

# Temple Beth El

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## A Message from our Rabbi...



I simply can't believe that the summer has gone by so quickly. As we get older, time certainly does seem to fly by, doesn't it? This gives us all the more reason to be grateful for each and every day and for the many blessings found within those days. Nancy and I (and Junie) have had an incredible few months in a most spectacular setting. Glacier National Park has always been a very special place for us and this summer was certainly no exception. We have had so many incredible experiences and seen so many beautiful places that we continue to be in awe of all of God's creation and recognize how blessed we are to be able to enjoy it. As I'm sure you know, I have spent the

summer giving tours on the iconic Red Bus as a Red Bus Gear Jammer, sharing my passion and love of this place with visitors from all over the world. Nancy has spent her time working in a camp store next to the historic Lake MacDonald Lodge and on her days off, ventured out on a myriad of hiking trails, seeing so much of the inner beauty Glacier National Park has to offer. She has certainly become an avid hiker!

As my summer sabbatical draws to an end, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those who kept Temple Beth El thriving these past few months. Many thanks to Kate Richmond who has continued to be that rock, the one keeping things steady each and every Shabbat. To the TBE musicians who have kept the spirit of TBE alive and well. Music plays such an important role in Judaism and thanks to our incredible musical group of Albert Rosenstein, Maxxine Smith, and Joe Tully, there has never been a Friday night without holy music filling the the TBE sanctuary. Albert has done a monumental job in creating the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services while orchestrating the slides and leading everyone in song each and every Friday night while our incredible flautist Maxx, on her most holy flute, and Joe on his bass guitar, supported him and gifted the congregants sacred music that enabled spirits to soar. Of course, what would TBE be without Joel and the rest of our dedicated Board members along with our amazing group of volunteers? All those working behind the scenes throughout the week and in the kitchen each and every Shabbat. To our esteemed group of guest rabbis; Rabbi Shayndel, Student Rabbi Bethany, Cantor Bain, and Rabbi Jennifer; thank you so very much for bringing your Torah and your talents to our TBE community. And most importantly, to the TBE family as a whole. To all those who, over the summer, attended Shabbat services and kept the light of TBE burning brightly!

I am so looking forward to leading the High Holiday services along with the TBE Musicians. I am also very excited to have Cantor Bill by my side as co-leader, as we have a long history of leading High Holiday services together. He is a classically trained professional cantor in every sense of the word, and I am quite confident you will thoroughly enjoy his expertise as he brings the traditional High Holiday music to life with his beautiful and thunderous voice.

See ya soon! L'Shalom, Reb Tuviah

# A Message From Our Temple President...



Dear Members and Friends.

Along with the cooler weather of fall, September marks the start of our High Holy Days and the time to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. I think we can all agree that the past year has been truly a challenge on many fronts, whether it be from the operation of our temple, to worldwide events.

Sadly, just about every day has brought some distressing news from around the world, where Jews continue to be the victims of increasing antisemitism and hatred. However, within all this chaos, we continue to press on and look forward to a time of peace, here and worldwide.

Speaking on the local front, it is through the dedication and hard work of many people within our TBE community that we have kept moving and engaged in our faith. Our Board of Directors has worked diligently throughout the year on numerous projects and events, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all of them for their efforts. To the members of the board whose terms have expired, I would like to express my appreciation for your dedication to the temple. Let's not forget all those who make our Onegs and Kiddushes possible, as well as those who volunteered to help out during our High Holy Days and other holidays. Of course, our work does not end within the confines of our temple, as we have volunteered on numerous occasions to provide food for those who are less fortunate than we are. Whether it be making sandwiches, volunteering at our local soup kitchen, or packing produce, we were there. Thank you to all who participated. What a mitzvah. Finally, if you are one of the many who helped out on a special project or event, provided a ride to Shabbat Services, baked some goodies, decorated a room, or did one of the many other things, TBE thanks you. If you are among the many named above, I hope you continue to utilize your talents and abilities by staying engaged with our wonderful Shul. If you would like to be involved in the future, you are always welcome.

If you have not reserved your seats for the High Holy Days, please do so soon. We have over 100 seats reserved, and our capacity tops out at 150. Don't delay and miss this opportunity. Due to the rise in antisemitism, we must insist that all visitors, members or not, register in advance. Register knowing that we have hired a whole staff of armed security personnel for both outside and inside the temple. Your safety is our utmost priority. To register, visit our website at bethel-fl.org or click on the link on the following page of the newsletter.

On behalf of my wife and me, I wish every one of you a happy, healthy, prosperous, and peaceful new year.

Warm Regards,

Joel Auerbach - President



# Come celebrate the High Holy Days 5786 / 2025 at Temple Beth El Bradenton / Lakewood Ranch

# Rosh Hashanah

#### Monday, September 22nd

7:00pm Evening Service 9:00pm Apples & Honey!

#### Tuesday, September 23rd

10:00am Morning Service

12:00pm Kiddush w/Apples & Honey!

6:30pm Tashlich at Jiggs Landing

# Yom Kippur

#### Wednesday, October 1st

7:00pm Kol Nidre / Erev

**Yom Kippur Service** 

#### Thursday, October 2nd

10:00am Morning Service 12:30pm Yizkor Service

4:30pm Neila / Closing Service

## ALL SEATS ARE FREE!

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# Shabbat Shalom











#### **About Us**

We are an inclusive, caring, egalitarian congregation. We are always striving to be a joyous, supportive home and place of worship that connects community; one that engages and enriches Jewish spiritual, cultural, ethical, educational, and social life. Temple Beth El welcomes all Jews as full participants in our congregation. Moreover, our congregation is open to all who wish to worship with us. We welcome individuals of all sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, nationalities, and levels of ability. We strive to fully integrate singles, single parents, couples, and children. Friday night services and Saturday morning services with dynamic Torah discussion. All major holidays are celebrated. The community also holds an annual Passover Seder and an annual Chanukah Menorah lighting.

#### **Mission Statement**

Temple Beth El's mission is to support Jewish life, values, culture, and experience in the Reform tradition for the people of Manatee County. Temple Beth El welcomes diversity among its congregation, students, and friends; services are available to anyone eager to learn and who is interested in participating in Temple activities. Our congregants celebrate our faith in a warm, comfortable, supportive environment where everyone is welcome.

# **Our Story**

Temple Beth El was established in March 1974 by a modest assembly of Jewish families with the aim of creating a Jewish Congregation. The excitement for a much-needed and desired temple was immense. A Torah was kindly donated by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hoffman, and Dr. Murray Gerber was chosen to serve as a 'Lay Rabbi'. By the end of that year, the temple had initiated a monthly publication, conducted a baby naming ceremony, and performed Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Fifty years later, Temple Beth El continues to thrive.

A few pics from "back in the day"...











# Temple Beth El Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch

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# September 2025 Elul 5785 / Tishrei 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service
7	7:00pm Creations with Hila; Sip & Craft	9	10	11	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm S'lichot Service
14 10am - 2pm TBE @ LWR Farmers Market	15	16	17	1:00pm Mah Jongg 3:15 Sisterhood Mtg.	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/Reb Tuviah	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service w/Reb Tuviah
21	7:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	23 10:00am-Rosh Hashanah Service 6:30pm Tashlich at Jiggs Landing	24	1:00pm Mah Jongg	7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat School 10:00am Shabbat Service
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# Remember to Mark Your Calendar!

## September 2025

Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Albert Rosenstein w/the TBE Musicians - 7:00pm

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Sat. 9/6	Shabbat Morning Service led by Cantor Bain - 10:00am			
Mon. 9/8	Creations with Hila; Sip & Craft - 7:00pm			
Fri. 9/12	Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Shayndel - 7:00pm			
Sat. 9/13	Shabbat Morning Service led by ChrisAnn & Aiden- 10:00am			
Sat. 9/13	S'lichot Service led by Kate Richmond w/the TBE Musicians - 6:30pm			
Sun. 9/14	TBE at the LWR Farmers Market: 10:00am - 2:00pm			
Thurs. 9/18	TBE Sisterhood Meeting - 3:15pm			
Fri. 9/19	Welcome back Reb Tuviah!; Kabbalat Shabbat Service- 7:00pm			
Sat. 9/20	Welcome back Reb Tuviah!; Shabbat Morning Service- 10:00am			
Mon. 9/22	Rosh Hashanah Service w/Reb Tuviah, Cantor Bill and the TBE Musicians - 7:00pm			
Tues. 9/23	Rosh Hashanah Service w/Reb Tuviah, Cantor Bill and the TBE Musicians - 10:00am			
Tues. 9/23	Tashlich Service at Jiggs Landing - 6:30pm			
	***Mah Jongg every Thursday from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at TBE***			

#### Click Here to see all of our calendar events

No Mah Jongg on Sept. 4th and Sept. 11th.



#### **COME CELEBRATE SHABBAT!**

Fri. 9/5

Friday evenings at 7:00pm: Kabbalat Musical Shabbat Service with the TBE Musicians!

Saturday mornings at 10:00am: Shabbat Morning Traditional Service



#### **OUR MITZVAH PROJECTS**

#### **Collecting Toiletries**

"Our Daily Bread" in Bradenton is 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.



#### The High Holy Days Food Drive is coming soon.

Start shopping now for non-perishables. Paper grocery bags will be available throughout September at the Temple.

Helping those less fortunate is a mitzvah, and that is what we do.



Habit for Humanity is building houses right across from the Temple on Rt. 70.

Strap on your tool belts - we're heading to the jobsite

More information to follow.

#### Ask the Rabbi

#### **Question:**

Why, during the High Holiday services, are the melodies of the many prayers we recite so different than when we recite the same prayers on Shabbat?

#### **Answer:**

Shabbat services happen every week on Friday evening and Saturday. High Holiday services happen once a year on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The structure of both are the



same, but there are some differences in what happens within that structure. The nusach, the way of chanting the prayers, is different and that's one way of differentiating when the same prayers are being done at different "sacred calendar" moments. Additionally, "Mount Sinai tunes", tunes that are considered so old that they go back to Mount Sinai (but really date to the Middle Ages), are found throughout the High Holiday service (examples would be "Kol Nidrei", "Ashamnu", "The Great Aleinu", and "Avinu Malkeinu").

#### Ask the Rabbi a Question

"Ask the Rabbi" is a column in the newsletter. If you have a question about Judaism and think others would also be interested in the answer, click above to email the Rabbi directly.

Did you know we have a lending library?

Check out the book box, located outside of the temple.

There are some wonderful books in it!

Take one, give one, enjoy!



### **August Oneg Sponsors**

Robert Bever, Remembering the love you gave me forever.

Sponsored by Anna Bever.

Maxxine's upcoming Birthday, and Joe and Maxxine, for playing music with their hearts, to keep the spirit of TBE Shabbat, alive, special, and meaningful!

#### **Sponsored by Albert & Staci Rosenstein**

In honor of our wonderful TBE members.

Thank you for keeping Judaism alive in Manatee County.

#### **Sponsored by Temple Beth E**

In honor of our wonderful
TBE Kitchen Volunteer Staff.
Thanks to you, we all get to enjoy an amazing
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Welcome Back Micah and Amelia-Our wonderful Shabbat School students! Sponsored by Temple Beth El



## **Our September Simchas**

# September Birthdays

Roy Manas September 3 September 14 Diane Hart Christina McIntvre September 16 Craig Hoffman September 16 Cathy Auerbach September 18 **Gary Weinberg** September 21 William Gregory September 24 Mitch Rubinstein September 25 Susan Kurtin September 25 September 27 Katherine Richmond



# September Anniversaries



JeanSteiger September 3
BarrySteiger September 3
Ira & Cheryl Kramer September 8
Neil & Robyn Spirtas September 17
Reb Tuviah & Nancy Schreiber September 18

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 for September**

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.



#### September 05/06

Robin Eiseman

Remembers

Sibyl Padelford

Howard Klein

Robyn Spirtas

Remembers

Remembers

Marcia Campbell

Barry Schneider

Remembers

Brenda Schneider

Charles Richard Mallett

Lisa Leuchter Remembers Richard Roberts

Bob Eredrics Remembers Elizabeth Miriam Eredics

#### September 12/13

**Barry Steiger** Remembers Ann Steiger Albert Rosenstein Remembers Robert Rosenstein Jeff Orlove Remembers Harry Orlove Hugo Sohn **Beverly Safron** Remembers Maxxine Smith Remembers Ruth Stolowitz Sherman Reb Tuviah Remembers Tzvi ben David HaLevi Schreiber

#### September 19/20

Marion Altman Carol Bodzin Remembers Craig & Linda Hoffman Remember Lillian Hoffman Lisa Leuchter Remembers Richard Roberts Lew Lefer Remembers Judah Lefer Remembers Bill Gregory Norma Jayson Robyn Spirtas Remembers Gary Rosenfeld Jacob Kleinman Sandy Clark Remembers **Barry Steiger** Remembers Sue Steiger

#### September 26/27

Brian Weiss Remembers Pearl H. Weiss

# Thank you to all that filled in while Reb Tuviah is gone!

Rabbi Jennifer Singer, St. Rabbi Bethany Leinweber, Cantor Riselle Bain, Our own spiritual leader, Kate Richmond and of course our TBE Musicians-Albert Rosenstein, Maxx Smith and Joe Tully.



















# **Upcoming Events in September!**

# Creations with Hila Sip and Craft!

Join the women of Beth El for a wonderful evening where you will be part of a unique workshop focused on creating personalized Jewish home blessings. Each participant will have the opportunity to craft their own customized home blessing in Hebrew, which will be beautifully framed and ready to display in their home.



Bring your favorite wine or adult beverage. Snacks provided. \$15.00 cash at the door.

Monday, Sept. 8 - 7:00pm at TBE

RSVP to robyntbe@gmail.com required by Sept. 1

E-mail Robyn Spirtas Here

# S'lichot at TBE סליחות

Saturday, September 13 • 6:30 pm

Please join us as we begin the period of intense prayer and introspection leading up to the High Holidays. This S'lichot service will be complete with prayers, music with our TBE musicians, teachings, and the changing of the Torah scroll covers to white in preparation for the Days of Awe!



# Come see your temple friends at the LWR Farmer's Market at "Waterside" Sunday, Sept. 14th • 10am - 2pm



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









# Sisterhood

- Museums
- Lunches
- Bake Sales
- Parties
- Fundraising
- Outings
- And so much more!



Join the "Women of Beth El"! Open to all temple members for just \$35/yr

Learn more about the TBE Sisterhood by going to: bethel-fl.org

# Men's Club

As a part of the Men's Club, you will:

- Make friends
- Work with a purpose to support temple programs
- Cultivate your spiritual and emotional growth
- Attend fun outings and activities



Join this wonderful group of men at Temple Beth El! Open to all temple members for just \$36/yr.

Learn more about the TBE Men's Club by going to: bethel-fl.org or by contacting Ken Handelman, President kmhande63@ymail.com

# Come Play Mah Jongg



Every Thursday from 1-3 pm at TBE

Men and Women welcome No RSVP necessary

Contact Marla Perlstein with questions MarlaPtbe@gmail.com

> Beginners Welcome! Snacks provided

No Mah Jongg on Sept. 4th and 11th.



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Our religious school, called "Shabbat School" happens every Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am. The students are included in the true celebration of Judaism. They become a part of their religion in a meaningful, practicing way, participating alongside their parents and/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

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### An Easy Way to Donate to TBE

Most of us have a dish where we collect coins that have fallen into our pockets or purses. Please consider donating them to the Temple's "Pushki Fund." 100% of the coins donated go to the Temple's general fund and help us with ongoing operations. We will acknowledge your donation by letter and, if you itemize deductions, you can use the amount to lower your tax bill. Put the coins into a sturdy plastic bag 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.





## **Legacy Gift Giving**

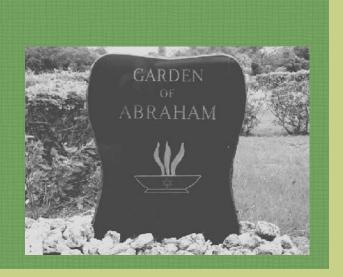
Please consider Temple Beth El in your Trust or Will stating a gift is to be made upon your passing. Your legacy gift will help ensure that Temple Beth El's 50-year history will serve the community for generations to come.

Aside from the tax incentives, there is no greater gift than leaving a lasting memory. Your gift can be a monetary gift, a piece of property, or a valuable or collectible item that might be relevant to your faith in God. And just as importantly, your gift might inspire others to give back as well.

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

Mitch Rubinstein is taking names of those who might be interested.

Contact him for more information marblack12@gmail.com



#### **Donations**

# Thank you for your donation!

#### Yahrzeit/In Memory of

Celia Strickler IMO Blanche Strickler
Marlena Johnsky IMO Norman Harris
Robyn Spirtas IMO Gary Rosenfeld
Robyn Spirtas IMO Sadie and Dave Rosenfeld
Neil Spirtas IMO Lillian Spirtas
Rise Bausch IMO Joseph Bausch
William Gregory IMO Norma Jayson
Judie Littell IMO Daniel Edward Littell



#### **General Donations**

Matthew Margolis
Barbara Russell



#### **Future Expansion Fund**

**Anonymous donors** 

#### **Security Fund**

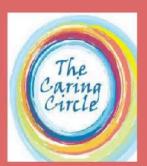
A very big thank you to the many people who donated to the security fund, your donations are always appreciated!

**Donate Today** 

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

#### We Care! TBE's Caring Circle

If you, or someone you know is ill, had a fall, was in an accident, or has other needs, we are here for you!



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

Please notify the temple office 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 Mi Shebeirach Prayers each week.

Go to bethel-fl.org or contact Regina Fluellen- Reitwiesner at 941-465-6428

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#### 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.

For questions about using Facebook, contact Robyn Spirtas at 941-962-0884 or <a href="mailto:publicity@bethel-fl.org">publicity@bethel-fl.org</a>

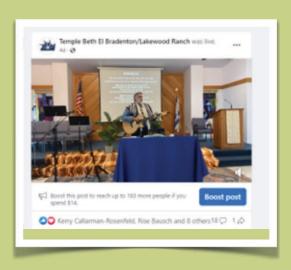


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