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This October marks three years since October 7 - the day Hamas terrorists carried out the deadliest attack on Jewish life since the Holocaust, murdering more than 1,200 people, wounding thousands more, and taking hundreds of hostages, among them children and grandparents torn from their homes in an instant. It is impossible to fully hold the horror of that day, even three years later, and yet as a community, we continue to try - through memory, through action, and through each other.

In that spirit, this month our clergy have turned their newsletter reflections toward Israel and the road we've walked since October 7 - on grief, on resilience, and on what it means to be a Jewish community in this moment. We hope you'll take the time to read what each of them has written.

We also want to personally invite you to a special way to mark this anniversary together: Rabbi Josh will be joining Rabbi Ryan Daniels and Rabbi Carlie Daniels of Temple Israel on October 7th for The Braid, an evening of true, deeply human Jewish stories, performed live. It's a chance for our communities to come together - not for another headline, but for real voices and real stories that remind us of the resilience woven through our people. 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [Commemorating October 7: The Braid Presents On Being Jewish Now | Register | MANDEL JCC OF THE PALM BEACHES Store](#)

Three years on, the most powerful thing we can do is show up for one another — to remember together, and to keep choosing community, again and again.

Wishing you all a meaningful month ahead.



Rabbi Yaron

A Chuppah at Nir Oz: Three Years After the Earthquake

My niece Tamar surprised the entire family last week. She sent a photo of a ring on her finger- "We decided to get married" Said the text. Indeed great news, but what makes this news even more special is that Tamar, together with her future husband, Avshalom, are a part of a small group called a "Gar'in" (a seed in english) who moved 2 months ago to Kibbutz Nir Oz -the kibbutz where, on October 7th, a quarter of the community was murdered or taken hostage.

She is part of a small but very significant group of people in their 20's that experienced October 7th and decided that they have to respond to the tragedy of the day, and to do so by rebuilding that which was destroyed. Tamar and Avshalom moved to Nir Oz because they decided that the memory of destruction and evil will not have the last word. They moved there to show what her generation is made from - resilience, love and hope. And so now she is engaged. and will be married at Nir Oz next summer, under a chuppah standing on the very ground that absorbed so much sorrow.

A wedding, that I hope to officiate, on that soil, three years later. I kept thinking about the name of the Kibbutz over and over again in my mind, the way I turn over words when I cannot yet fully understand my feelings. Nir Oz. In Hebrew, nir is a field that has been plowed and turned over, broken open on purpose, so that something can grow in it. Oz is strength. A plowed field of strength. Somebody named that place long before any of us knew what it would come to hold, and now a generation too young to have chosen any of this is choosing, with open eyes, to plant a life there.

I have spent the last weeks looking closely at what is actually happening in Israel, not the headlines that flash and vanish, but the slower story underneath them. And the pattern is the same wherever I look. Nir Oz is not an isolated act of stubbornness. It is a movement. The communities along the Gaza border now hold more residents than they did before October 7th,

thousands of young families who chose the wound over the exit. Kibbutzim that were emptied by fire are being resettled by twenty-five-year-olds who were not even living there when the sirens went off.

And it does not stop at rebuilding houses. Young survivors of the Nova massacre, people who watched their friends murdered next to them in a field, have turned around and built healing centers for one another, some as far away as Thailand, because they understood before the professionals arrived that the wounded were the ones best equipped to reach the wounded. New resilience centers have opened across the country. A generation that could have been defined entirely by what was done to them has instead defined itself by what it chooses to do for each other. And I am so proud to see that so many of my Israeli colleagues in the Israeli Reform movement, they and their congregations are at the forefront of some of these efforts.

Even politics, which usually divides us, has produced something I did not see coming. Young Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel, many of them shaken awake by the same earthquake, have built a new political movement together and are now launching a party to run for the Knesset, insisting that a shared society is still possible after everything. I do not know if it will succeed at the ballot box. But I know that its very existence, three years after the worst single day in Israel's history, tells me something about what that day did not manage to kill.

There is a concept in our tradition, *tekuma*, that I keep returning to. It means revival, a rising up again. We use it for the state itself, for the astonishing fact that a nearly destroyed people rebuilt a nation within three years of the Holocaust. I never thought I would use that word again in my own lifetime for anything close to that scale. And yet here it is. Not the same *tekuma*. A smaller one, a quieter one, built kibbutz by kibbutz and healing circle by healing circle and now, chuppah by chuppah. But the same root, the same stubborn Jewish instinct to plow the field again the very year it was scorched.

I think of Tamar standing at Nir Oz next summer, and I think of the people who will stand around her, family and friends. I think about what it will mean for her to say her vows on ground that once held so much death. I do not think she is being naive. I think she is doing what Jews have always done when the world tried to convince us that this time the ending would be final. She is refusing the ending. She is choosing, instead, to write a beginning.

Three years ago, I could not have told you what would come of that day. I still cannot tell you the whole story, because it is still being written by people like my niece, in real time, on real ground. But I can tell you this with astonishment and with pride. The earth shook, and instead of leaving the field empty, an entire generation went back out and plowed it. Nir. Oz. A field, and the strength to plant it again.

Titchadesh, titchadshi. May we all be renewed and inspired by Tamar and her generation.



Rabbi Josh

A Grievous Family Faux Pas

When I was in Israel in February 2023, I made a grievous family faux pas.

I was there for a rabbis' conference, on a tight schedule. I hadn't seen my cousins in years, but I decided I wasn't going to have time to see them while I was there. So I didn't even call to let them know I'd be in the same country. I rationalized it to myself: why do I need to call my family just to let them know we're in the same country? But my brother Drew had other ideas about familial etiquette, and he was upset with me for not calling. What's worse, he called my cousin Micah and ratted me out.

At first, it seemed to me like a *Curb Your Enthusiasm* episode. Why do I have to call someone to tell them I'm in the same country, when I'm not even going to be able to see them? I laughed about it. But in truth, my brother Drew was right, and my cousin Micah, who I am indeed close with, was upset with me.

The profound realization of my misstep didn't hit me until nine months later, when I was back in Israel in November 2023, a month after October 7th. I was on a rabbinic mission, bringing aid to Israel and volunteering to help wherever I could. This time, weeks before I arrived, I called my cousin Micah to let him know I would be there. We arranged a time for dinner. He picked me up in Tel Aviv and brought me to his sister's house in Herzliya, and what happened when I got there shocked me.

The entire family had come from all over the country — Hadera, Netanya, Kfar Saba, and Herzliya — to have dinner with me. My cousins, who I hadn't seen in years, now all had children, some of whom I hadn't seen since they were babies, and others I met for the first time. When they all showed up for me, I felt, on the one hand, ashamed that I hadn't made more of an effort back in February. But I also felt so incredibly close to my family in Israel in that moment.

All Jews everywhere are my family. I feel a special connection to Jews in Israel. But my family in Israel, that night, felt like a whole different level of closeness.

On the family tree, these are my third cousins. Most people never meet their third cousins. But back when my father lived in Israel in the 1960s, this family took him in as their own, he didn't know any other family in Israel at the time, and our families have been linked ever since.

Larry David, star of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and creator of *Seinfeld*, might still agree with my initial assessment of the absurdity of calling family in the same country just to tell them you don't have time to see them. But as a rabbi, I should have known better. In Israel, family isn't just family. They're the ones who, amidst our homeland, make us truly feel like we are at home.





Rabbi Wendy

Poetry in Israel After October 7

For a long time after October 7, I, like many of you, felt numb. I read the articles, listened to the podcasts, scrolled past the posts, and yet I could not fully take in the horror and tragedy. Then I began studying poetry written in Israel after October 7 in a Zoom course taught by Israeli scholar Rachel Korazim. One poem we studied, “Crown, This Is Match,” by David Harband, contains a radio exchange between a soldier and his commander as the soldier cradled his gravely wounded comrade and the soldier asks what he should do and whether help, perhaps a miracle, will ever come. The first time I studied it, I cried. I still well up every time I read it. Poetry opened the gates, helping me feel what I could not express or fully comprehend. So, this month, as the third commemoration of October 7 approaches, I want to share some of that poetry with you.

In response to October 7, the phrase Israelis return to repeatedly is “Eyn Milim,” “there are no words.” Israeli poet Linda Suchy writes of the hundreds of empty pages in her diary because “my words do not emerge,” only “dark words, sad words, painful words.” And yet, paradoxically, one Israeli response to October 7 has been an outpouring of words through poetry, first in the digital sphere and then in literary supplements and anthologies.

This turning to poetry in the face of catastrophe is hardly new for the Jewish people. Michael Bohnen, one of the editors and translators of *Shiva*, has noted that Jewish history is filled with verse born from devastation, from *Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations, and the *kinot* composed in response to destruction and persecution, to Hayim Nahman Bialik’s searing poetry after the Kishinev pogrom and the poetry of the Shoah. Rachel Korazim, also one of the editors of *Shiva*, explained to me that the digital sphere allowed poetry after October 7 to flow across ideological boundaries. Writers on the political left, centrists, Modern Orthodox women, haredim, reservists, soldiers, partners, and family members all found themselves writing poetry. Read together, these poems become a record of grief, not a neat progression through stages, but a series of emotional movements from shock and incomprehensibility, through the anger, fear, and mobilization of a society at war, and finally toward the difficult task of living within a reality permanently altered by October 7.

First came the shock. The poet Ahuva Recanati recounts October 7 as “the moment from which we started counting a different time.” The poet Eliaz Cohen asks us to close our eyes and imagine that none of it happened, a nightmare, a hallucination, and then, “open your eyes again.” Talya Calmaro writes of returning to the crime scene to check why “the sky was still blue,” and of how, in the silence, everything was loud, people behaving normally as nothing horrible had happened. These poems do not explain October 7. They return us to the moment when reality itself ceased to make sense.

Then came the mobilization. Staff Sergeant Nathanael Nadav’s “Go” is a poem in which every line is a command and a contradiction: go alone, with a whole people; go, and return. Nathaniel Elinson writes of phone calls between a husband and wife in which each pretends things are all right to protect the other, even though nothing is all right, “this is how we both lie to each other out of love.” “In Order to Really Fight,” Nathaniel captures the impossible mental division demanded of a soldier: “In order to really fight you have to forget...forget all you loved and left behind...In order to really fight you have to remember...remember your beloved...remember your children...Remember...and forget.”

Other poems are harder to read. “Wait for Us Gaza,” by Beeri Haim Shwartzgorn, opens with Amos’s prophecy of fire on the walls of Gaza and ends by turning Psalm 137:9, the psalm’s most terrible verse, back on the attackers. “Time of War at the Gate,” by Brigadier General Ofir Leviov, commander of the IDF Education Corps, takes its title from Isaiah and answers the draft call with a single word, *Hineni*, here I am. But this *Hineni* is not only readiness. It is Samson between the pillars of Dagon’s temple in Gaza, after the army is victorious “after we uproot its gates.” Ofir imagines a return to the furrow, the rain, the growing barley, and children singing. In “Tunnels of Destiny,” Asher Shaz addresses the terrorists directly, promising that Israel’s soldiers will pursue them to “the ultimate darkness at the end of the tunnel.” Their words are disturbing, yet they reveal a minor current of vengeance that also belongs to the emotional and poetic record of October 7 and the war that followed.

For civilians, war has entered the rhythms of ordinary life. Phyllis Becker writes that this is no longer “the time for dreamy love poems,” but a time when young men and women have stepped out of their personal lives and into uniforms. Michele Bustin describes the morning ritual of reaching for her phone and seeing the dreaded words “Hutar L’pirsum,” “cleared for publication,” the announcement that another soldier has fallen. Two words that might mean little elsewhere have become, she writes, “a part of our national ethos.” The language of war has become the language of breakfast tables, family WhatsApp groups, phone screens, and ordinary mornings.

October 7 created a new *matzav*, a new reality, for Israeli society and for Jews around the world. Or Adam captures this in “In Each Generation,” reworking the familiar words of the Passover Haggadah: “In every generation, you must think of yourself as though you had come out of Egypt.” But now he adds Kfar Aza, Re’im, and Nir Oz. In every generation, one must imagine having sheltered in the safe room, danced at the festival, been kidnapped, and then also “see

yourself building Be'eri." The poem refuses to let Jewish memory remain safely in the past. Egypt and October 7 collapse into one another, and memory becomes an obligation to rebuild.

Two quiet poems turn toward what comes next. Rachel Goldberg-Polin, mother of Hersh, z"l, writes in "One Tiny Seed" of gathering a "sea of tears," pouring them over a "desert of despair," and planting a single seed wrapped in "fear, trauma, pain and hope." Celia Merlin, writing from Ramat Gan, describes how after October 7 she could not get up or move. In her mind she hears her grandmother's voice telling her to rise and tend to the small tasks of life, including a plant whose white and yellow petals are gone. "Your care will help it bloom again," her grandmother tells her. "Your care will help you hope."

Poetry written in Israel after October 7 has given voice to shock, rage, fear, grief, memory, love, resilience, and Israel's fragile insistence on continuing toward life. Perhaps poetry cannot make the unbearable comprehensible, but it can help us bear witness and remind us to continue caring for what remains. Perhaps that caring itself is where hope begins.



Cantor Suzanne

The Soundtrack of Resilience: How Music Has Carried Israel Through 3 Years of Heartbreak and Hope

In Israeli society, music has long served as far more than entertainment. It is the nation's collective emotional register. From the earliest days of statehood, songs have bound Israelis together through shared triumphs and devastating trials. The canon of *Shirei Eretz Yisrael* (Songs of the Land of Israel) was forged in the crucible of military struggle, creating a unique national tradition: whenever crisis strikes, Israelis turn to song to process collective shock, mourn their fallen, and rebuild solidarity.

Music in Israel functions like a civic liturgy. Whether heard during the solemn, 24-hour radio broadcasts of Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) or sung in *shira b'tzibbur* (communal singalongs), melodies and lyrics provide a shared national vocabulary when words alone fall short. When Israelis hear Naomi Shemer's "Lu Y'hi," the association with the Yom Kippur War of 1973 is immediate, just as "Bab El Wad" remains inseparable from the 1948 War of Independence. These musical touchstones are central to civic memory, national identity, and Israel's culture of resilience.

In the years since the October 7 massacre and the prolonged war that followed, this tradition has continued with strength. The scale of the trauma produced an extraordinary outpouring of creative expression, reflecting the full spectrum of public emotion: anger and defiance, vulnerability and grief, shattered hopes and renewed determination. Many of these songs have already entered the realm of civic liturgy, but I would like to highlight three that I find particularly significant. I encourage you to listen to them sometime soon. Even if you do not understand Hebrew, I suspect you will still feel something of why these songs have become such powerful cultural touchstones during a period marked by grief, fear, anger, and resilience.

The first is "Harbu Darbu" by Ness and Stilla. This hip-hop hit became one of the defining songs of the post-October 7 era because it gave voice to the raw anger, shock, and desire for retaliation that so many Israelis felt after the Hamas attacks. Released just over a month after October 7, the song broke with the mourning tone that had dominated the national mood, instead channeling a spirit of mobilization and defiance. Praising IDF units and expressing solidarity with soldiers and reservists, it quickly rose to the top of the charts and became, for many young Israelis, the soundtrack of a nation moving from grief to action. The song is divisive, celebrated by some as a patriotic anthem and criticized by others for its militant message; yet its cultural impact is undeniable. While anger is not an emotion I personally like to lean into, even those who dislike the song have had to grapple with the emotions it represents in the wake of such horrific violence. "Harbu Darbu" became a flashpoint in broader public conversations about justice, retaliation, and resilience.

The second song, "Yih'ye Tov" by Jasmin Moallem, is significant for almost the opposite reason. Although written shortly before the war, it was embraced after October 7 as an unofficial anthem of hope and healing. Its simple promise that "it will be good" spoke directly to the emotional needs of a traumatized society searching for comfort while waiting for hostages to return and for better days to come. In a period marked by grief and uncertainty, the song offered neither revenge nor politics, but permission to hope. It resonated across political and ideological divides because it articulated a universal longing for healing and normalcy. In many ways, it became the soundtrack of collective endurance, reminding listeners that holding onto hope is itself a form of strength.

Finally, I would be remiss not to highlight "Am Yisrael Chai" by Eyal Golan. Released in November 2023, just weeks after the outbreak of the war, the song distilled a collective message of endurance into a simple and familiar refrain: the people of Israel live. Golan, a largely secular cultural icon, combined themes of Jewish belief, national solidarity, and the hope for the safe return of loved ones. The song resonated across political, religious, and social divides. Although Israel entered the war deeply fractured by domestic political tensions, "Am Yisrael Chai" helped create a common emotional language centered on unity, faith, and mutual responsibility. Many listeners embraced it as an unofficial wartime anthem because it transformed fear into confidence and isolation into belonging. More than perhaps any other song of that moment, it expressed the belief that despite tragedy, Israel will endure and rebuild.

These songs represent only a small portion of the music Israelis have embraced to process the turmoil of recent years. Together, they illustrate how music can help a society grieve, argue, hope, and heal. In times of crisis, songs become more than cultural artifacts. They become vessels of collective memory, emotional resilience, and national identity. For many Israelis, the soundtrack of this difficult period has not merely reflected their experience; it has helped them endure it.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

The October 2026 Elections in Israel

A plain-English guide for American Jews — the system, the players, and why the outcome reaches all the way to your synagogue, your Federation, and your family's ties to Israel.

Why should you, an American Jew, care?

- **You're a stakeholder, even without a vote:** the U.S. sends Israel \$3.8 billion a year in military aid under a memorandum of understanding running through 2028 — and Congress is actively debating its future. Israeli politics shapes that relationship, and American Jewish organizations are often asked to defend it.
- **Your Jewish identity may be on the ballot:** bills advancing in the Knesset would hand Israel's Chief Rabbinate exclusive control of the Western Wall and recognize only Orthodox conversions for the Law of Return — directly affecting the more than 90% of American Jews who identify as Reform, Conservative, or unaffiliated.
- **It's personal:** who governs Israel affects everything from your relatives' safety and reserve duty, to whether your rabbi's conversions and prayer at the Kotel are legally recognized if you or your kids ever make aliyah.

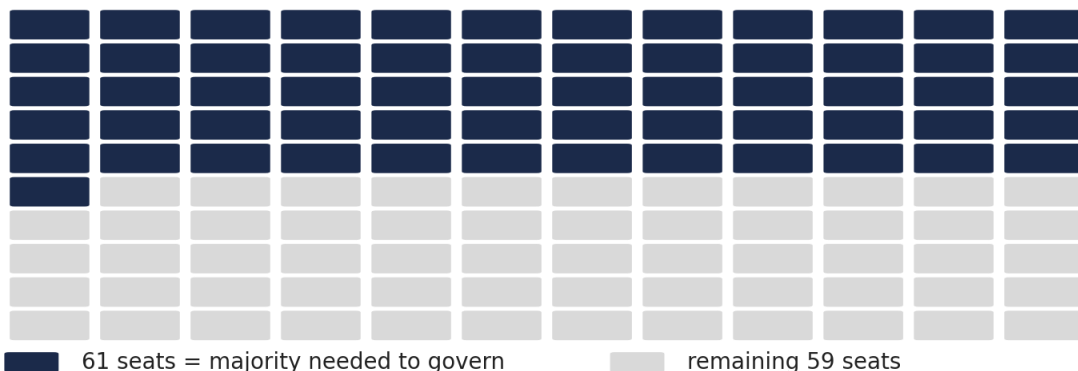
The Parliamentary System: 120 Knesset Seats

Israel is a parliamentary democracy built around one 120-member legislature, the Knesset — a number fixed since the state's founding in 1948. There are no congressional districts and no direct vote for prime minister; you're voting for a party, not a person.

- **One nationwide ballot:** every citizen 18 or older votes for one party list (each party can run up to 120 ranked candidates) in a single, countrywide race. Seats are awarded proportionally — a party winning about 10% of the vote gets roughly 12 seats.
- **The 3.25% threshold:** a party must clear 3.25% of the national vote (a minimum of four seats) to enter the Knesset at all. Anything below that, and every one of its votes is wasted.
- **No majority, by design:** no single party has ever won the 61 seats needed to govern alone. Every Israeli government has been a coalition — which is why the next sections matter as much as the vote count itself.

120 SEATS IN THE KNESSET

No party has ever won a majority alone — every government is a coalition.



If You're Used to American Elections...

Israel's system runs on different logic than Washington's. A quick side-by-side:

	IN ISRAEL	IN THE U.S.
You vote for...	A party list, not a person	An individual candidate
Districts	None — one nationwide race	State-by-state / district-by-district
Threshold	3.25% of the vote to win any seats	No threshold — winner-take-all
Head of gov't	Chosen through post-election coalition talks	Directly elected (president)
# of parties that matter	10+	Effectively 2

The Main Parties Running

The field is unusually fluid this cycle, with several fresh mergers formed specifically to challenge Prime Minister Netanyahu. Here's the current lineup:

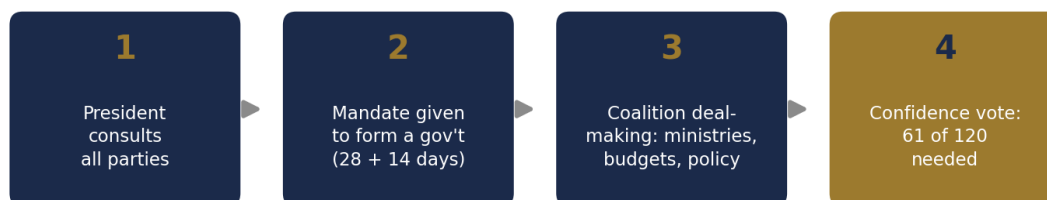
Bloc	Party	Leader(s)	In a nutshell
Right / Governing	Likud	Benjamin Netanyahu	Right-wing, pro-settlement, free-market
Right / Governing	Religious Zionism	Bezalel Smotrich	Religious right; pro-sovereignty in the West Bank
Right / Governing	Otzma Yehudit	Itamar Ben Gvir	Far-right nationalist
Right / Governing	Yisrael Beiteinu	Avigdor Lieberman	Secular nationalist; anti-religious coercion
Ultra-Orthodox	Shas	Aryeh Deri	Voice of Sephardi/Mizrahi Haredi community
Ultra-Orthodox	United Torah Judaism	Yitzhak Goldknopf	Voice of Ashkenazi Haredi community
Center	Beyachad (“Together”)	Naftali Bennett & Yair Lapid	New April 2026 merger; draft equality, cost of living

Bloc	Party	Leader(s)	In a nutshell
Center	Blue and White	Benny Gantz	Centrist, pragmatic on diplomacy and settlements
Center	Yashar!	Gadi Eisenkot	New party led by a former IDF chief of staff
Center-right	Foundations of Israel	Yoaz Hendel & Hili Trooper	New; grew out of the reservist movement
Left	The Democrats	Yair Golan	Social-democratic; 2024 Labor–Meretz merger
Left	Hadash–Ta'al	Ayman Odeh & Ahmad Tibi	Jewish-Arab left alliance
Arab parties	Ra'am	Mansour Abbas	Islamist; supports a Palestinian state incl. East Jerusalem
Arab parties	Balad	Sami Abu Shehadeh	Secular Arab party; advocates a non-Jewish civic state

Note: Israeli party alliances shift right up to the filing deadline — treat this as a snapshot, not a final ballot.

How Coalitions Are Formed

Because no party governs alone, the real contest starts after election night: assembling 61 votes.

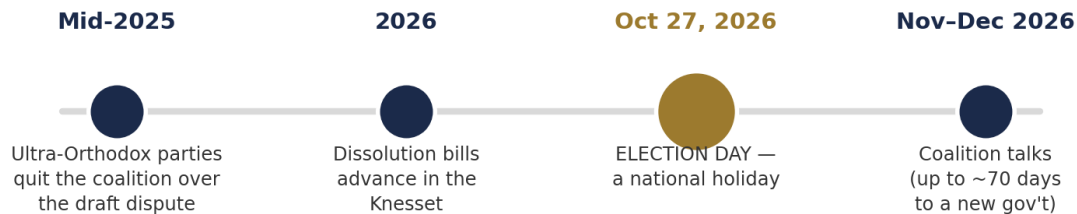


- **Consultation & mandate:** the President meets every party that won seats, then formally tasks one Knesset member — usually the leader of the largest party or bloc — with forming a government, with 28 days (plus a possible 14-day extension) to do it.
- **The leverage of small parties:** coalition talks trade ministries, budget lines, and legislation for votes. Because majorities are often razor-thin, a party with just 5–6 seats — often a Haredi party — can extract outsized concessions.

- **The confidence vote:** the new government and its platform must win a Knesset vote of at least 61 of 120 before taking office. A bare-majority (“minimal winning”) coalition is fragile — exactly the kind of coalition whose collapse triggered this election.

How and When Elections Happen

The Knesset serves a four-year term by law but can dissolve itself early by simple majority — and often does.



- **On the day itself:** Election Day is a national holiday. Voters cast a paper slip printed with their party's ballot letters — there are no candidate names, only party lists.
- **After the polls close:** the Central Elections Committee, chaired by a sitting Supreme Court justice, certifies results within days, and coalition negotiations begin immediately.

What's Driving Israeli Voters

- **Security and October 7:** the war's conduct, hostages, and posture toward Hezbollah and Iran remain dominant, alongside growing demand for a State Commission of Inquiry into the intelligence failures of October 7, 2023.
- **The Haredi draft:** the single most divisive domestic issue. After nearly three years of repeated reserve call-ups, “equality of the burden” — ending blanket military exemptions for ultra-Orthodox men — has become a mainstream demand, while Haredi communities have staged mass protests to defend the exemptions.
- **Religion and state — the one that hits home:** a Knesset bill would give the Chief Rabbinate exclusive control of the Western Wall, overturning a High Court ruling that allows egalitarian prayer, while a companion bill would recognize only Orthodox conversions for the Law of Return. Reform leader Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch called the timing “exactly the opposite of what needs to be done,” warning it tells the roughly 90% of American Jews who are non-Orthodox that “your Judaism is not considered authentic.”
- **Cost of living:** Israel has among the highest housing and consumer costs in the OECD, and affordability cuts across every bloc's platform.
- **Judicial reform:** the fight over the courts' power that convulsed Israeli politics before October 7 remains unresolved and is back on the campaign agenda.

Bottom line for American Jews: the \$3.8B/year U.S.–Israel aid relationship and Israel's approach to non-Orthodox Jewish life will both be shaped by whichever coalition wins this fight — making it one of the more consequential elections for Diaspora relations in years.

Executive Director's Report

Dear Temple Judea Family,

As we come off of what was truly a beautiful High Holy Day season, I want to start by thanking our clergy team- Rabbi Yaron, Rabbi Josh, and Cantor Suzanne - for the depth, warmth, and spirit they brought to every service. It was felt by all of us, and we are so grateful for their leadership.

Thank you as well to our generous sponsors of High Holy Day music and flowers - you'll find them highlighted on the next page. Their generosity helped make our sanctuary, and our services, as beautiful as they were.

To everyone who has made their High Holy Day pledge so far, THANK YOU! As a reminder, our High Holy Day Appeal is our sole fundraiser of the year, and it's what allows us to close the gap between what membership dues cover and what it actually costs to run our congregation - dues alone cover only about 60% of our operating expenses. If you haven't yet made your pledge, I hope you'll consider doing so; every gift makes a real difference.

I also want to thank Andy Pargh, our sponsor of High Holy Day streaming, a service which allows us to be as inclusive as possible and welcome into our services anyone who couldn't be with us in person.

And a heartfelt thank-you to the Maltz Jupiter Theatre for once again opening their doors and hosting us this year.

Looking ahead, from January through May, our clergy will occasionally be off the bimah on a Friday night, and we're looking for members interested in hosting a Shabbat dinner on one of those evenings in your home - a wonderful way to bring our community together in a more intimate setting. If you're interested in hosting, please reach out to me directly and I will do my best to coordinate dates. morli@gotj.org

I'm also thrilled to share more about our Hart Megillah project, generously underwritten by Joel and Nancy Hart. Working with our Sofer, this communal project will bring the writing of a Megillah to life in gatherings held both in members' homes and here at Temple Judea. You'll find a full page dedicated to this special project elsewhere in the Voice, but I wanted to personally invite you to join us in this meaningful, once-in-a-generation communal experience.

Finally, I'm delighted to announce our very first Scholar in Residence: Charlotte Korchak, a noted expert on Israel, joining us the week of November 15th. You asked for it, and we're bringing it — more details to come soon.

Thank you, as always, for being part of this community.

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WEATHER PERMITTING

October 16th is PET SHABBAT and will be held outdoors

Minyan

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM with Michael Ross

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in person at TJ or via Livestream

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/tei9zgzd1kbg4kymehgq>



Join us for
 Simchat Torah
 Saturday, October 3rd
 4:00 p.m. Yizkor Service
 5:00 p.m. Pre-Oneg
 Rabbi's Refreshment Stand and
 Cantor's Candy Bar
 5:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Worship
 6:15 p.m. Torah unravelling

Pet Shabbat

THE TORAH IS RIPE WITH VERSES INSTRUCTING US TO CARE FOR AND RESPECT OUR ANIMALS. PET SHABBAT IS A CHANCE TO RECALL AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT WITH OUR PETS. JOIN US WITH YOUR FURRY, FEATHERED, OR SCALY FAMILY MEMBERS FOR OUR ANNUAL OUTDOOR SERVICE.



SHABARK SHALOM All Pets Welcome



**BARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**
Friday, OCT 16



In the event of
inclement weather -
services will be
indoors and pets are
not permitted.



**Bring your own
chair please!**

5:00 PM PRE ONEG FOR PETS & PEOPLE
5:30 P.M. WORSHIP

DOUBLE SERVICES

BEGINNING

11/13

4:30 P.M. - CONGREGATION
6:00 P.M. SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY

On 11/13, we kindly ask that regular Shabbat worshippers attend the 4:30 p.m. service so we can accommodate all our school families for a special family service.

Thank you in advance for your understanding

11/20

4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.
6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

11/27

4:30 P.M. -5:30 P.M.
6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

NOTE: THERE IS NO PRE-ONEG ONCE WE MOVE TO DOUBLE SERVICES
BUT WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY THE WEEKLY CHALLAH!

Havdalah
Saturday, November 14th
Saturday, December 12th
5:00 p.m.
400 AIA, Carlin Park, Jupiter
Mile Marker #62
Southern Entrance
Bring your own beach chair!

SHABBAT OF GRATITUDE

A Time to Reflect, A Time to Give Thanks
Friday, November 27th
4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Join us to say "goodbye" and thank you to
Cantor Suzanne





OCTOBER 2ND

Shabbat Dinner

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Hearty greens with Roasted Butternut Squash, Dried
Cranberries, Apples, Pepitas, and Honey-Apple Cider
Vinaigrette

Turkey Meatloaf with Gravy

Pomegranate-Glazed Salmon

Whipped Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Brussel Sprouts

Green Bean with Slivered Almonds

Apple Cobbler and Vanilla Ice Cream



\$39/Adult; \$25/Child

\$48/Non-Member Adult

RSVP to the office at 561-624-4633

by september 30 at noon.

We cannot issue any refunds after the headcount
has been given to the caterer.



SHARE THE JOY OF SHABBAT WITH US

SHABBAT DINNER

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP
HERB-ROASTED CHICKEN WITH GARLIC, SAGE, THYME, LEMON
PEAR AND GINGER GLAZED SALMON WITH GINGER, ORANGE,
SCALLIONS
WILD RICE AND MUSHROOM PILAF
CARMELIZED ONIONS
CELERY
OVEN ROASTED AUTUMN VEGETABLES
PUMPKIN BREAD PUDDING BITES
MAPLE PANNA COTTA SHOOTERS

6 NOV	\$39/ADULT	IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP
	\$25/CHILD	
	\$48/NON-	
	MEMBER	

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The Braid presents **ON BEING JEWISH NOW**

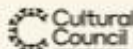
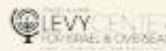
A COMMUNITY EVENT COMMEMORATING OCTOBER 7TH, 2023



Wednesday, October 7 | 6:30 pm | \$36

Temple Israel of West Palm Beach: 2101 N. Australian Ave.

A powerful theatrical experience marking October 7, featuring 14 true stories from *On Being Jewish Now*, edited by Zibby Owens. Through The Braid's signature storytelling, experience an evening of reflection, remembrance, and connection.



Scan the QR code to register!

For more information, contact Monique
at MoniqueK@JCCOnline.com or 561-712-5200



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WITH RABBI JOSH



ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

WHOSE ANSWERS YOU CAN'T GOOGLE

WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE ALMOST ANYTHING CAN BE ANSWERED INSTANTLY. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN LIFE REFUSE TO FIT INTO A SEARCH BAR.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE?

IS GOD REAL?

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

DID THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE REALLY OCCUR?

ARE THE JEWISH PEOPLE DISAPPEARING—OR EVOLVING?

WHEN WILL THE MESSIAH COME?

HOW WILL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESHAPE JUDAISM?

AND PERHAPS MOST URGENTLY: WHAT MAKES A LIFE MEANINGFUL?

JUDAISM HAS NEVER AVOIDED BIG QUESTIONS. IT WAS BUILT ON THEM. THIS CLASS IS FOR SKEPTICS AND BELIEVERS ALIKE, FOR THE CURIOUS AND THE SEARCHING.

NO PRIOR BACKGROUND REQUIRED—ONLY A WILLINGNESS TO THINK DEEPLY AND WRESTLE WITH WHAT MATTERS MOST.

OCTOBER 20 AND NOVEMBER 24

2:00 P.M.

PLEASE RSVP TO 561-624-4633





Beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah:
Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Yaron

Most of us reached Bar or Bat Mitzvah and then stopped — stopped studying, stopped questioning, stopped growing Jewishly. But Judaism has always been a tradition that rewards the adult learner, and some of its richest wisdom is reserved for those willing to go deeper.

Taught by Rabbi Yaron and informed by the Shalom Hartman Institute's approach to serious Jewish learning, Beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah invites adults to engage with Jewish texts, ideas, and questions with the rigor and curiosity they bring to every other area of their lives.

This course is for anyone who wants more — more meaning, more knowledge, and a more sophisticated relationship with their Jewish identity.

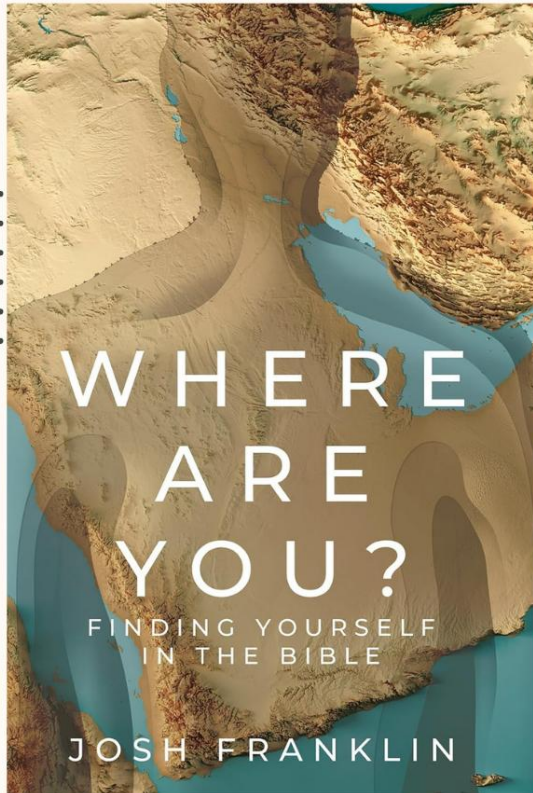
No prior study required. Just an open mind and a willingness to wrestle with the big questions.

October 21, November 4, December 16, January 6, January 20,
February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, March 31, April 7, May 5,
May 19 – Shabbat Service in your honor May 21

5:00 p.m.

Sign up with the office at 561-624-4633

LUNCH & LEARN



Lunch is \$25/person
11:45 a.m.

October 22, November 4,
December 9, January 20,
February 10, March 10,
April 14, May 26

RSVP to the office at
561-624-4633

A 9-Session Journey Through Sacred Geography and the Inner Life

The Torah does not begin with a commandment. It begins with a question: “Ayekah?” — Where are you? In this nine-session course, we will journey through each chapter of *Where Are You? Finding Yourself in the Bible*, exploring the Bible not as ancient history alone, but as a map of the human soul. Every landscape in Torah — the displacement, and return, garden, the wilderness, Egypt, Sinai, exile, home — is more than a place. It is a spiritual state. A psychological moment. A question we are still living. Each session will focus

on one chapter of the book, weaving together close readings of biblical texts, midrash, philosophy, literature, and contemporary insight. Together, we will explore how sacred geography becomes inner geography — how the places of the Bible mirror our own experiences of doubt, longing, fear and faith. This is not a class about what happened back then. It is a class about where you are right now. Whether you’ve read the book or are encountering these ideas for the first time, this course invites you to slow down, reflect deeply, and rediscover Torah as a living conversation about identity, purpose, and spiritual location. Because before Judaism tells us what to do, it asks us something more fundamental:

Where are you?

Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi Wendy & Cantor Suzanne A Judaism of Doing: Rosh Chodesh 5787

We attend. We watch. We stream. And somewhere along the way, Judaism can become something we observe rather than something we live.

This year, Temple Judea's Rosh Chodesh Women's group is reclaiming something ancient and countercultural: a Judaism of doing. Each month, we will gather not just to study or listen, but to make something, give something, mark something — with our hands, our voices, and each other.

Rosh Chodesh has always been a women's holiday - a pause from the everyday, a return to what matters. This year, that pause will become a practice. We will bake and build, sing and create, deliver and plant, bless and remember. We will ask, each month, the question our synagogue's theme puts before all of us:

What does love look like as an action, not just a feeling?

Join us for a year of showing up - in a room, together, doing Judaism.

1:00 p.m.

October 1 | Tishrei / Sukkot | 1:00 p.m. As we settle into the sweetness of the New Year, join Rabbi Wendy and Cantor Suzanne for our first Rosh Chodesh women's gathering of 5787. Weather permitting, we'll take up the lulav and etrog in the Sukkah, share the blessings of the season, and reflect on our connection to nature through poetry and watercolor. Then we'll get our hands sticky: together we'll begin a batch of etrogcello, a citrusy riff on limoncello that turns the fruit of the festival into something to savor long after the Sukkah comes down.

November 12 | Kislev | 1:00 p.m. The days grow shorter, but our light grows brighter. Welcome Kislev — the month of dreams and the season of Hanukkah on the horizon. Join us as we explore the power of darkness and the hope that flickers within it.

December 10 | Tevet | 1:00 p.m. Tevet arrives in the quiet after Hanukkah's glow, inviting us to turn inward. Come together as we reflect on resilience, rest, and the steady strength that carries us through winter's depths.

RSVP to the office at 561-624-4633

Learning to Love with Rabbi Wendy

THURSDAYS at 10:45 a.m.

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Love the Torah

Have you ever wanted to join our Torah Study group but wanted a refresher course first? Think of this as Torah 101-reviewing the basic concepts, biblical figures and the five books of the Torah.

Whether you are new to Torah study or returning after a long absence, this is your invitation in. We'll explore foundational stories, figures, and the themes of the Five Books of Moses - the texts that have anchored Jewish life for millennia. No prior knowledge needed. Curiosity is the only prerequisite.



Love the Prophets

Learn about the stories, the people and the teachings that make up our Haftarah readings every Shabbat.

This course will help bring the prophetic books to life: the passionate voices, the historical moments that shaped them and the enduring moral vision they carry.

From Isaiah's soaring poetry to Jonah's reluctant journey, we will find that the prophets have more to say to our own moment than we might expect.

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Love the Writings

This course will be an overview of the Writings - Psalms, Proverbs, Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, and more - texts that have inspired mystics, philosophers, and ordinary people seeking the guidance for centuries. This is the part of our tradition that often goes unexamined, and it may surprise you the most.



Love Talmudic Stories

The Talmud can feel like an intimidating place - but tucked inside its pages are stories that are funny, poignant, provocative and deeply human. In this course, we will explore the art of Talmudic storytelling through a close reading of several stories. We will notice the literary tools the ancient rabbis used - structure, repetition, wordplay and more - and begin to see how these tales reflect the values, struggles and tensions of the rabbinic world. No prior study required!

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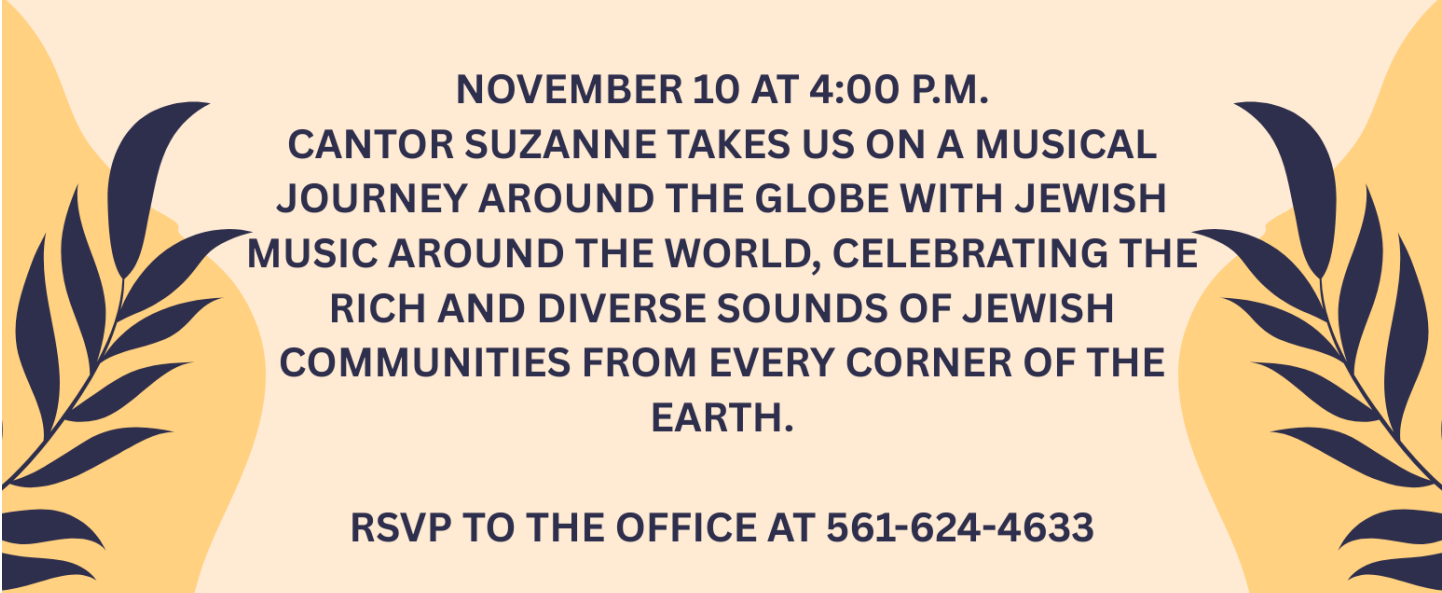
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**LEARNING WITH OUR
CANTOR IN RESIDENCE
SUZANNE LEVENTHAL**

OCTOBER 13 AT 4:00 P.M.

**MUSICAL MIDRASH - AN EXPLORATION OF HOW
MUSIC AND STORY INTERTWINE IN JEWISH
TRADITION, BRINGING OUR SACRED TRADITIONS TO
LIFE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY**

NOVEMBER 10 AT 4:00 P.M.



**CANTOR SUZANNE TAKES US ON A MUSICAL
JOURNEY AROUND THE GLOBE WITH JEWISH
MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD, CELEBRATING THE
RICH AND DIVERSE SOUNDS OF JEWISH
COMMUNITIES FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE
EARTH.**

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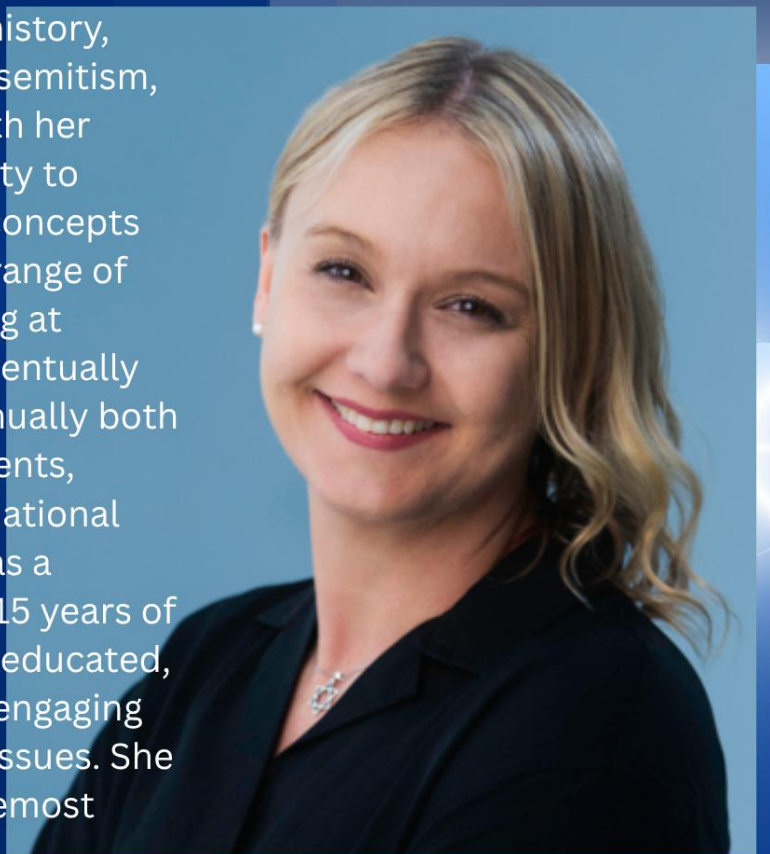


SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

CHARLOTTE KORCHAK

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST

Come learn about Israel from Founder and Senior Educator of the Jerusalem Education Institute, a non-profit organization working to transform education on Israel and the Middle East. As an accomplished educator and speaker specializing in Israeli history, effective communication, and antisemitism, Charlotte captivates audiences with her passionate speaking style and ability to break down the most challenging concepts making them accessible to a wide range of audiences. Charlotte began working at StandWithUs in 2010 where she eventually engaged over 50,000 students annually both online and on five different continents, ending her time there as the International Senior Educator. Often described as a walking encyclopedia, Charlotte's 15 years of expertise leaves audiences feeling educated, empowered, and more capable of engaging with their peers on these difficult issues. She has quickly become one of the foremost public speakers in her field.



Monday, November 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Israel's Conflicts: Origins, Evolution and Key Insights:

Explore the complexities of Israel's conflicts. From historical roots to pivotal moments, uncover the key factors driving these disputes. Spanning ancient history to modern times, this session offers valuable insights into how tensions developed and transformed over time. Participants will also dive into essential concepts needed to understand Israel, Zionism, and the Jewish people, while also working through the core claims made against Israel's right to exist. This session will provide the necessary knowledge and skills to challenge those arguments and ultimately show how these specific expressions of anti-Zionism are, in fact, antisemitism.

Tuesday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m.

The West Bank: History, Legality, and the Current Reality

Understanding the West Bank/Judea and Samaria is no easy task. This territory has been highly disputed in the last century with no end in sight. Together we will work through the complexity by analyzing historical resolutions and agreements, discussing the controversies surrounding settlement communities, and exploring potential solutions moving forward in this fact-based presentation.

Wednesday, November 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Digging Deeper: Hamas and Gaza

This in-depth session traces the evolution of Hamas, its governance in Gaza, and Israel's military and strategic response over the years. Participants will explore the terrorist group's history, ideology, and actions with a close examination of the events leading up to the October 7 massacre, the aftermath, and the broader implications for the region.

These classes are free but please RSVP so we can ensure we have enough seats to 561-624-4633





**Friday
Shabbat Worship**

December 4th at
4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



**Saturday
Torah Study**

December 5th at
10:00 a.m.



**Saturday
Havdalah in the
Dark**

December 5th
7:30 p.m.

Scholar in Residence Charlie Kramer

Legally blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa, Charlie unites,
magnetizes, and elevates those around him.
Join us for an inspiring week-end of worship and
learning!



**Temple Judea is honored to thank all the donors to the
L'Dor V'Dor Legacy Society**

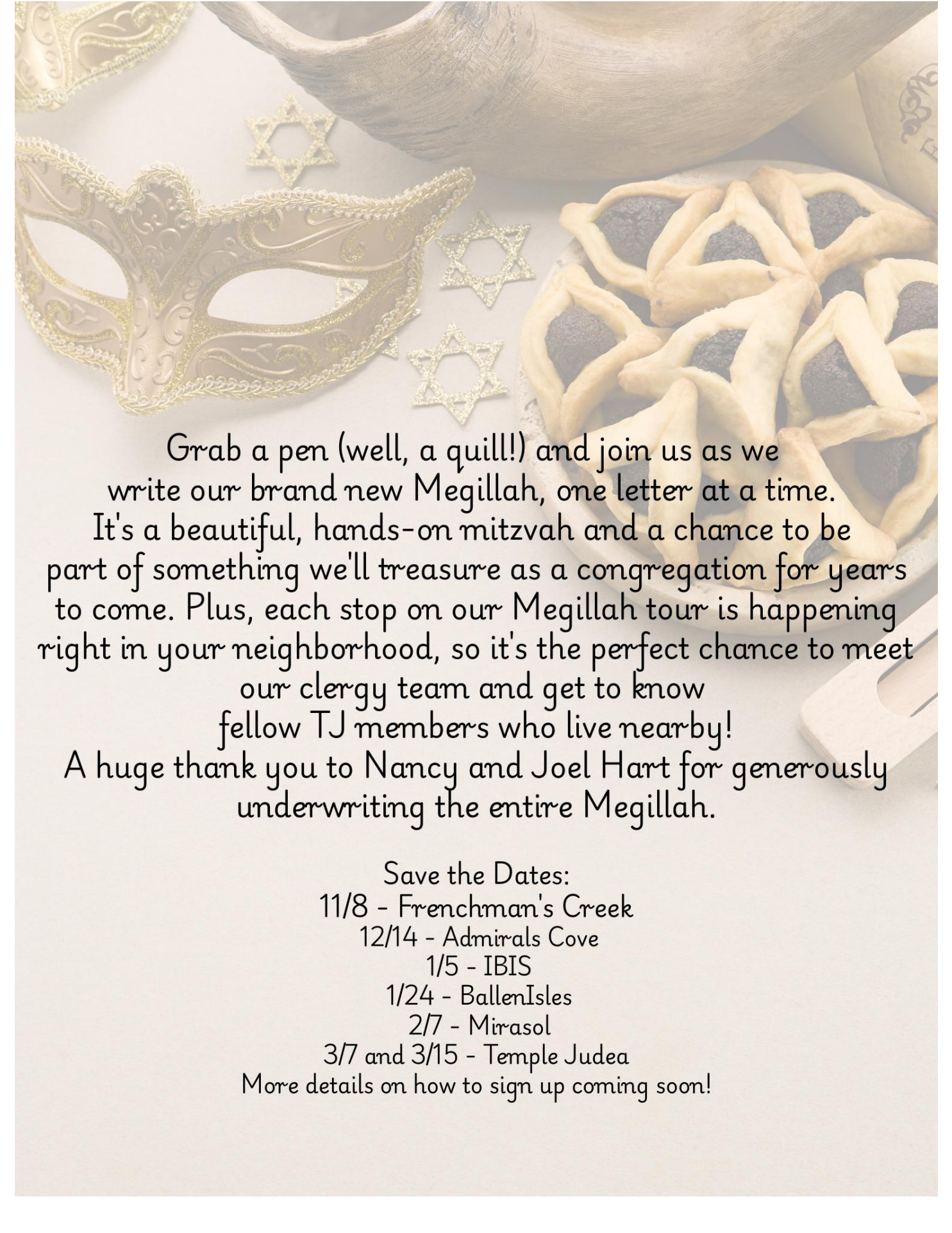
As the Talmud says,

**"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it, and as my ancestors
planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come
after me."**

**Friday, December 18th
at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**They did it...You can too. Please consider making Temple Judea part of
your life-long legacy. Contact Morli Fidler at 561-624-4633 to learn more.**

Earl Abramson and Sheila Schlaggar, JoEllen and Israel Alvarez, Anonymous, Gloria and Donald Bell, Estate of Herbert Biederman, Lesley* and Steven Birenbaum, Constance and David* Blacher, Joyce and Ronald Bortnick, Carol Clawson and Johan Jacobsen, Beth and Barry Cohen, Rebecca and Nathan* Cohen, Susan Cole* and Marc Cohn, Joyce and Chris* Demain, Joyce Demain, Phyllis* and Bernard* Eisenstein, Morli Fidler, Barbara* and Fred Fields, Judith Fleishman, Alan Goldberg, Ruth Abrams Gonzalez, Sharyn and Michael* Greenhill, Zena and Harvey Hafetz, Joan and Milton* Hermann, Lorraine Hoffinger* and Emanuel Belkin*, Joan and Peter Hoffman, Ina Getzoff and Allan Huss, Beatrice and David James, Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik, Clare and Richard* Lesser, Jody and Andy Levy, Vivian and Irwin* Lieberman, Deena and Stuart Lockman, Karen Lowenstein*, Denise* and William Meyer, William A. Meyer Family Endowment, Sybil Michelson, Ellen Newman, The Pargh Foundation, Andy Pargh, Eugene* and Madeline Pargh*, Deborah and Stephen Paul, Mark and Masha Pinsky, Kathryn Resnick, Miriam Rieder*, Faye Rosch and Marty Frank, The Roth Family, Susan and Richard Sandler, Elinor and Barry Schimel, Beryl and Robert Schneider, Elyse and Chuck Schneiderman, Virginia Schwartz Higgins and John Schwartz, John Schwartz, Anita and Bob Seidemann, Adele Shamban*, Elena and Scott Shleifer, Jeri and Harvey* Siegel, Hope and Gene Silverman, Janet and Chuck Silverman, Sigmund Stahl*, Frances Stern Lashinsky, Gloria Sloat Stolman* and Joseph M. Stolman*, Wini Suss*, Stacy and Jared Tafeen, Rita and Burt* Tansky, Terry and Frank Vaccaro, Marjorie Lesser Wallen* and Howard Wallen, Beth and Hawkeye Wayne, Muriel Weingrow*, Nancy and Mitchell* Wollman, Stephanie and Brent Wolmer, Marjorie Yashar and Gerald Gibian, Carolyn and Michael Yasuna, Lois Zinman.



Grab a pen (well, a quill!) and join us as we write our brand new Megillah, one letter at a time.

It's a beautiful, hands-on mitzvah and a chance to be part of something we'll treasure as a congregation for years to come. Plus, each stop on our Megillah tour is happening right in your neighborhood, so it's the perfect chance to meet our clergy team and get to know fellow TJ members who live nearby!

A huge thank you to Nancy and Joel Hart for generously underwriting the entire Megillah.

Save the Dates:

11/8 - Frenchman's Creek

12/14 - Admirals Cove

1/5 - IBIS

1/24 - BallenIsles

2/7 - Mirasol

3/7 and 3/15 - Temple Judea

More details on how to sign up coming soon!

Take a Tour of TJ

Join our clergy,
Rabbi Yaron & Rabbi Josh
for an intimate tour and history of Temple Judea.
Get an inside understanding of all the small details that
make up our sacred space while getting to spend
some quality time with our clergy.
Monday, November 9th at 4 p.m.
Tour is limited to 20 people – RSVP is required –
call 561- 624-4633 to register



Calling all kids 0-6 and the parents, grandparents, siblings and
caretakers who love them

Join our clergy team for TJ Tots

Sunday, October 18th and Sunday, November 15th
9:00 a.m. at TJ

Adult Education



with Rabbi Wendy

Via Zoom – Visit www.gotj.org for log in information

In person beginning October 31!

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. (Tefilah) and 10:00 a.m. (Study)



Barbara Pariente

**The History of the Separation of Church and State
with**

**Judge Barbara Pariente
November 5th at 10:45 a.m. at TJ**

Barbara Joan Pariente is an attorney and jurist from Florida. She was chief justice of the Supreme Court of Florida from 2004 to 2006. Pariente is the second woman to hold the position of chief justice and served on the court from 1997 to 2019.

From 1993 to 1997, she was a judge on Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal.



KABBALAH

**Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Ellie Schweitzer
at Temple Judea**

Communities

TJ's Book Club at 10:30 a.m. at TJ or via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86321524611?pwd=Z2lNHbENTNpaUFVRVJHbUJsM0I5QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2152 4611 Passcode: 910340

October 5	<i>One Hundred Saturdays</i> by Michael Frank	Bayle Drubel
November 2	<i>One in a Million Boy</i> by Monica Wood	Debbie Kinback
December 7	<i>Making the Best of What's Left</i> by Judith Viorst	Cari Becker
January 4	<i>Spying on the South</i> by Tony Horwitz	Stuart Lockman
February 1	<i>People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks	Stephanie Wolmer
March 1	<i>The Hostage</i> by Eli Sharabi	Karen Karmazin

Questions: Contact Beth Baker at bethloves@gmail.com



CANDID CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN

Greetings Candid Conversation Ladies,

Class size is limited, and registration is required. Please contact Amy @ 561-624-4633 to register.

Topics and dates are listed below:

October 8, 2026	"Happiness is the Ultimate Risk"
November 5, 2026	"We are What we do"
December 3, 2026	"Our Greatest Strengths can be Our Greatest Weaknesses"

Please note that I am available for Bereavement Counseling during this month. Appointments must be scheduled for a one-on-one meeting. Please get in touch with Amy at amy@gotj.org or 561-624-4633, who will contact me so that I can call you to schedule our time together.

Marcia

Marcia Grobman received her master's degree in social work from Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida, and is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). She is also a certified addiction professional (CAP) and a certified clinical geriatric social worker (CSW-G). Marcia worked for the Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Alpert Jewish Family Services and Morse Geriatric Center. She has been in practice for over 40 years.

Sisterhood Happy Hour

Please join us for

ladies' night

at the home of Amy Rubin
8071 Cranes Point Way, IBIS

October 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres

RSVP to pat@gotj.org or

561-624-4633

by October 9

Must be a member of TJ's Sisterhood!



Sisterhood

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

6:00 P.M. DRINKS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

6:30 P.M. DINNER AND COMEDY SHOW

\$50/PERSON

RSVP TO PAT AT PAT@GOTJ.ORG



~Carmiya Weinraub~

*Clean comedian. Messy mom.
She won't perform on Shabbat, but
she'll slay on Sunday.*

*Carmiya has been described as
relatable, genuine, and born for
comedy. As one of the few Orthodox
Jewish female comics, she uses her
voice to give representation to and
smash stereotypes surrounding moms
and religious Jews.*

NOTE: YOUR 2026/2027 SISTERHOOD DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO ATTEND



Celebrating Sisterhood

Sunday, November 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Eastpointe Country Club

Featured speaker: Tovah Feldshuh

Note: This event is sponsored by the JCC in partnership with local synagogues and Jewish organizations. Registration will be by email and through the JCC NOT Temple Judea.



SOCIAL ACTION



I am delighted to be coordinating our Social Action programs this year and invite you to join us as we make a difference in our community.

Throughout the year, we will have many opportunities to give back including volunteering at Cafe Joshua at The Lord's Place, making sandwiches for St George Table, packing food at Feeding Hope Village, reading to children at Grove Park Elementary School, knitting or crocheting for kids in foster care and much more!

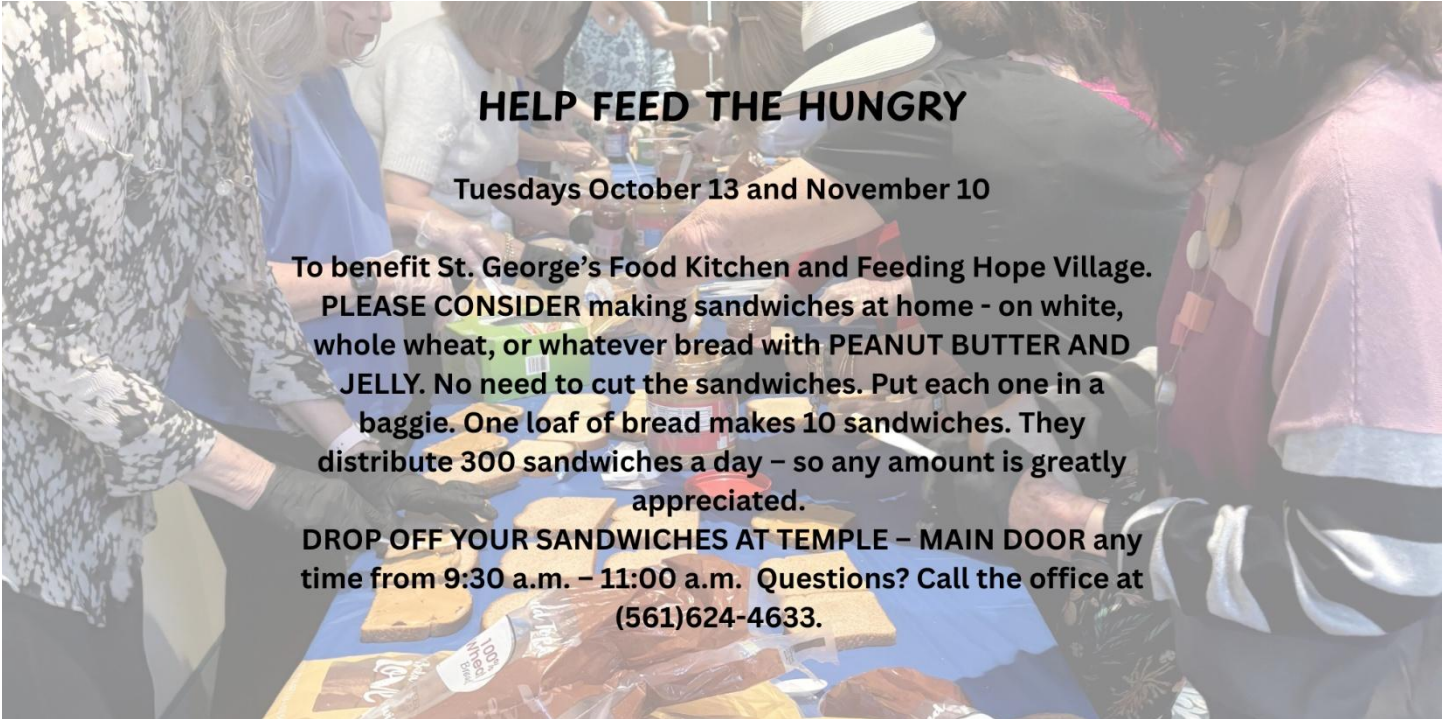
No matter how much time you have to give-whether a little or a lot- there is a place for EVERYONE.

Let this year be an opportunity to find the best way for YOU TO GIVE BACK and connect with others through meaningful service.

ARE YOU READY to volunteer? Please join us and help make a difference in the lives of others.

I would love to hear from you,
so please reach out to me and become part of our Social Action Team.

Marilyn Schwartz
how2415@aol.com
561 302 5124



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Tuesdays October 13 and November 10

**To benefit St. George's Food Kitchen and Feeding Hope Village.
PLEASE CONSIDER making sandwiches at home - on white, whole wheat, or whatever bread with PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. No need to cut the sandwiches. Put each one in a baggie. One loaf of bread makes 10 sandwiches. They distribute 300 sandwiches a day – so any amount is greatly appreciated.**

DROP OFF YOUR SANDWICHES AT TEMPLE – MAIN DOOR any time from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Questions? Call the office at (561)624-4633.

Once Upon a Mitzvah - Read to Kindergarteners at Grove Park Elementary!

Looking for a meaningful way to give back that will leave you smiling all day?

Join us as we bring the joy of reading to kindergarteners at

Grove Park Elementary School right here in Palm Beach Gardens!

Starting in September, Temple Judea volunteers will visit on select mornings around 9:30 a.m. to read to kindergarten classes.

Books are provided - all you need to bring is your voice and your heart.

Trust us, the appreciation on those little faces is worth every minute.

Dates are still being finalized, but we want to know who is in!

If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please contact us at 561-624-4633.

Come read with us - one book at a time, we are changing the world.

October 20, November 10, February 9, March 9

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



On November 3, 2026, Floridians will vote on Amendment 3, a ballot measure that would phase in an increase to the homestead exemption, raising it to \$250,000 by 2028, along with other provisions.

Supporters argue the measure provides meaningful tax relief for homeowners at a time when property values, and the taxes tied to them, have risen sharply. Critics argue it would drastically reduce revenue available to local governments, affecting funding for public safety and services for those in need, and that any shortfall would need to be made elsewhere due to increased demand for housing.

As with any ballot measure, we encourage every member of our community to study the amendment closely, weigh all perspectives, and vote according to their own conscience and values. What matters most to us is that you are informed and that you vote.

Please contact our PEACE Co-Team Leaders, Rebecca Cohen and Ruth Gonzalez, by calling the temple office at 561-624-4633 for more information about PEACE.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

One of the most powerful ways we can live our values of Tikkun Olam is by showing up for our neighbors in need. Join us as we volunteer at Feeding Hope Village, packing food for families facing hunger in our community.

Feeding Hope Village
3437 Avenue O, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

2026-2027 Volunteer Dates from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
October 7 - November 11 - December 2 - January 13 -
February 3 - March 3 - April 7 - May 5

No experience necessary - just a willing heart and a few hours of your time.

To sign up or for more information, please contact the temple office at 561-624-4633 or morli@gotj.org.

Come be the hands that make a difference.



JOIN OUR

STITCHES OF LOVE A KNITTING AND CROCHETING SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

Wednesdays, October 28 and November 18
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Knitting Concierge, 216 US Hwy 1, Lake Park

COME AS YOU ARE - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

LEARN TO KNIT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

EVERY STITCH YOU MAKE WARMS A CHILD IN NEED!

Contact Stephanie Wolmer with questions at 561-762-2190

Bring works in progress. All items must be machine washable.
Items will be for children of all ages and donated to various local agencies.
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TO OUR VETERANS IN NEED

Purchase all items on the shopping list for a complete meal and

DROP OFF AT TJ on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th or

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th to benefit the VA

PLEASE PURCHASE ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

Large Reusable Bag (TJ Maxx has a great one!)

\$25 Grocery Gift Card for a Turkey- Tie to handle of bag

1 Disposable Roasting pan

2 Cans of Corn

2 Cans of Green Beans

1 Can Cranberry Sauce

1 Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 Box of Stuffing

1 Box of Mashed Potatoes

1 Box Mac & Cheese

1 Can/Box of Gravy

1 Box Muffin/ Biscuit Mix

Non- Perishable Dessert

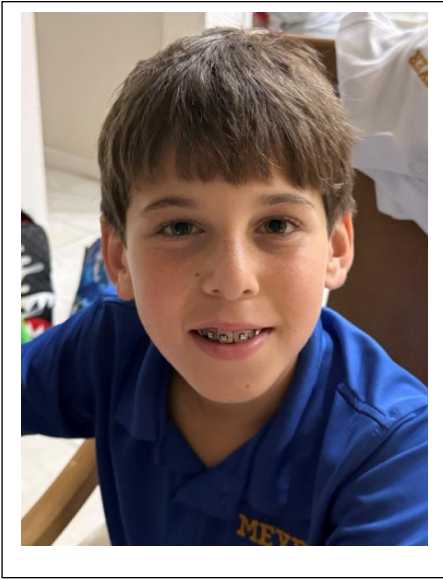
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SUGGESTIONS: Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Tuna, Beef
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Beans or Tuna, Cheese, Oil, Crackers, Applesauce, Coffee, Pudding,
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Questions Email: JUSTONECHECKAWAY@GMAIL.COM

Because you continue to give, a veteran is reminded that their
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Mazel Tov!



Mazel tov to Liam Fox on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday October 24, 2026. He is the son of Justin and Flora Fox and a big brother to Adele and Zachary, who he loves very much.

At school, Liam attends Arthur Meyer Jewish School and is in 8th grade. He loves math and playing soccer, basketball and going fishing. He also enjoys technology and printing designs and fixing his 3D printer. He wants to be involved in Information Technology when he grows up. He spends his summer in the Poconos with his siblings and Jewish camp at the JCC in Florida. He also enjoys watching Netflix shows, attending shows on Broadway and at the Kravis Center, biking and swimming. Liam also enjoyed when we took him and his brother skiing in Canada.

Liam Bar Mitzvah marks an important milestone as being Jewish is very important to him and he wants to further his connection to Jewish faith and traditions. His family is incredibly proud of his accomplishments and hopes he continues to be kind, make good decisions and set a good example for the community that he lives in.

Thank you to our Oneg sponsors

Justin and Flora Fox in honor of their son, Liam, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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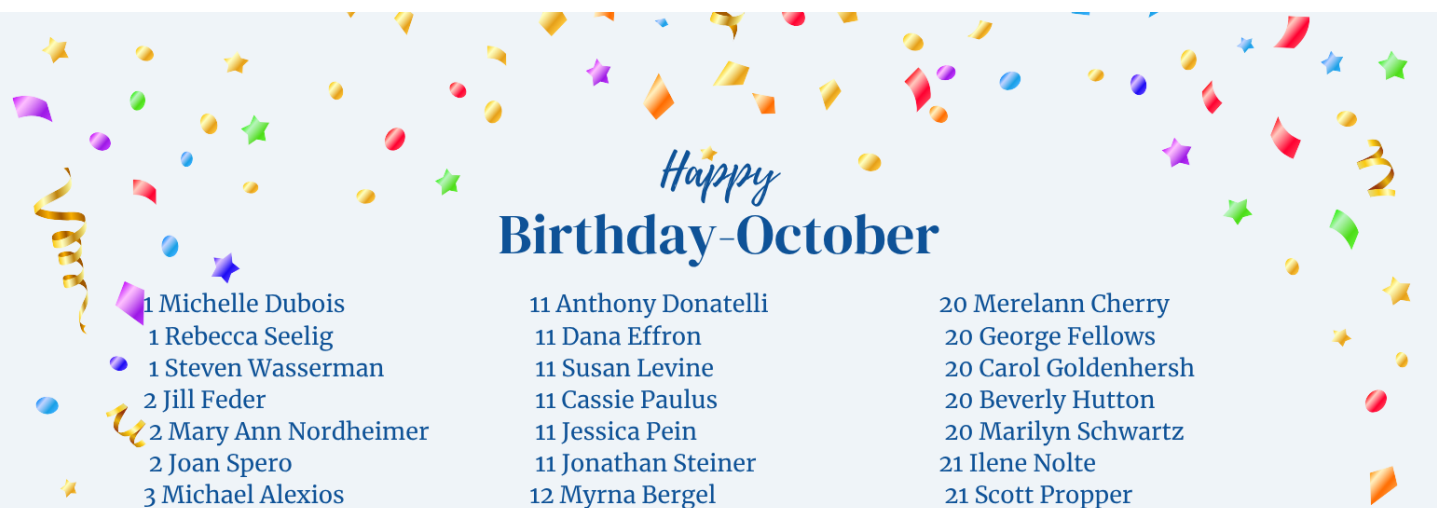
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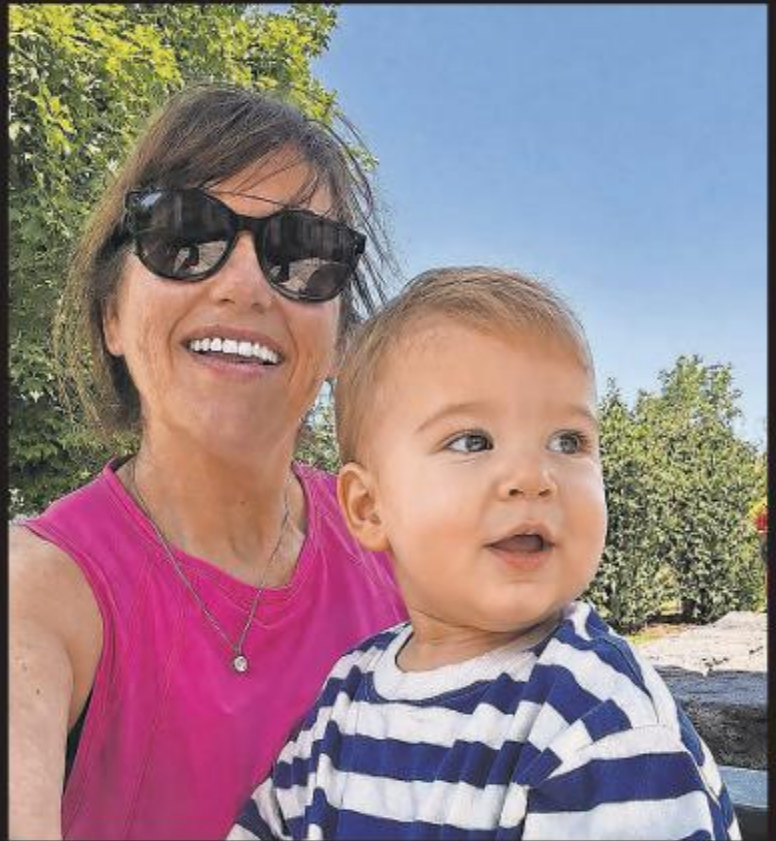
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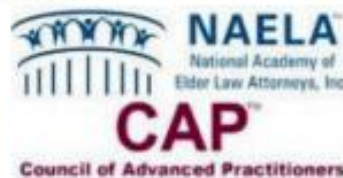
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