



# News & Views

March 2025

Adar-Nisan 5785

 Temple Shaarei Shalom  
Your Jewish Connection

# PURIM PALOOZA

## 2025

**Sunday March 16th**

**11-11:45 Sanctuary Megillah Reading & Purim Antics**

**11:45-1:30pm**  
**Contests - Games - Prizes for K-6 Kids with Parents**

**Your Costume: Pajamas (yes! you adults!)**

**Your Mitzvah: Bring a new pair of pajamas for children in need.**  
**All Proceeds go to CAMP JENNY!**

- Vashti's Hula-Hoop Contest!
- Shave Haman's Head!
- Royal Face Painting
- Mordecai's Wiffle Ball
- Shushan Costume Photo Booth!

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PIZZA \$2 CHIPS \$1 WATER \$1  
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# RABBI'S FORUM

**Rabbi Anthony Fratello,  
MAHL, DD**

So, it is March, and when March rolls around there are certain things on which we can depend. Spring Training Starts! We begin to hear news of our favorite teams and players as they begin to ready themselves for another year of Baseball! The birds start building nests under the eaves of our homes. If you are anything like me, you've got one or two spots where they just LOVE to set up shop for the duration. (What I cannot manage to figure out is how they build nests ATOP the spikes I installed, to stop them from building nests...) And then there is Purim. We know that when March rolls around it is time to celebrate Mordecai and Esther, to remember Ahasuerus and to shout down Haman (boo!)

There are many truths to be found at the heart of the Purim Story. The First is an awareness that we all have our own roles to play. Yes, Purim is a holiday where we celebrate that our deliverance came thru the hands of a brave woman. Were it not for Queen Esther, our people would have perished at the hands of wicked enemies. For far too long the voices of women were silenced in our communities, or if not silenced, then at least their contributions were not recognized and celebrated. As we know that is far too often the case and seems to be getting worse as our world is changing. Let us not forget: Our lives are richer and better when the voices of all members of our community are heard, recognized, and celebrated.

The Second great truth we might find in the Purim Story is an understanding of how important our community is. When the evil Haman's decree becomes known, Esther entreats with her uncle Mordecai to have the entire community pray on her behalf. Though Esther was the hero; her victory would have been impossible if the whole community was not behind her. At the end of the story the Jewish People survive not because the order calling for their destruction was rescinded, but rather because the people took it upon themselves to defend themselves. There is strength in our community, and the Jewish Community can only be strong if we are all involved, and all play our part.

Finally, the Third great truth from the Purim Story is found in the fact that our ancestors were involved in the broader secular world, as well. Mordecai was seated at the Gates of the City and thus overheard the plotting of

Ahasuerus's advisors. It was his intercession in that plot that put him on the King's radar and cemented his role at the center of Shushan's Political Life. When the King was looking for a new bride, Esther put herself in contention for the role. She could have shied away, or simply said, "What kind of thing is that for a nice Jewish Girl?" But she didn't. Not only did she marry the King, but her presence at the palace prevented a calamity. It is easy and SO tempting to try to sit out the craziness that is happening all around. But we have learned countless times from our own history, if we do not pay attention to what is happening, we leave ourselves vulnerable.

Come join us on March 16 for our annual Megillah Reading at 11:00 AM; we invite you to wear pajamas! Let us shout down Haman and raise up Esther and Mordecai. But most importantly, let us never forget the hard-won lessons of our people.



## Rabbi Fratello's Meditation Walk at Green Cay Preserve..

photos by Thelma Myerson

**Don't miss the next one...  
March 14th at 9:00 AM.  
See page 28 for more details.**





# Cantor's Corner

*Cantor Carry Barry, MSM*

If you want to know what I think about Judaism, you need look no further than a poem by Edmond Fleg. Born Edmond Flegenheimer (1874-1963), Fleg was a Jewish French writer and thinker. His works were critical in the formation of a modern French Jewish spirituality and identity after World War I and well into the middle of the twentieth century.

Fleg's greatest influences came first in the form of his parents. They supported the values of the French Revolution which had granted Jews full citizenship, and they found the principles of Judaism, as they understood them, to be in step with the liberal ideals of the French Revolution: tolerance, equality, and freedom. Fleg's second big influence was the Dreyfus Affair, which awakened him to the political and social realities around him. It was also when Fleg first learned about Zionism.

Edmond Fleg's poem "I am a Jew" was written in 1927. I have long felt a deep connection to the piece as it encapsulates both my understanding of what Judaism stands for as well as my deep feelings about how we should face the world with empathy. It has been a guiding light for me. Let me share the poem with you:

I am a Jew because my faith demands of me no abdication of the mind.

I am a Jew because my faith requires of me all the devotion of my heart.

I am a Jew because in every place where suffering weeps, I weep.

I am a Jew because at every time when despair cries out, I hope.

I am a Jew because the word of the people Israel is the oldest and the newest.

I am a Jew because the promise of Israel is the universal promise.

I am a Jew because, for Israel, the world is not completed; we are completing it.

I am a Jew because, for Israel, humanity is not created; we are creating it.

I am a Jew because Israel places humanity and its unity above the nations and above Israel itself.

I am a Jew because, above humanity, image of the divine Unity, Israel places the unity which is divine.

Since October 7th, 2023, however, I have struggled with these words. I have cried for our Israeli brothers and sisters murdered in cold blood. I have feared for our hostages and prayed for their safe return. But I also despaired over the loss of humanity at the hands of the IDF. My own convictions warring with the steps Israel needed to take to destroy Hamas. My heart and my mind in complete turmoil.

Something changed inside me with the return of the bodies of Shiri, Ariel and Kfir Bibas. It wasn't their deaths, I had long suspected that their survival was improbable. No, it was the celebrations in Gaza, the desecration of the bodies, the lies and deceit from Hamas, and the near silence or "whataboutisms" from the rest of the world. Oded Lifshitz, whose body was also returned last week, had devoted his later years to transporting Palestinians in need of medical care across the border into Israel. They paraded his coffin through the streets.

I don't blame myself for holding onto my empathy for as long as I did. In fact, I see it as a testament to my own humanity. As Jews, I firmly believe we must maintain our humanity. But everything has a breaking point, and I reached mine. I will continue to weep, but I will weep for those who still weep for others. I will continue to hope, but I will hope for peace for those who truly want peace. I will always stand for tolerance, equality, and freedom, but we cannot save those who don't want to be saved and certainly not those who want to see us dead.



**SAVE THE  
DATE  
SHABBAT AT  
THE BEACH  
FRIDAY  
APRIL 18  
@ 6:00 PM**



# Director of Congregational Learning

*Nancy Bossov, RJE*

During the past several weeks, educators and clergy around the country have been trying to figure out how best to support their communities in a fast-paced series of changes from the country’s leadership. As Jews, we are aware from our history that we must pay attention to important details of communication from one’s nation’s leadership. We sometimes fear what’s “coming around the corner” so we are braced for what happens next.

Some see a thick line between a religious community and community government yet there are oftentimes significant gray areas. Generally, we Jews promote “Separation of Church & State.” However, we are alerted when we see basic freedoms and civil rights deteriorating or disappearing.

Supporting freedom of all people is a fundamental concept in Judaism – we are partners with God and are obligated to help make the world a better place (Tikkun Olam). We empathize readily with those who are affected by changes that make a certain people “less than,” or “unacceptable,” or “unworthy” of equal treatment and opportunities.

These days, it’s very, very difficult to feel one has any say in the matter. There are sweeping changes coming from an individual person rather than the process of a democratic society. As a teacher, I know I can focus and influence my own small world of congregants, fellow teachers, and students and their families but how do I counsel the people in my world to prevent mistakes from happening? To speak out against injustice? To be active in our democratic society and communicate to our representatives what we are thinking and feeling? How do we explain to our children that as we know from our history, we have a mindset of fearing that we will be the next target.

When in deep thought about this matter, I imagine JFK saying something like “ask not what your country can do for you, demand what your country should do for you.” In our lifetimes, we’ve become very comfortable with the freedoms we take for granted.

We cannot be silent. We must make it known to our elected representatives that justice, fairness, and moving through due process is our priority. NOT doing anything will lead us nowhere. Thinking somebody else will take care of it, abdicating one’s privilege to help steer the

course. The great Elie Wiesel lived a life of extremes; extreme torture to extreme activism; extreme hopelessness to extreme hopefulness; extreme deprivation to extreme life opportunities and success. Let his words help guide us during these confusing times:

“The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference  
The opposite of art is not ugliness, it’s indifference  
The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference  
The opposite of life is not death, it’s indifference  
Action is the only remedy to indifference.” – Elie Wiesel

## New Youth Advisor Joins our Community!



We’re thrilled to announce and welcome our new Youth Advisor, Taylor Forster. As of March 1, Taylor will work with our K-12 students to establish and re-establish our youth program. Working closely with our Director of Congregational Learning, Nancy

Bossov, Taylor will be offering programs for our students to have fun together with their temple friends.

Taylor Forster has worked with children of all ages throughout her career, initially as an Assistant Teacher and Camp Counselor at Congregation B’Nai Israel in Boca Raton, and then as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Taylor has coordinated events and engaged children in activities that are providing life skills as well as being fun and enjoyable.

She was involved in the youth group at her synagogue throughout middle and high school, creating memories and friendships that have stayed with her and motivated her to provide the same to others. She is passionate about the Jewish community, and looks forward to creating meaningful programming that allows the youth, and ultimately their families, to feel connected to one another and the synagogue. She is excited to get to know the members of the Temple, and to create lasting memories for the youth to carry with them.

Taylor received her Master of Education degree in Counselor Education from Florida Atlantic University, and is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Taylor currently lives in Lake Worth with her husband Tyler, and their two cats, Neville and Mike.

We can anticipate fabulous programming for our children and teens. She will be coming in to meet with the kids and start planning for the Spring and next year! If you see her at the Purim Palooza or Family Service, please welcome her with a warm smile and a welcome handshake!

# Celebrating our March B'nei Mitzvah

## Leiya Penelope Deutsch

Becomes a Bat Mitzvah  
On March 1, 2025



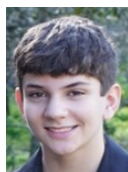
**Parent (s) Names:** Aaron & Elana Deutsch  
**Grandparents:** Lawrence & Olivia Deutsch and Debra & Joseph Forman  
**Siblings:** Bella Deutsch  
**Sports:** Previously Competitive Dance, Now Volleyball  
**Academic Interests:** Math and Science  
**Special Interests:** Runway Modeling, Dolphins

**Torah Portion:** *Terumah*

**My Bat Mitzvah project:** My Bat Mitzvah project was to raise money for the Susan G. Komen foundation. Breast cancer is a disease that is close to my heart because my Aunt Shayne, my Bubbie Debbie, and one of my dance teachers, Ms. Nicole, have had breast cancer. I have gotten a lot of insight from them, and they have inspired me to choose this as my project. They are now survivors, and I want to help others survive too. I have raised over \$1,000 to this cause by getting sponsors to donate money for me to participate in the Susan G. Komen Walk. By donating money for research on how to find a cure, it could save so many lives. Even though I'm just one person, I want to make a difference. I want the people who have breast cancer to be able to be told that everything will be okay. It would make me so happy to know that what I did for my Mitzvah project helped. I am honored to be bringing money to a good cause.

## Austin Jacob Freed

Becomes a Bar Mitzvah  
On March 8, 2025



**Parent (s) Names:** Scott & Jennifer Freed  
**Grandparents:** Gail Paxton  
**Siblings:** Justin & Landen Freed  
**Academic Interests:** Theater  
**Special Interests:** Watching Movies and Spending Time with Friends.

**Torah Portion:** *Tetzaveh*

**My Bar Mitzvah project:** Currently helping local Animal Rescue Organization with adoptions, feeding, cleaning and companionship. I feel happy and helpful knowing I'm able to help Animals in need.

## Justin Nicholas Freed

Becomes a Bar Mitzvah  
On March 8, 2025



**Parent (s) Names:** Scott & Jennifer Freed  
**Grandparents:** Gail Paxton  
**Siblings:** Austin & Landen Freed  
**Academic Interests:** Science  
**Special Interests:** Drawing, Computers & Cooking

**Torah Portion:** *Tetzaveh*

**My Bar Mitzvah project:** Working with local Animal Rescue Organization because I like animals and want to help them find good homes.

## Alicia Molly Rubine

Becomes a Bat Mitzvah  
On March 15, 2025



**Parent (s) Names:** Jason & Amanda Rubine  
**Grandparents:** Richard & Michele Rubine and Joel (z"l) & Marlene (z"l) Dalva  
**Siblings:** Jacob Rubine  
**Sports:** I am a national powerlifting champion. I won Gold at Nationals for my age, gender and weight for bench, squat, and deadlift.  
**Academic Interests:** Science  
**Special Interests:** I wants to be a physical therapist when I get older.

**Torah Portion:** *Ki Tissa*

**My Bat Mitzvah project:** My Bat Mitzvah project has been to volunteer to get dogs and cats adopted. I have volunteered with Peggy Adams Animal Rescue. I have also volunteered with A Second Chance Rescue. I have helped sit with the dogs and cats to help them stay calm during adoption events. I also play with them, make them their favorite snacks, and help clean their areas.

# Celebrating our March B'nei Mitzvah

## Gabriella Madison Goldstein

Becomes a Bat Mitzvah  
On March 22, 2025



**Parent (s) Names:** Brad & Allison Goldstein

**Grandparents:** Diane Tischler and  
Jeff & Barb Goldstein

**Siblings:** Sydnie & Harrison Goldstein

**Academic Interests:** IT

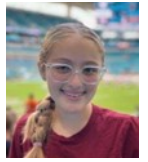
**Special Interests:** Flute & Crochet

**Torah Portion:** *Mishpatim*

**My Bat Mitzvah project:** For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am crocheting blankets. I will be donating the blankets to the pediatric floor at a local hospital. I feel proud and honored to be able to give back to my community, especially kids that are sick and in the hospital.

## Marissa Paige Sugar

Becomes a Bat Mitzvah  
On March 29, 2025



**Parent (s) Names:** Scott & Stefanie Sugar

**Grandparents:** Ed & Arlene Stein and  
Norman and Bettie (z"l) Sugar

**Siblings:** Jordan Sugar

**Sports:** Boynton Knights Travel Soccer

**Academic Interests:** Premedical and Theatre Arts

**Special Interests:** Music, Concerts, Theatre

**Torah Portion:** *Pekudei*

**My Bat Mitzvah project:** For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am collecting food, linens and toys for the animal rescue. We rescued our dog 5 years ago and rescuing an animal who needs a home is one of the greatest rewards. My dog Ella is the best addition to our family.



## 4th-7th Grade Ice Skating



## 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group enjoying the Youth Lounge



# ANNOUNCING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE

# MITZVAH CLUB



**TSSRS STUDENTS GRADES K-6 ARE INVITED TO JOIN ON SUNDAY MARCH 2ND AT 12:15 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**

**WHAT IS THIS YOU ASK.....**

**IT'S A CLUB FOR TSSRS STUDENTS K-6.**

**WHEN DO WE MEET.....**

**ONCE A MONTH AFTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL.**

**WHAT DO WE DO.....**

**WORK TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND MENTORS(PARENTS JUST LIKE YOU) TO PERFORM GOOD DEEDS, TALK ABOUT RELEVANT TOPICS, DO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, PLAY GAMES AND, ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER!**

**WHAT IS A MITZVAH.....**

**A MITZVAH TRANSLATES AS "COMMANDMENT" AND WE ALL KNOW THE WORD AS A GOOD DEED OR ACT OF LOVING KINDNESS. THAT'S JUST ONE IMPORTANT WAY WE LIVE JEWISHLY!**

**LUNCH(PIZZA) AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO STAY AND HELP!**

**PARENTS WE NEED YOU!**

**[CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN CODE TO REGISTER!**



[HTTPS://](https://)

# TSS PTO Bake Sale

## SUNDAY

## MARCH 2ND

## 11:45 AM





# HAMENTASHEN SALE

**A PURIM TRADITION YOU CAN BRING HOME!**

**PACKAGE OF 10 COOKIES:**

**APRICOT-PRUNE-**

**RASPBERRY-POPPY SEED**

**FILLING. NUT-FREE.**

**KOSHER.**

**\$12**



**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & CAMP JENNY  
ORDER BY MARCH 7 - PICK-UP MARCH 16TH (PURIM CELEBRATION DAY)**



**SCAN QR CODE  
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BY MARCH 7TH**



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CALL NANCY @ 561-364-9054 X 107  
PLEASE ORDER BY 3/7  
DELIVERY ON 3/16  
AT THE PURIM PALOOZA!**

# CELEBRATE SHABBAT À LA PURIM

## 5:45pm Triangle Dinner

**EARLY BIRD: \$10 TSS Adults - GUEST ADULTS \$18 Children (under 17) FREE**  
**AFTER 3/7: \$15 TSS Adults - GUEST ADULT \$20 - \$5 Guest Kids**

*What's on the Menu? Chinese Food Imported Direct from Shushan!*

## 7:00pm Service

**Friday March 14, 2025**



**MANY THANKS TO THE  
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# PURIM PALOOZA

2025 Celebration of Purim!!!

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# SISTERHOOD

**March 20, 2025 @ 11:30 AM**

Laurel Kadouri presenting Temples Around the World

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**March 30, 2025 @ 11:00 AM**

Women's Seder

Featuring Rabbi Tract and Cantor Barry

See Flyer on Page 15-16 or

**[CLICK HERE for FORM](#)**

**April 24, 2025 @ 11:30 AM**

Rose Feinberg will enlighten us about men in the garment center

**May 15, 2025 @ 11:30 AM**

Join us to be entertained by Cantor Barry

Please come to our meetings and mingle with your fellow members.  
We all have a great time, and laugh and enjoy one another's news of the month.

Please remember with your Sisterhood dues we help the temple in many ways.

Remember always we are not just Thursdays.

Roberta Alter  
Ellen Hulkower



# TSS WOMEN'S SEDER

FEATURING  
RABBI TRACT & CANTOR BARRY

CATERED BY DIAMOND KOSHER CATERERS



## SUNDAY, MARCH 30 11:00 AM

Complete the reverse side and return to TSS  
no later than March 20th no exceptions

[sisterhood@templeshaareishalom.com](mailto:sisterhood@templeshaareishalom.com)



ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

Sisterhood Member \$40

Temple Member \$45

Guest \$48

Young Woman (15 and under) \$20

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SELECT MEAL: ____ CHICKEN PICATTA ____ FILET OF SALMON ____ STUFFED CABBAGE ____ VEG CUTLET
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CIRCLE ONE:  SISTERHOOD MEMBER  TEMPLE MEMBER  GUEST  YOUNG WOMAN
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SEATING PREFERENCES (NO MORE THAN 8 PER TABLE)

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Return form and check payable to TSS Sisterhood to  
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# Brotherhood

SAVE THE DATE:

## ADL Speaker

Modern Anti Semitism in the US and what to do about it

Wednesday March 25, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

## Brotherhood Shabbat

April 25, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

President: Steve Katz  
cell 215-582-1215,  
[chaikatz2@comcast.net](mailto:chaikatz2@comcast.net)

Immediate  
Past President: Stan Hulkower

Vice President: Ed Giller  
Secretary: Sy Rifkin  
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## **BROTHERHOOD MONTHLY LUNCH**

**TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

**DUFFY'S RESTAURANT**

**6545 BOYNTON BEACH BLVD**

**RSVP**

**STEVE KATZ 215-582-1215**

## FROM THE BOARD

The Board noted, with sorrow, the passing of Janet Bleshman, widow of Norman Bleshman (a founder of TSS).

The Superbowl Fundraiser had four winners. With great congregational support, TSS earned \$2300. Thanks to Joshua Davidov and Philip Levine for making it happen.

Rebecca Aling noted that Panera Bread offers a 25% rebate to an organization for a reserved day of purchases. Millie Seader will follow up for details.

Rabbi noted that 60+ congregants attended Shabbat at the Beach in February. Congregants requested another one. April 18<sup>th</sup> is reserved for the next one.

On May 2, TSS will hold a special Shabbat Service and Oneg to honor Rabbi Fratello and his 25 years of service to TSS. We look forward to a great show of congregational support.

A new Youth Group advisor, Taylor Foster, has been hired to nurture and support Youth activities and programs. Taylor grew up in this area and has a background in Youth Group work.

The Constitution Review Committee completed its review of the TSS Constitution. The proposed updates and revisions were submitted to the Board for its comments and approval. The proposed revisions will now be submitted to the Congregation for its approval at the Annual Meeting (or by Absentee Ballot).

*Joan Milowe, Secretary*

### Apologies to the February Birthday Wishes that were Missed:

Brendan Arena	Bradley Goldstein	Judy Santo
Stephen Bender	Judith Gurvis	Ellen Schulman
Lizabeth Bowers	Harvey Kart	Ellie Serebrin
Rhoda Brenner	Stephen Katz	Sasha Shtulman
Gustie Brust	Stephen Kirschtel	Jake Siman
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Bev Cohen, the co-chair of our Israel Committee, is organizing a small group of adventurers to volun-tour in Israel through an IDF program called “Feed the Soldiers.” The program will run from September 5-13, though you may spend extra time in Israel before and/or after the program. Participants must be between 20 years of age and 79.

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