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RABBI'S FORUM

Rabbi Anthony Fratello, MAHL

To me, one of the most unfortunate aspects to the rise of totalitarianism that we are seeing around the world, is the insult that it represents to some of America's bravest. Nearly 80 years ago, more than Six Hundred Thousand American men and women gave their lives trying to rid our world of that evil. How many millions more did the same? How many millions of dollars in resources and material were sacrificed in the effort to stop the armies of darkness from Imposing their vicious rule on conquered peoples? To think now that there are people, even here at home, who are willing to push our world down that road again is sickening. Absolutely sickening.

I think that we have forgotten. Living in our own parochial world, with our own limited scope of view, we have forgotten what true evil looks like. We have been reminded, of course, over these last few weeks. Countless images reminding us of the evil that we can do to one another have been broadcast from our friends and loved ones struggling even now in Israel to maintain their freedom and independence. Like many of you I was raised with steady doses of "Forgive but never forget." Now dear friends, we have an important opportunity to push ourselves and our community to remember.

On November 9-11 there are two events falling in proximity. November 11, of course, is Veterans Day, where we honor and recognize all of those from our nation who have given of themselves in defense of our freedom. November 9th is the 85th Anniversary of Kristallnacht. Also known as the November Pogrom, this was the Nazi State's first large scale organized attack on the Jewish Community in Europe. The confluence of these two days gives us a unique opportunity to pause and remember.

Therefore, I am so grateful to announce a very special program that will be taking place at Temple Shaarei Shalom that night. In conjunction with inSIGHT Through Education and the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews, we are honored to be hosting Pastor Chris Edmonds. His presentation, "Footsteps of my Father: A Tale of Courage, Compassion, and the Power to Change the World," details his father, Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds' experiences during the Second World War. Sgt. Edmonds, who was not Jewish, was captured along with a group of Jewish

American GIs, who were then thrown into the Nazi Concentration Camp System. This, story—the story of how one non-Jewish American Soldier fought alongside and defended his comrades—comes at a critical time in our own experience. It highlights the intersection between the values that we prize most as Americans, and our heritage as Jews.

This program is free of charge, but we do ask that you register. CLICK <u>HERE</u> to REGISTER or Scan the QR code on the flyer below.

When we were together at Rosh Hashanah, I spoke to all of you that NOW is the time when we come together as a community and as a people to nurture and encourage one another, and to join forces fighting against the evils of anti-Semitism and Racial Animus. Now more than ever this is necessary. I encourage EACH and EVERY one of you to make time to listen to this story and be inspired by Pastor Edmonds presentation.





Cantor's Corner

Cantor Carry Barry, MSM

What a roller coaster this past month has been. We went from the most beautiful and uplifting High Holidays straight into the despair of watching our Israeli brothers and sisters face the most traumatic experience for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. We watch with bated breath, praying that those taken hostage are returned safely, and that peace comes swiftly to our Jewish homeland.

I know that it is difficult right now to see a path to peace. While my heart breaks, I have tried, however, to not allow the horror of the events unfolding in the east to completely eclipse the joy that brought us all together mere weeks ago.

Truly, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were extraordinary. Being on the bimah with Rabbi Fratello and seeing all your warm, welcoming smiles, I had the distinct feeling that I have, most definitely, found my home here at Temple Shaarei Shalom. I was thrilled to see so many familiar faces and happy to meet so many more of you. The musical talents of Ed Shuman soared through the room, enhanced by our professional quartet, and brought our worship to new heights.

I would like to thank everyone who made the Days of Awe run so smoothly: Caryn Feldman, Teddy Edgerton, Damian Tucker, Andy West, our wonderful ushers, Ritual Committee members and other volunteers, Ed Shuman, Jerri Goffe, Amanda Goldberg, Ransom Miller, and Jorge Toro, and our cellist Brent Charren. Most of all, though, I want to thank Rabbi Fratello, who has been nothing but the most supportive clergy partner since my arrival here in Boynton Beach.

While we remain focused on Israel, we must also remember to take care of ourselves. My door, like Rabbi Fratello's, is always open to you. If you are feeling stressed, you need only reach out. We are here to listen and to comfort.

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei teivel...May the One who makes peace on high, bring peace to us, to Israel and to all who dwell on this earth.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST SERIES @ TSS

Enjoy coffee and a bagel to learn from local experts on these important topics that affect us all @ 9:45 AM

- 11/12/23 Mental Health First Aid presented by AFJCS
- 12/17/23 Why LGBTQ+ Equality is a Jewish Value presented by Keshet
- 2/11/24 Cancer awareness and the Jewish connection presented by Sharsheret
- SCAN QR to register,
- Guests Welcome
- For More Info Call:
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Family Shabbat Jammin' in our Jammies Shabbat





Education Update

Lisa Tenenbaum, RJE

Since October 7th, the world has been focused on the events unfolding in Israel, and it has certainly been at the forefront of Jewish minds and hearts all over the world. Personally, I can think of little else, and I would like to tell you why.

I went to Israel for the first time in 1975, on a NFTY tour. I spent six weeks touring the land, from the Golan Heights to the Sinai Desert (at the time it was controlled by Israel, after the '73 war.) I fell in love with the land of Israel, from the antiquities to the falafel, from the Mediterranean Sea to the Negev Desert.

In the fall of 1975, my family hosted an exchange student, Orit Pnini, from Kibbutz Nahal-Oz. She lived with my family for six months. The following summer, I went to live with her family at the kibbutz. They opened their home to me, and I became a part of their family and the kibbutz community. This is when I fell in love with the people of Israel. Over the past 50 years, our families have become intertwined, and we span four generations! When I studied and lived in Israel, I celebrated Shabbat and holidays with them. Now, when I go to Israel, I visit my Israeli Mom, Mimi at the kibbutz, and spend time with my Israeli siblings and their children, as well as the friends that I met there. Sadly, Orit lost her battle with breast cancer in 2022. Although some of my family and friends have moved to the city, all their parents still live at the Kibbutz. In the last few years, there has been tremendous growth and revitalization in the community, as dozens of new young families have chosen to make this idyllic place their home.

The name of the kibbutz may sound familiar to you, as it was one of the communities that was terrorized on October 7th. Thankfully, my Israeli mom Mimi, who is now the oldest living resident of Nahal-Oz, and my friends that still live there, are physically safe. However, they, along with their friends and fellow community members, are forever changed. That very day, they were going to celebrate the 70th birthday of the kibbutz. They had been planning this for months, working on the festivities, and cooking for the hundreds of guests that were expected to attend.

I tell you this, because I want you to understand the extreme courage and resiliency of these people. Even in the face of this horrible disaster and despite the devastating loss of life and destruction, this community is planning on rebuilding and is already in the process of doing so. Just a few months ago, they opened a new state of the art cow milking parlor at Nahal-Oz. My Israeli father, Arieh, was so excited about this as he had worked in the Refet, (Cow Shed) for many years. Even after he retired, he would make breakfast for the crew on the overnight

shift. Sadly, he passed away just before the facility was opened in June. The kibbutz dedicated the facility to him, and a memorial plaque with his photo hangs on the wall. After the events of 10/7, as soon as the army allowed, dozens of people flocked to the Cow shed at Nahal-Oz to tend to the animals and get the operations up and running. Miraculously, the picture of Arieh remained unharmed on the wall, as if he were watching over it. I am proud to say that the refet is now up and running.

Israelis all over the country have opened their homes to those that have had to flee after their own homes and communities were ravaged and destroyed. They have come together to collect clothing and personal belongings for those that lost everything. The grassroots organizing that has been going on throughout the country is simply unprecedented, from raising money to buy protective gear for soldiers, to finding formula and breast milk for babies.

They have done all of this, while still taking care of their own families, worrying about their own safety as they run for cover from rockets, and as they send off their loved ones to serve in the IDF to protect their homeland and fight for their right to exist.

In the Talmud it states - Kol Yisrael Arevim zeh bazeh, which means that all of Israel are responsible for each other. This phrase implies the communal responsibility we all have for one another, an obligation that all Jews must ensure that their fellow Jews have their basic needs met. Although we are far away, our hearts are in the east. Now is the time we must give our full support to our Israeli brothers and sisters, to ensure that they can live a full and peaceful life, free from the threat of war and violence.











From our President

Jay Levine

This was not the article I had written for this edition of News & Views. But given the horrific acts of terror on October 7, I had to change the message. On October 7th, a momentous event occurred in Israel that should serve as a turning point, challenging us to consider the profound implications for our community and our identity as Jews. The significance of this date extends beyond borders; it is a day that calls upon us to reflect, learn, and grow.

Just as September 11th, 2001, reshaped the way Americans view their security, the world, and their place in it, October 7th, 2023 will similarly leave an indelible mark on our collective consciousness. On that day, our Jewish homeland faced an unprecedented challenge, one that beckons us to reevaluate our own connection to Israel, our synagogue, and our broader Jewish community.

The events of October 7th underscore the enduring importance of Israel in our lives. We must ask ourselves how we can best support and contribute to the welfare of our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel, as their challenges and triumphs are inextricably linked to our own. This turning point in history compels us to recommit to supporting Israel, both morally and materially, and to stay informed about its evolving political landscape and societal dynamics. This is critical not only for us but for our children.

October 7th challenges us to reflect on what Jewish life means to us. It reminds us that our faith and heritage are not just part of our history but are alive and evolving. As a community, we should engage in conversations that explore the diversity within Judaism, fostering an environment where we can openly discuss and learn from one another. We must continue to find ways to celebrate our traditions and engage in acts of tikun olam, repairing the world.

As disturbing as the events in Israel were, I was shocked to see the anti-Israel tone coming from the college campuses - many including Jewish students. Surveys of Jews in the US found a huge drop-off in support as the ages went down, especially in the twenties. The growing trend of Bar and Bat Mitzvah being a destination on the Jewish journey clearly has exacerbated the issue. Formal Jewish education cannot stop at 13. We, TSS and the Reform movement, have always provided the education and community for teens to build that deep rooted Jewish identity. However, when not only the teens but the parents also believe that their need to belong ends at 13, we are faced with empty classrooms and small youth groups.

I was not born till after the Holocaust. But my parents' generation knew it all too well. As we get further away from it, too many, it is just a movie script or a novel. I grew up with the cry of "Never Again!." I do not hear that from today's generations.

In the aftermath of October 7th, let us embrace this turning point as an opportunity for growth, reflection, and action. We are a community bound by faith, values, and a shared history, but we must also be adaptable, open to change, and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future. Let this be our "Never Again!" To the parents that see Bar and Bat Mitzvah as a destination, please think about "Never Again" and the importance of belonging and educating your children. To our teens, let this be

your safe space. A place where you can show your Jewish identity without fear.

May this turning point in history be a source of inspiration, unity, and purpose for us all. As we move forward, let us remember that the strength of our community lies in our ability to evolve, learn, and support one another.



Celebrating our November Bar Mitzvah

Tyler Suter

Becomes a Bar Mitzvah
On November 18, 2023

Parent (s) Names: Raymond & Nancy Suter
Grandparents: G. Saieva & Sal Saieva (z"l)
and Stephen Kowalski & Cloe Suter (z"l)

Siblings: Chase Suter
Sports: Basketball
Academic Interests: History/Civics
Special Interests: Spending Time with Friends and Family and I Love Gamin Too!

Torah Portion: Toledot

My Bar Mitzvah project: My original Mitzvah project was going to be for a local charity, however in light of the tragedy that is going on in Israel, I am going to collect contributions for the IDF and the families that have suffered tremendous for the IDF and the families that have suffered tremendous losses. I feel like even past my Mitzvah project I will 🖁 continue to do this because I feel like Israel and the people of Israel really need a lot of love right now and this will be a project I can work on for a long time.









Brotherhood Trip to Miami Beach Thursday January 24, 2024

> TSS Women's Seder Sunday April 7, 2024

TSS Adult Event February 24, 2024 and

April 20, 2024

If you are interested in a Sunday Evening Bowling League



contact

John Sudenfield at Jsudenfield@yahoo.com

If you are interested in joining a 65+ Affinity Group contact

Lana Lieberman at lanasusy@gmail.com





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JULI ZENO

Please Note: This article was written and submitted before the current war with Hamas broke out; it was meant to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. The Israel Committee believes, however, that it gives readers personal insight into what it is like to experience such a crisis.

ISRAEL MATTERS 50 YEARS TO THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

It was Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year. A beautiful day – peaceful and quiet. No cars, no phones, no television, no radio – the only sound was the children's voices through the window riding their bicycles.

My husband went to synagogue, and I stayed home with my babies (1&3).

Around noon time I heard cars starting up in the street, then a knock on the door – a man was standing there telling me that my husband must report to his reserve base right now. In a little while phones started ringing, the television started to broadcast coded names of different battalions that were recruited as well. All hell broke loose – we were invaded by Egypt and Syria on both fronts. How can it be? On Yom Kippur?

By 2 o'clock the whole country was mobilized – The Yom Kippur war started – October 6, 1973.

We started to prepare our homes and shelters for the war. My husband came back after a month. Until he died Yom Kippur was the worst day of the year for him.

After the euphoria of the 6 days war in 1967, we were caught off guard and unprepared but with determination and exemplary bravery, turned the tide in less than three weeks. This day is engraved deeply in the nation's soul.

Many believe that the ramification of the war affects Israel to this day and many who are actively leading the protests today were personally affected by that war, and it started with the loss of trust in the government which began back then.

The Arabs were backed with Russian weapons and the U.S supplied the Israeli army.

The war produced lasting and resounding geopolitical effects on the region.

Nixon believed that this was his best opportunity to build a lasting peace in the Middle East and push Russia out. He wrote in his memo:

"I believe that, beyond a doubt, we are now facing the best opportunity we had in 15 years to build lasting peace in the Middle East. I am convinced that history will hold us responsible if we let this opportunity slip by. I now consider a permanent Middle East Settlement to be the most important and final goal to which we must devote ourselves..."

It is important to mention that although facing many domestic challenges Nixon took decisive action to ensure the survival of Israel. Golda called him "My President" and credited him with saving her country.

The war ended in a cease-fire on October 24th. Israel did not want a cease- fire. They wanted to make sure that we had enough land to negotiate with.

The outcome of the war led to Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and later to the signing of the Camp David Accord in 1978. Several years later it led to peace agreement with Jordan.

It was this agreement that broke the ice in Israeli-Arab relations which initiated the Abraham accord which was joined by several Arab countries like – United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Suden.

It all happened 50 years ago but it seems like it was yesterday, and the memories linger on.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood started the year with a bang, having Jeanne Jynn Grey at our opening meeting. Wow! What an entertainer to start off our new year. We have already signed her for our 2024 opening meeting in case you missed her.

November 16, 2023 join us to hear Mr. Colchamiro present on the history of the Greek Jewish people.

<u>December 21, 2023</u> Clearlyderm Dermatology will speak to us about skin cancer prevention and how to take care of our mature skin. A must for all.

<u>January 15, 2024</u>, when we have our world-famous Rabbi Fratello. Remember ladies, we need questions for the Rabbi to answer.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, April 7, 2024 Temple Shaarei Shalom Women's Seder.

Remember, your dues and support make it possible to provide financial support to the temple. And please do not forget our ongoing birthday wishes program, see Barbara Weiss for details.

Sisterhood also acknowledges members that are ill and sends condolence notes to our members who have lost loved ones.

Once again, Sisterhood is not just Thursdays.

Roberta Alter & Ellen Hulkower Sisterhood Co-Presidents

From the Board Room

The meeting began with thanks: Thanks from Jay to Clergy and Staff for providing an outstanding High Holy Days experience; and thanks from Rabbi for High Holy Days Services and support. Rabbi also commended Marcia Arena and Debbie Gambarotti and the team they assembled for facilitating an outstanding Fall Boutique.

Rabbi provided the Board with an update on the BUILDING UP initiative.

There was an outstanding Simchat Torah Service that included the *Special Monthly Sermon*; which resulted in good attendance at the two follow-up sessions (one day & one evening, to accommodate all congregants who wished to respond).

Rolling with the Rabbi had +35 participants of all ages

To assist congregants & Bd. Members in reaching out to newcomers, greeters will offer ID tags or pins to all guests Remember to use the Oneg to greet & communicate with a stranger.

President

Noted we are closely monitoring the Israel situation and participating in community events.

The wine raffle monies at the Fall Boutique will be donated to Israel Terror Relief

Daily security is temporarily enhanced. A letter was sent to Sheriff Bradshaw to thank him for extended coverage.

The Fall Boutique was an outstanding success raising approximately \$7,000 for the Miriam Schaeffer Endowment

Thanks to Millie Seader & Rebecca Ailing for getting signatures for Reproductive Rights Amendment.

Administration

High Holy Day financials fell short of budget. There will be a personal follow-up to non-member ticket holders.

A generous congregant is donating stained glass windows for the vestibule area.

There will be a Bring a Friend opportunity, wherein a congregant donated 700 Bring A Friend Chips, to be distributed to any congregant who brings a friend to a TSS event. Chips are reimbursable for any Temple program for \$1.00, each.

Family & Friends program is being modified to be a one-time event. Those currently in program will be grandfathered. It is hoped that participants will volunteer to eliminate their current dues reduction. The program is being modified because it costs TSS a great deal of dues income each year.

<u>Fund-Raising Committee</u> will facilitate five fund-raising events in the coming year.

Membership Committee is hosting a Chunky Blanket Making Class, a New Member Welcome Shabbat and an Associate Member Wine & Cheese Education

Facilitating a Breakfast Program series in addition to a number of Adult Education programs on the schedule.

Social Action Committee thanked everyone for donations to Food Pantry. Holly is working with the Florida branch of the URJ's Religious Action Committee.

Joan Milowe Secretary

Social Outreach, Action and Reform Committee (S.O.A.R.)

The fate of abortion rights in Florida are at stake! Currently, a 15-week abortion ban is being heard in our State's Supreme Court, testing Floridian's right to privacy. During the 2023 session, the Florida Legislature passed the most restrictive 6-week abortion ban in the nation—despite bipartisan opposition. This extreme 6-week ban will go into effect 30 days after any negative decision from the High Court.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC)'s position on reproductive rights are grounded in the core belief that each person should have agency and autonomy over their own bodies. RAC's advocacy around abortion access is inspired by the Jewish value of kavod ha'briyot, respect for individual dignity. Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), has been a leading advocate for reproductive health rights and recently stated, "the right to choose ... is a personal decision based on religious, moral, or cultural values and beliefs. It should not be determined for others by special interest groups, whether religious or otherwise, nor should the government be the enforcing agency for their points of view." Furthermore, the overwhelming majority of Floridians think we should all have the freedom to make our own personal health care decisions without interference from politicians. Temple Shaarei Shalom's Social Action group (S.O.A.R.), with support from our Clergy and Executive Board, agree. That is why we have joined RAC-FL's Reproductive Freedom Campaign.

RAC-FL, as well as several other non-secular & secular groups, are gathering petition signatures in an effort to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot to guarantee abortion rights in Florida and limit government interference. Please consider signing the official petition. You can seek out one of our team members or print a copy to sign at:

https://floridiansprotectingfreedom.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/ DSDE155A 999 2307 EN Fillable.pdf

Please note:

Petitions must be filled out by registered Florida voters.

Include your name & address as it appears on your voter registration card (no abbreviations)

Must be filled out in blue or black ink.

Must be legible, no crosscuts or damage/rips.

Not be ripped, damaged or illegible.

Please submit your signed petition to Temple Shaarei Shalom's office as soon as possible. We are making weekly trips to RAC-FL's Boca Raton Hub. TSS S.O.A.R is one of twenty teams committed to collecting 80,000 petitions by the end of December 2023.

Temple Shaarei Shalom's Social Action group (S.O.A.R.) is encouraging everyone to participate in this campaign...and in the 2024 U.S. election. Your voice and vote strengthens our democracy and ensures that Reform Jewish values are represented in the public square!



STARY











Upcoming Events:

STARY JR. and LIL'STARY

November 10th: Late Night for grades 4-7

December 17th: Sunday Funday

STARY

November 15th: Friendsgiving for grades 7-12 (During Weds. Night Teen Tichon)

December 16th: Mini Golf

Blessing of the Animals







Rolling with the Rabbi













LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

Max Ahola	Eve Garvey	Emma Lutwin	Elan Salee
Jack Aling	Melanie Ginsburg	Sean Lutwin	Geraldine Seinberg
Martin Anderman	Scott Glassman	Halston Maron	Reed Sherman
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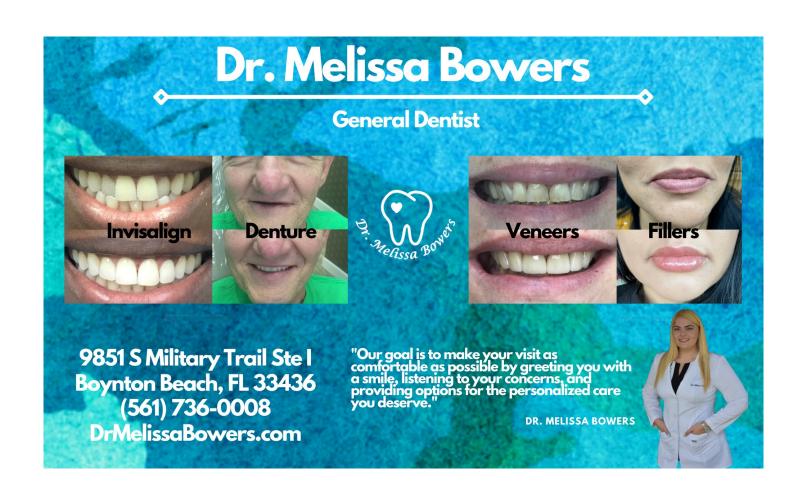
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