabbi Tuviah – [rebtuviah@gmail.com](mailto:rebtuviah@gmail.com)***

[Learn More](#)





## From Our Temple Treasurer

### Ways to Make Tax-Advantaged Contributions to Temple Beth El

The 2019 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act more than doubled the standard Federal income tax deduction and placed limits on the itemized Schedule A deductions. Consequently, in the following years more than 95 percent of taxpayers took the standard deduction.

The 2023 standard deduction will be \$13,850 for single filers and \$27,700 for couples filing jointly. Each person sixty-five years old and older by the end of the tax year gets an additional \$1850. This brings the total standard deduction for a senior couple filing jointly to \$31,400.

Your contributions to the Temple along with mortgage interest, real estate taxes, medical bills (not covered by insurance) and other deductible expenses would have to exceed these amounts to have an impact on your tax bill. Total taxes are calculated by subtracting either the standard deduction or the itemized deductions, whichever is greater, from your adjusted gross income. This means that charitable contributions, unless they are very large, will not have an impact on your tax bill.

However, there are at least two ways to make a significant contribution to the Temple and save money on your taxes:

1. Set up a Charitable Remainder Trust with the Temple as the charitable beneficiary.
2. For those over the age of seventy-two with a traditional IRA, have your bank pay all or part of your distributions directly from the IRA to the Temple.

In both cases, the contribution is subtracted from your income from other sources reducing your adjusted gross income resulting in less taxes and, in many cases, a lower tax bracket.

A Charitable Remainder Trust must be set up by an attorney. It is an irrevocable trust funded by a transfer of cash or assets (such as stock). In addition to a qualified charity (such as the Temple) there must be one or more living individuals who will receive income from the trust for a specific number of years or for life. At the end of the term the remainder of the trust passes to the Temple.

Donating directly from your IRA is much easier. Simply inform the IRA administrator (typically a bank) that you want a fixed amount of money to go to the synagogue. You can change the amount at any time or stop it all together. The end of year statement (1099-R) will show the total distribution and the taxable amount. You can still take the standard deduction.

These paragraphs are for your general information only. You should consult with a qualified income tax professional before making any changes. They were written by Howard Hammerman, the former treasurer, and based on publicly available documents and the IRS website.

## Tax Planning and Gift Giving

If you have appreciated stock in any publicly traded company, you can donate the stock to Temple Beth El. You may be able to deduct the current market value from your 2021 taxable income as a Schedule A deduction without paying capital gains tax. The Temple can then sell the stock and use the funds to continue our good work.

Tax year 2021 appears to be the last year that most taxpayers can take up to a charitable cash contribution to a non-profit organization (such as Temple Beth El) directly from adjusted gross income. This "above the line" deduction is limited to \$300 for taxpayers filing as single, head of household, qualified widow(er)s, and married filing separately. Taxpayers filing joint returns are limited to \$600.

As in all things tax-related, there are exceptions and additional rules. Each person's situation is unique. Please check with your tax preparer to be sure. These are general suggestions only based on publicly available information.

## An Easy Way to Donate to TBE

Most of us have a dish where we collect coins that fell into our pockets or purses. Please consider donating them to the Temple's "Pushki Fund." One hundred percent of the coins donated will go to the Temple's general fund and help us fund on-going operations. We will acknowledge your donation by letter and, if you itemize deductions, you can use the amount to lower your tax bill. Just put the coins into a sturdy plastic bag along with a note with your name and address. Leave the bag on the Temple's desk in the office the next time you come to services. We'll take it from there.

Ira Kramer, Treasurer  
908-723-4078  
[treasurer@bethel-fl.org](mailto:treasurer@bethel-fl.org)



Please remember to add your temple family to your will. There is no greater gift than leaving a lasting memory.



## Respecting Holiness in Our Gathering Place

The TBE Sanctuary is a special place where we go for spiritual connection, reflection, and prayer. We ask that during services, congregants refrain from wearing tank tops, spaghetti straps, mini-skirts, shorts, or t-shirts. Please turn your cell phone off or place it on vibrate and refrain from social conversations once the service has begun.



### TREE OF LIFE!

Leaves are available on the Tree of Life in the temple lobby. Have your leaf custom engraved to honor a loved one for \$100. Call the temple office for details.  
941-755-4900



Do you have a facebook page? Have you “liked” TBE’s page? Go to our [FaceBook page](#) and hit “like”. Keep up with everything going on at the Shul. Also, consider joining the “Jewish Community of Manatee” on facebook too. We can comment and support each other there.

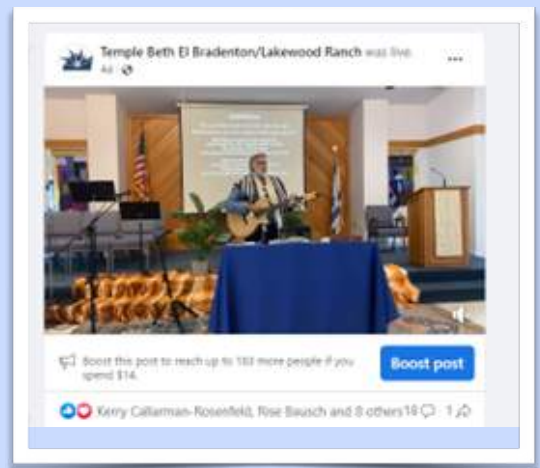


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