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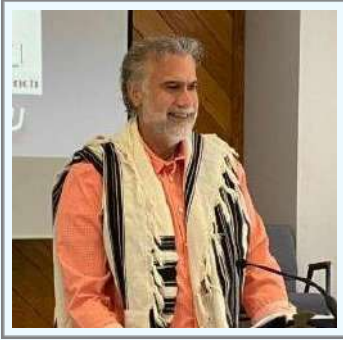


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Thanksgiving.*



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# My Message - By Reb Tuviah



I was recently asked, "Is there a prayer or blessing to be said at the Thanksgiving table?" A great question and obviously, given the current state of affairs, a timely one for us all.

Thanksgiving contains the best of what it means to be an American—gratitude for abundance, inclusivity in our society and around our table, open hands, open arms, open hearts. Thanksgiving is, in many ways, the summation of the heart of both Judaism and Christianity—faith, gratitude, peace and brotherly love.

Too easily, however, it turns into just another meal, another family gathering, and another seemingly ordinary day. The religious mission, however, is to elevate the mundane into the sublime, to remind us that the ordinary can and should become the extraordinary. That is one of the reasons we might choose to bring religious readings to the table and something I very much encourage you to consider.

Whenever a Jew encounters a challenge, the go-to response is to cry out to G-d in prayer, often through the familiar, divinely inspired words of the Psalms, compiled by King David. As our nation is under threat and the Jewish people in Israel face unthinkable tragedy and brutality, we join them in praying for peace and security. The following is just a sampling of Psalms that can be read at your Thanksgiving table or any time you feel the need to hear words of comfort and words of gratefulness.

Psalms 20, 22, 69, 95, 100, 122 and 150.

It is indeed, during these most tumultuous times, that we gather together with family and friends at the Thanksgiving table staying united as Jews and showing unity and purpose. The horrific images and messages coming across our TV's, computers and cell phones can be most distressing and the current climate may feel scary but we hold tight to the Jewish ideals that have kept us together for thousands of years and will continue to do so for the future. Stay strong and stay united, both at your Thanksgiving table and with your temple family. Am Yisrael Chai, the people of Israel live. We can take great solace in that phrase, a phrase that has kept us as a people for so many years.

Nancy and I wish you all the best on this most special holiday of togetherness, gratefulness, and most of all, peace.

L'Shalom,  
Reb Tuviah

# A Message From Our Temple President



Dear Members and Friends,

*"On behalf of Temple Beth El's Board of Directors, my family, and myself, I would like to wish everyone a year of health, happiness, and prosperity, and may we have a year of peace and security in Israel, the United States, and all around the world."*

That was my closing statement from last month's President's message. At that time, most of us could have never imagined what happened on October 7th. Words cannot describe the horrific acts of terrorism the people of Israel have witnessed. Jews have been targets of hatred and antisemitism for thousands of years. Through the power of the media, the world witnessed what we have always been up against. What is truly unique is that Jews comprise only .002% of the world's population. With our impact, you would think we were 25% of the population. Hopefully, people will realize how fragile our heritage is and how we must never stop moving forward as a religion and a people.

As most of you know, we regularly participate in the LWR Farmer's Market, and we were there on October 8th. We hung a small sign on our tent asking for donations, which will be sent to Israel to help support our first responders. Within 4 hours, we collected over \$200. The hearts of many of our neighbors are with us. In addition, TBE initiated a collection effort and is continuing to collect funds to support the rescue efforts in Israel. Through the generosity of many of our members and friends, we have raised over \$2500, all of which will help support Israel. As Jews, we must continue to do all we can to help those in need, but at the same time, we cannot stop doing what we always do: celebrating our heritage, our people, and ourselves. If you had the pleasure of attending the Simcha Torah services on October 7th and 8th., you witness a true celebration of who we are, as we rewound our Torah from the very last reading to the very first as we welcomed a new beginning. For those who attended our Chavurah, fun was had by all. I suggest you participate in future events; they are good times with many friendly people. Of course, not everything outside the temple is about having fun; we also support those in our community by volunteering at Meals-on-Wheels and recently helped gather school supplies for those less fortunate. As a result of our food collections over the High Holy Days, we delivered over 500 pounds of food to the Manatee food bank. Thank you to all who contributed.

Warm Regards,

Joel Auerbach

## News from our Sisterhood & Men's Club



Greetings from the TBE Sisterhood. In October, Sisterhood made a substantial donation to the Magen David Adom, an organization that provides equipment and medical supplies to paramedics, EMTs, and first responders to treat injured and ill people in Israel. Our donation was matched 1-1 by the Bloomberg Philanthropy so it will have a double impact on aiding the war effort. On October 5, Sisterhood sponsored our first event for the season, a “get-acquainted” tea and raffle for all TBE ladies. Everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new members. The raffle was popular, and we donated a substantial portion of the proceeds to Comfort

Zone- a camp for children who have lost a parent or sibling. In December 2023, we are planning our annual Chanukah potluck and gift exchange dinner. 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. Both these events will be co-sponsored by the TBE Brotherhood. 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 15 November 2023 at 4:00pm and is open to all Sisterhood members. If you are interested, please send me an email for the Zoom link. On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, we look forward to seeing all you ladies at our upcoming Chanukah potluck.

Meg Weinberg

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



On Sunday Oct. 8th, the brotherhood helped support the Lakewood Ranch @ Waterside Farmers Market. This has been a great way to meet and connect with the community.

We met on Oct 15th and reviewed our initiatives for our Mission/Purpose. Our members have been out and about recruiting corporate sponsors to advertise in our newsletter and support our temple initiatives. The brotherhood will hold a Whisky, Wine and Water tasting on Dec 20th at a members home. Each bottle will be wrapped and the spirits blind tasted with attendees voting for their favorite in each category. The winner in each category will get a new bottle of their choice (whiskey or wine). Our next breakfast meeting will be Nov 12th (Sunday) at the IHOP on SR 64 as usual.

Bob Johnson

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

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# Welcome New Members!

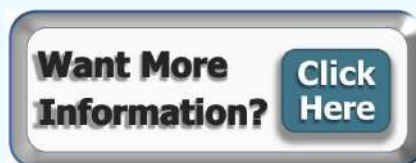
Joining our synagogue reminds us that we're part of a wider community and gives us a chance to reach out and unite with others. We are a warm and inviting community. Our Shabbat services are open to everyone.

*Let's all welcome our newest members*

**David and Maddie Basham  
Mitcheal Pearl  
Christina McIntyre**



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





# Temple Beth El

Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch

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**November 2023**  
**Cheshvan/Kislev**  
**5784**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				1:00pm Mah Jongg	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat / Kristallnacht Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat/ Kristallnacht Service
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	8:30am Mitzvah Project at Meals on Wheels			1:00pm Mah Jongg  7:00pm Rosh Chodesh Circle; Kislev	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat / Veterans Day Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat/ Veterans Day Service
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast at IHOP				1:00pm Mah Jongg	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Happy Thanksgiving No Mah Jongg	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	NO Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		"Giving Tuesday"	7:00pm TBE Board Meeting via Zoom	1:00pm Mah Jongg	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service

# Remember to Mark Your Calendar!

## November 2023

Fri. Nov. 3	Special Kristallnacht Observance Shabbat - 7:00pm
Sat. Nov. 4	Special Kristallnacht Observance Shabbat - 10:00am
Mon. Nov. 6	Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels - 8:30am
Thurs. Nov. 9	Rosh Chodesh Circle; Kislev - 7:00pm
Fri. Nov. 10	Special Veterans Day Shabbat - 7:00pm
Sat. Nov. 11	Special Veterans Day Shabbat - 10:00am
Sun. Nov. 12	Brotherhood Breakfast - IHOP 9:00am
Sun. Nov. 19	TBE at the LWR Farmer's Market 10:00am-2:00pm
Thurs. Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving (No Mah Jongg)
Tues. Nov. 28	"Giving Tuesday"
Wed. Nov. 29	TBE Board meeting via 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**

**Men and Women welcome**

**No RSVP necessary**

**Contact Robin Block with questions**

**[robinlblock@gmail.com](mailto:robinlblock@gmail.com)**

**Snacks provided!**





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## REMEMBERING THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

JOIN US FOR TWO VERY SPECIAL  
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**Friday, Nov. 3rd at 7:00pm &  
Saturday, Nov. 4th at 10:00am**

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# Produce Packing

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## Meals-on-Wheels

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

*TBE Women's  
Rosh Chodesh Circle*

**Thursday, November 9th  
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



Join us for the next  
**BROTHERHOOD**  
Breakfast



SUNDAY, Nov. 12  
9:00am  
AT IHOP on 64

**NO RSVP Necessary**  
Contact Bob Johnson  
for questions  
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202-368-3732



**Don't Miss the Fun!**



**Come see your temple friends at  
the LWR Farmer's Market at  
"Waterside"**

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**Nov. 24th- Dec. 10th**

**Bring your donations to Temple Beth El  
any Shabbat service or the Dec. 10th  
Chanukah Festival!**





# Looking *ahead*



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Mon. Dec. 4 - Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels - 8:30am**

**Fri. Dec. 8 - Shabbat/Chanukah, Bring your Chanukah menorah and Light up the night! 7:00pm**

**Sun. Dec. 10 - Chanukah Fest! Craft Fair, Food Trucks, Live Music, fun for the whole family! 4:00pm**

**Wed, Dec. 13 - Sisterhood Chanukah Pot Luck, 5:30pm**

**Wed. Dec. 20 - Brotherhood "Whisky, Wine & Water" 6:00pm**

**Sun. Jan. 7 - Brotherhood Breakfast IHOP 9:00am**

**Thurs. Jan. 18 - Rosh Chodesh Circle; Shevat - 7:00pm**

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT US AT [www.bethel-fl.org](http://www.bethel-fl.org)**

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# Chanukah Festival!



Sunday, December 10 @ 4:00pm  
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**Temple Beth El's**

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

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# Remembering Bonnie Krasik



## Chavurah



## Produce Packing



## Sukkot





# Open House- A huge success!





# Simchat Torah!







Shabbark was fabulous!!





# Our November Simchas

## November Birthdays

Stephen Feldman	11/01
Ginger Manas	11/03
Marion Howard	11/07
Lindsay Auerbach	11/11
Regina Fluellen-Reitwiesner	11/15
Robert Kupferman	11/20
Beverly Jacobs	11/21



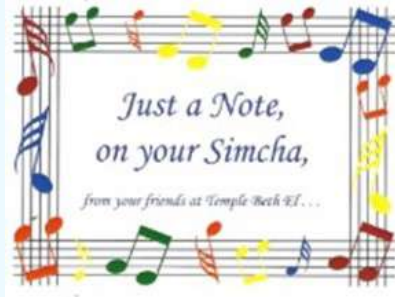
## November Anniversaries



Brian and Ruthie Weiss	11/13
Billy and Christen Allen	11/16
Bob and Helene Johnson	11/23
Harvey and Denise Schonwald	11/25
Neil and Sandy Clark	11/28

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!



## Send December Birthday

Robyn Spirtas	12/02
Sandy Clark	12/03
Peral Friedman	12/08
Joshua Leuchter	12/16
Meg Weinberg	12/16
Lisa Leuchter	12/18
Betty Klein	12/20
Carol Bodzin	12/25
Cynthia Zamikoff	12/25
Linda Hoffman	12/26
Arni Nashbar	12/28
Randi Sofman	12/31

## Send December Anniversary

Arni & Cheryl Nashbar	12/15
Howard & Helen Hammerman	12/26
Roy & Ginger Manas	12/18
Marvin & Marion Howard	12/29
Craig & Linda Hoffman	12/24
Ron & Robin Eiseman	12/26
Bob & Phyllis Hemler	12/31

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.

[Click here to request that your name be placed on a Simcha Gram](#)

# 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 November 3rd & 4th**

Richard Toppel IMO Benjamin Dworkin  
Rise Bausch IMO Anton Baumgarten  
Sylvia Kupferman IMO Manuel Eptein  
Phyllis Hemler IMO Ida Cohen

## **SERVICES November 10th & 11th**

Phyllis Hemler IMO Henry Cohen  
Sandy Clark IMO Helen Kleinman  
Linda & Craig Hoffman IMO Mae Samson  
Diane Hart IMO Cecile Roth  
Bill Gregory IMO Steve Gregory  
Marcy Cohen remembers Milton Cohen

## **SERVICES November 17th & 18th**

Celia Strickler IMO Penelope Maguffin  
Robin Eiseman IMO Robert Padelford  
Jeffrey Schneiderman IMO Dorothy Schneiderman  
Diana Tully IMO Jean Strandt  
Susie Konicov IMO Hanna Weinberg  
Lois Gerber IMO Murray Gerber  
Paul Stahl IMO Robert Reeves

## **SERVICES November 24th & 25th**

Alan Loew IMO Joseph Loew  
Randi Sofman IMO George Trachtenberg  
Robyn Spirtas IMO Flora Elkin

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.

**DONATE**



# Donations *Thank you for your donation!*

We want to thank the following people for their donations this month:

## General Donations:

Bob and Charlene Eredics  
Howard Hammerman  
Terry Holinsky  
Lois Gerber  
Mitcheal Pearl  
Gary Konicov  
Ruth Goldberg

**A big thank you to David Morgan for his generous donation!**

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Richard Toppel

## Security Fund

## Yahrzeit:

Bill Gregory IMO his sister, Anne Holton  
Celia Strickler IMO her father, Nathaniel Strickler  
Mark & Doreen IMO her childhood best friend, Bonnie  
Jean Shames IMO her husband Jerry Shames  
Jean Shames IMO her Aunt Eunice Bruton  
Rise Bausch IMO Bonnie Krasik  
Ron and Robin Eiseman IMO Ron's mother, Mary Eiseman  
Judy Loew IMO her mother Gladys Forman  
Sharon Carlson IMO her father Edward Ger  
Susie Konicov IMO her grandmother Rosa Halberstadt



And to all that donated to the United  
Hatzalah Israeli EMS service...

Israel thanks you!  
Am Yisrael Chai



## October Oneg Sponsors:

Caroline Zucker -In memory of Mike Zucker  
Ira and Cheryl Kramer - In Memory of Louis Adler  
Joe Tully - In memory of Pauline Tully  
Diana Tully -In memory of Jean Flanders  
TBE- In honor of our brothers and sisters in Israel  
The Krasik Family- In memory of Bonnie  
TBE -In honor of all our pets -Parsha Noach  
Judy Loew In memory of Gladys Forman

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- Cantorial Fund: To fund cantorial guest soloists at temple services.
- General Fund: For the operation of the Temple.
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: may be used for any purpose that the rabbi feels appropriate; often for charitable reasons.
- Security Fund: To increase security at TBE.
- Tova Risha Fund: Scholarship for Temple's Religious School.

Thank you to all of our generous donors. Your gift helps keep Reform Judaism alive in Manatee County. There are many ways and reasons to make a donation to TBE

## Kvell and Tell

**Announce your milestones, simchas, news and nachas. Share your joys, thank congregants, members and friends, announce anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, engagements, graduations, introduce babies and grand-babies. You can even ask for help or ideas.**



Neil Spirtas would like to thank all the volunteers that have given their time at the LWR Farmer's Market (Recently named #1 Farmer's Market in Florida!)



What a beautiful temple family we have. I loved the High Holy Day pictures and beautiful words from Reb Tuviah. With all that is happening in the world, and especially now in Israel, we are so fortunate to have each other.  
Love, Judie

A big Happy 11th Birthday to our Micah, from your TBE family!



I want to thank Reb Tuviah for including "Joy to the World" at the Shabark service. It was my suggestion & he played it because he knew it makes me happy.  
Maxx



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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](#)



# Temple Beth El

## Make an Oneg or Kiddush Announcement

- \* 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! )



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**[www.bethel-fl.org](http://www.bethel-fl.org)**

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**or call: 941-755-4900**

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

**BOOK NOW**



## Our Mitzvah Projects

Temple Beth El has been working with the Salvation Army since the spring of 2020. People staying at the shelter need health and beauty aids; everything from soap and shampoo to Vaseline and sunblock. These items are only available as they are donated. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project. Items can be brought to the Temple. Please drop your items in the blue bins under the bulletin board in the lobby.

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).



***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.***

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

***Next Date is Monday, November 6, 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. However, we need to purchase at least five at a time. 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 High Holiday 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.

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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



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