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August 2023 / Av - Elul 5783

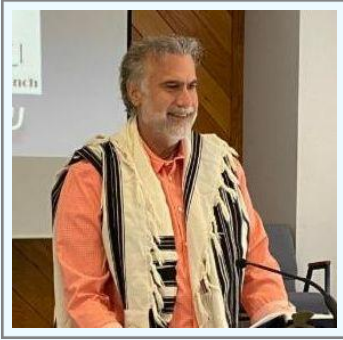
Elul

The King is in the field

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My Message - By Reb Tuviah



Preparation...we recognize that important things in our lives take preparation. No one goes on vacation without thinking about what to pack. No one approaches a big project without gathering the necessary materials. No good teacher walks into the classroom on the first day of school unprepared. As responsible and thoughtful people, preparation is a part of our lives. Preparation is also a central part of our High Holy Day experience. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur demand deep reflection too intense for just those days and so we have the Jewish

month of Elul, which begins on the 18th of this month. It is an ideal time to review the past year and spiritually prepare for the High Holy Days. Because these days are filled with so much meaning and potency, they require a special measure of readiness. We are called upon to enter them thoughtfully and to consider what they mean. As the Maharal of Prague said, “All the month of Elul, before eating and sleeping, a person should look into his soul and search his deeds, that he may make confession.” The following are some practical ideas to ensure a richer and more meaningful High Holy Day experience.

1. **Go over your calendar from last year.** Take out last year’s calendar and go over each month. What moments are you most proud of? Who did you not make time to see? Explore what went right and what went wrong throughout the year.
2. **Talk with family and friends.** Judaism is a religion of community and family. Our religious ideal is not an individual meditative state, but being with others. Ask your loved ones, “What was a low point in our relationship last year?” and “How did we move forward and how can we continue to strength our relationship?” Let the questions open up a conversation about forgiveness and love.
3. **Read online.** Many of us are on our computers and smartphones more than we’d like to admit. Lets engage these tools in our spiritual preparation. This time is like no other as we now have access to an abundance of online Jewish teachings. Simply do a search for “Elul” or “The High Holidays” and off you go!
4. **Join us for our S’lichot service on the 23rd of Elul (Sept. 9th).** On the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah, the TBE community will come together to support each other and engage in prayer, reflection, storytelling and song. It’s a most beautiful and meaningful way to begin the High Holy Days.

May this time of preparation during the month of Elul draw us closer to those we love and to ourselves and may we arrive at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur prepared for the majesty of the season!

L’Shalom,
Reb Tuviah

A Message From Our Temple President



Shalom Temple family and friends,

With the High Holy Days quickly approaching, the Temple Board of Directors is working with our Clergy and Ritual Committee to prepare for our beautiful season. I am pleased to announce that we will continue offering our members and community free seating at all five High Holy Days services. Everyone should have recently received via US Mail information containing information on service times, parking, ways to reserve seats, safety, and more. We strongly urge all those who can register online, to do so. As we approach the High Holy Days and the coming of a new year, it is a time to remember how fortunate we are and thank G-d for what we have. TBE has been here for all of you throughout the past year, whether for spiritual needs, our education programs, social events, or our Shabbat School for our young members. Please remember that we operate primarily on donations, and I ask you to be as generous as possible when considering a Kol Nidre donation. A link to make a Kol Nidre donation is at the end of this newsletter.

One of the cornerstones of Judaism is L'dor vador, לדור ודור "from generation to generation." We honor this every year at our Yizkor service as we remember our loved ones who have passed. Along with our Yizkor service, members and non-members can memorialize their loved ones in our 2023/5784 Yizkor Book of Remembrance. It will be printed and handed out before the service. If you would like a loved one's name listed, you can complete the form sent to you or online. A link to add names is provided on our website.

With the new year approaching, our board of directors must look back at the previous year for guidance on our future. The single most important event of 5783 was our unprecedented growth. TBE is doing all we can to keep this trend going and prepare for a more robust congregation. With that said, a formal Code of Ethics has been established to assure all who enter our temple feel completely safe. Our Code of Ethics lays the groundwork for filing, investigating, and resolution. If any person feels they, or someone they know, has been treated in an unethical manner, please follow the procedure outlined on our website so an inquiry may proceed.

Just a few reminders, Manatee County Food Bank still needs our help! Many unfortunate people struggle to buy food and personal hygiene products, especially now with the increasing costs of consumer goods. Please contribute and participate in their Meals-on-Wheels produce packing project. The next date is Monday August 7th at 8:30 am.

Warm regards, Joel Auerbach

News from our Sisterhood & Men's Club



Greetings from the TBE Sisterhood. The Sisterhood Board is continuing to plan for next years events. Among other future events, we are planning a “get-acquainted” tea (or wine and cheese) for the Sisterhood members at the temple, an evening cruise on the Princess Anna Marie Paddleboat, and an evening at the Piano Bar in Bradenton to hear “dueling pianos, which received excellent reviews from Sisterhood members. Check the TBE website (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 or by calling me at 401-707-2211. The next Sisterhood Board meeting will be Wednesday 16 August 2023 and is open to all Sisterhood members. If you are interested, please send me an email for the Zoom link.

L'shalom,
Meg Weinberg
Sisterhood President



The TBE Men's Club will meet on August 13th at the IHOP on SR 64 at 9am to review, discuss and approve our calendar of events for the coming year. The approved calendar will then be published and acted upon by the membership. We will also plan on appointing a few men to assist in getting the Men's Club activities accomplished and reported on to the TBE members. Lastly, we have reached out to the Sisterhood to see where collaboration between the two clubs can happen and benefit the members.

Regards,
Bob Johnson
Mens Club President

Remember to Mark Your Calendar!

AUGUST 2023

Sun. Aug. 6	Federation's "Just Schmoozing"-Nathan Benderson Pavilion 4:00pm
Mon. Aug. 7	Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels 8:30am
Sun. Aug. 13	Men's Club Breakfast - IHOP 9:00am
Mon. Aug. 14	Adult Ed Class - The Month of Elul- Exploration 7:00pm
Thurs. Aug. 17	Rosh Chodesh Circle; Elul - 7:00pm
Sun. Aug. 20	Open House - 4:00pm
Wed. Aug. 23	TBE Board meeting - 7:00pm
Sat. Aug. 26	Shabbat School begins - 9:30am
Sun. Aug. 27	TBE at the LWR Farmer's Market 10:00am -2:00pm

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



COME CELEBRATE SHABBAT!

Kabbalat Musical Shabbat Service
- Friday evening 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

Snacks provided!

August 2023
Av/Elul 5783



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Mah Jongg 1:00 – 3:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat Service 10:00am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Federation "Just Schmoozing" at Benderson Pavillion- LWR 4:00-6:00pm	Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels 8:30am			Mah Jongg 1:00 – 3:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat Service 10:00am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Men's Club Breakfast at IHOP 9:00am	Adult Ed- The Month of Elul- Exploration on zoom 7:00pm			Mah Jongg 1:00 – 3:00pm Rosh Chodesh Circle; Elul 7:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat Service 10:00am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Open House 4:00pm			TBE Board Meeting 7:00pm	Mah Jongg 1:00 – 3:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat School 9:30am Shabbat Service 10:00am
27	28	29	30	30	1	2
TBE at the Farmer's Market- LWR 10:00am- 2:00pm					Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat Service 10:00am

schmoozing @the Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

4:00-6:00PM*

**NATHAN BENDERSON PARK PAVILION
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Bring a blanket or a chair to relax. We request a donation of school supplies to distribute to a local Title 1 School. Light snacks and drinks will be available.

**This event will be canceled in the event of rain. Please be sure to register in order to receive updates.*



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OF SARASOTA-MANATEE

[RSVP Today](#)



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Meals-on-Wheels

812 23rd Ave E, Bradenton

For future dates or more information, contact ChrisAnn Allen, Mitzvah Chair
at ChrisAnnTBE@gmail.com

Join us for the next

MEN'S CLUB

Breakfast



SUNDAY, August 13
9:00am
AT IHOP on 64

NO RSVP Necessary

Contact Bob Johnson
for questions
tbeflmensclub@gmail.com
202-368-3732

Don't Miss the Fun!





High Holidays

The Month of Elul - An Exploration!

Join Reb Tuviah & Cantorial Soloist Miriam Blau

as we journey into the powerful month of Elul,
which begins in the middle of August.

Elul is the month of introspection and of preparation
for the High Holidays so don't miss this exciting
adult ed class...it is certain to heighten your
High Holiday experience!

Monday, Aug. 14th at 7:00pm via Zoom

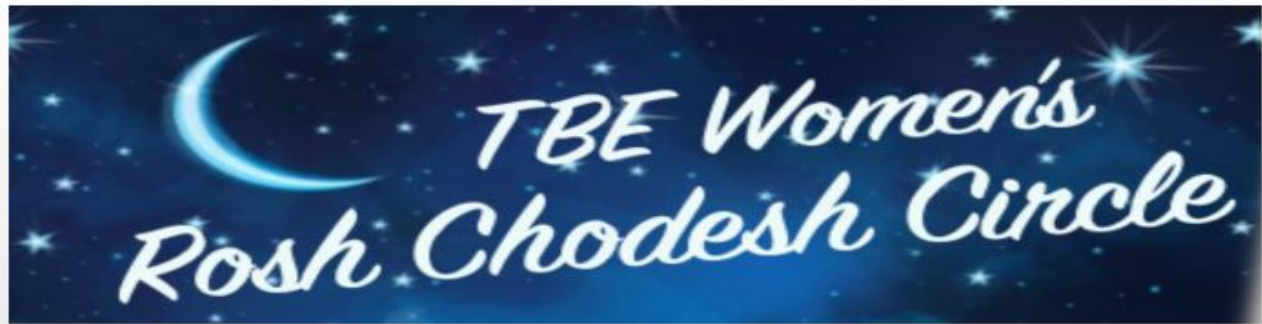


2023 / 5783



Email Reb Tuviah at rebtuviah@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link.

RSVP Today



Thursday, August 17
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 941-755-4900

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&**

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**On the grounds of Temple Beth El
Sunday,**

**August 20, 2023
4:00pm**

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Saturday
Mornings
9:30-12:00
Ages 6 -13

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For more information, come to our Open House on Sunday, Aug 20 or go to:

INFO@BETHEL-FL.ORG

Scholarships may be available

941-755-4900



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

Sunday, August 27th • 10am -2pm



**Over 100 vendors! Grab a knish or a
bagel, shop, eat, visit.
Bring the dog! Stop by the TBE table!**



Temple Beth El Bradenton / LWR

High Holy Days 5784

*Join us as we experience the Days of Awe
with prayer, reflection, music and song!*

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

7pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 16

10am Morning Service

6pm Tashlich at Jiggs Landing

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 24

7pm Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

Monday, September 25

10am Morning Service

12pm Yizkor

5pm Neila/Afternoon Service

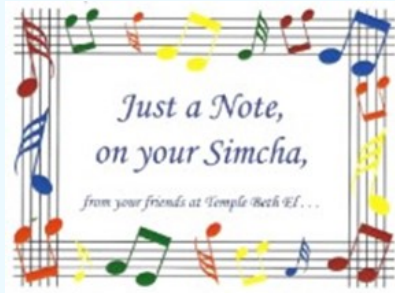


Donations appreciated

**Advanced registration required
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[Learn More/Make Reservations](#)

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 the office by the 20th of the month prior. 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 September Birthday Wishes

Marcy Cohen	9/02
Roy Manas	9/03
Carol Toppel	9/06
Diane Hart	9/14
Craig Hoffman	9/16
Cathy Auerbach	9/18
Gary Weinberg	9/21
William Gregory	9/24
Susan Kurtin	9/25
Mitch Rubinstein	9/25
Katherine Richmond	9/27
Paul Stahl	9/30

Send September Anniversary Wishes

Barry and Jean Steiger	9/03
Ira and Cheryl Kramer	9/08
Robyn and Neil Spirtas	9/17

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](#)

Our August Simchas

August BIRTHDAYS

Nora Nelson	8/1
Deena Wegner	8/3
Barry Schneider	8/13
Maxxine Smith	8/18
Robert Eredics	8/23
Harold Millstein	8/26
Stephanie Banfill	8/27



August Anniversaries



Andrew and Barbara Cole	8/8
Joel and Cathy Auebach	8/18
Richard and Carol Toppel	8/24
Bob and Becky Hadesman	8/31

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.

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.



Yahrzeits Observed in August at Shabbat Services

SERVICES August 5th & 6th

Neil & Sandy Clark IMO Seymour Kleinman

Howard Hammerman IMO Thomas Hammerman

Anna Bever IMO Robert Bever

SERVICES August 12th & 13th

Helen Hammerman IMO Hilda Islovitz

Robyn Spirtas IMO Marcia Campbell

SERVICES August 19th & 20th

Robyn Spirtas IMO David Rosenfeld

Neil & Sandy Clark IMO Jane Clark

SERVICES August 27th & 28th

Robyn Spirtas IMO Sadie Rosenfeld

Celia Strickler IMO Blanche Strickler

Paul Stahl IMO Charles Stahl

SERVICES September 2nd & 3rd

Sandy Clark IMO Golda Milch

Marlena Johnsky IMO Norman Harris

Lisa Leuchter IMO Elaine Roberts

David Meier IMO Annelise Mai

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!*

We thank the following people for their donations this month:

General Donations:

Bob and Charlene

Bruce and Judy Prince

Anna Feldman

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

Marcia Blacksin

Yahrzeit:

Ron and Robin Eiseman IMO their son, Benjamin Aaron Eiseman

David Morgan IMO his sister, Nanette Cohen

Bill Gregory IMO his father William Champlin

Bruce Prince IMO

his mother, Sally Prince

his friend, Joel Mutzance

his friend, Samuel Prince

Neil Spirtas IMO

his sister, Marcia Spirtas Tomasovich

his Grandparents, David and Dora Levison

Roy and Ginger IMO their son, Steven Manas

Maxxine Smith IMO her parents, Harry and Ruth Sherman

Lianne Adelson IMO her father, Ron Adelson

Jacqueline Matusow IMO her husband, Marvin Rothman



Honor or Remember a Friend or Loved One: At Temple Beth El, there are many ways in which you can honor or remember a loved one or a friend. With each donation an acknowledgement will be sent to the honoree or the family.

Or make a donation for the:

- Beautification Fund; For enhancement of the building.
- 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.
- Tree of Life: A leaf can be engraved and added to the Tree of Life in the Lobby

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

Kibbitz Korner

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 grandbabies. You can even ask for help or ideas.

For an \$18 donation, we will place your announcement in the TBE newsletter for all to see.



Robin Block and the TBE mahjong players would sincerely like to thank the Beth El Sisterhood for purchasing two card tables for our weekly use. These make an immense difference over the round tables and we are so grateful.

We also have extra room now for new players. Come join us!



ChrisAnn Allen's goddaughter Ember Vega Reyes graduated high school with honors and is headed to Western Oregon University on a scholarship for her hard work. She will be majoring in Psychology. We are very proud of her. Go Ember!



Neil and Robyn Spirtas are happy to announce that their daughter, Marcie has been hired by Nicklaus Children's Hospital to be an emergency flight medic on their helicopter! So proud of her!



Our Flautist, Maxx is really excited that her dear friend, Miriam Blau will be joining us for all the HHD services this year as our cantorial soloist. Maxx and Miriam shared the bimah for many years in Seattle. She wants everyone to come to HHD services and to experience Miriam's beautiful voice.



[Click Here to add your milestone, simcha or news to next month's newsletter!](#)

July Happenings around TBE

While the rabbi was away. Thanks to all who held down the fort!



Simchas! – Birthdays and Celebrations



Albert Rosenstein



Bruce Prince



Susie Konikov

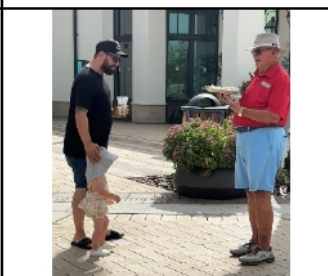


Roy and Ginger Manas

Fun times at Mah Jongg. Every Thursday afternoon!



TBE @ the Farmer's Market in LWR!



Maxx singing?? She was great!



Reb Tuviah is back! Singing and teaching...



The mission of the TBE Caring Circle is to identify and reach out to any member who may be in need of support.

The Caring Circle is dedicated to contacting anyone that may be struggling with physical, emotional or spiritual challenges and may need extra support or prayers.

Phyllis Hemler:
609-203-0110
phyllishemler@gmail.com

Please notify the temple office, or the coordinator, Phyllis Hemler, with the name and contact info of any TBE member in need.

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TBE advertising rates start at just \$30 per month.
Contact Helene Johnson at publicity@bethel-fl.org for information.

Did you know?



Hebrew is the sacred language of Jewish scripture and prayer and also the language of the modern Jewish state. Hebrew is one of the oldest spoken languages in the world and the sacred language of the Jewish people. It is the only language ever to be revived as a spoken language — nearly 2,000 years after it ceased being one. Hebrew was the language spoken in biblical times by the ancient Israelites. One of the original names for this language, and the one it is called today, is ivrit, because it is the language spoken by a people called the ivrim, or the Hebrew people. But it goes by many names in ancient Jewish texts, most frequently lashon hakodesh — the holy tongue.

Archaeologists have uncovered examples of written Hebrew that are 3,000 years old, though people only familiar with modern Hebrew script find them indecipherable because they are written in an older alphabet. Scholars refer to this ancient Hebrew script as paleo-Hebrew and ancient rabbis called it libona'ah, perhaps from the word livanah meaning brick or tile — a nod to the blocky shape of the letters. Some of the Dead Sea Scrolls are written in this ancient script and today Samaritan Hebrew continues to use an alphabet derived from it.

Everything changed for the Jewish people and their language in 586 BCE, when the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple and sent a large portion of the populace into exile. In the wake of that disaster, scholars believe, many if not most Jews began to speak other languages, especially Aramaic, which became ascendant with the rise of the Persian Empire less than a century later. In this period, Hebrew did not disappear, but it became the language of scripture and liturgy while other languages were spoken in the street. Also in this period, Jews began to write Hebrew in a new script heavily influenced by Aramaic, a precursor of the modern Hebrew script.

By late antiquity (somewhere between the 2nd and 4th centuries CE), in the wake of the destruction of the Second Temple, Hebrew completely ceased to be a spoken language among Jews. However, it remained an important language of scripture, prayer and learning. Over the next millennium and a half, Jews scattered across the globe spoke the languages of the countries in which they found themselves, but they were able to communicate with other Jews using Hebrew. This common language made it possible for Jews to become prominent global traders in the medieval and early modern periods and kept Jewish communities connected through centuries of dispersion.

Hebrew is the only known example of a language being revived as a spoken language millennia after it stopped being one. This achievement is due largely to the efforts of one man, Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, who championed Hebrew as the language of the future State of Israel. Many of his contemporaries suggested languages like Yiddish that were already...

[Click here to read the full article...](#)



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!)



Sign up online by going to

www.bethel-fl.org

(Payments & Donations)

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, August 7, at 8:30 am

Contact ChrisAnn Allen for more info- 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 or 908-723-4078*

Religious School - A New Way, An Exciting Way!



Hebrew School is wrapped up for the year. Stay tuned for registration for the 2023-2024 school year!



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

From Our Temple Treasurer

Two Ways to Make a Tax-Free Contributions to Temple Beth El

Starting in 2019 the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act increased the standard Federal income tax deduction such that more than 90 percent of taxpayers now take the standard deduction. The 2022 standard deduction is \$13,850 for single filers and \$27,700 for those filing married filing jointly. Add \$1500 for singles and \$3000 for married filing jointly for those over sixty-five.

That means your contributions to the Temple along with major medical and other deductible expenses would have to exceed these amounts to 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, pay the required minimum distribution (RMD) directly from the IRA to the Temple.

The Charitable Remainder Trust must be set up by an attorney. It is an irrevocable trust. The donor transfers cash or assets to the trust. 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 charitable organization.

Making changes in your RMD distribution is much easier. Simply inform the bank or broker that you want either a fixed amount or a percentage to go to the synagogue. The end of year statement (1099-R) will never show that amount and you can still take the standard deduction.

These paragraphs are for your general information only. It is not tax advice. I urge you to consult with a qualified income tax professional before making any changes.

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 use 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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