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RABBI'S FORUM

Rabbi Anthony Fratello, MAHL, DD

It's March, that means it must be Purim!

By the time you are reading these words, our Purim Celebrations will most likely be in the rearview mirror, however, you are hopefully still noshing some Hamentashen. It is likely that you know that Purim is one of the few Jewish Holidays that celebrates a woman, in particular. Indeed, without Esther—aka Hadassah—there simply would be nothing to celebrate. The wicked Haman would have been able to put his plan into place, and none would be the wiser. However, because of Esther's courage, and willingness to take a chance, our people had a future beyond the time of Ahasuerus.

Taking a casual survey of what the Sages wrote about Vashti, one would conclude that the most important thing she did was to leave; to open up a position as queen for Esther to fill. Over the last 50+ years, however, her role has been reevaluated. She was called in to “entertain” Ahasuerus and his courtiers. Tradition says that he essentially asked her to dance naked for their amusement; an invitation, a “privilege,” that she chose to decline. In response, of course, she is banished and disappears from the story. Today, in a day and age when we are becoming more and more cognizant of the ways in which women have been abused and taken advantage of, her refusal looks more and more like a strong act of defiance. In this day when we are only too familiar with the revelations that the Me-Too Movement has brought forth, or the continuing fallout of the Epstein Files, we can only begin to applaud such a deliberate act of defiance. To publicly refuse the King?!? THIS was no small feat, and it is fitting that we remember Vashti for having the courage to stand up to those who sought to belittle her.

Now more than ever we need to make sure that the young women in our community, and even the adult women in our community, are encouraged and supported in their efforts to stand up for themselves. Now more than ever we all need to make sure that we do our part to stop women from being denigrated and denied their deserved place in society. Judaism teaches that there is NO place for accepting or condoning behavior that objectifies women or subjects them to being treated solely as an object for the amusement of men. Full stop.

In keeping with this, please note, on **Friday Night March 22**, we will be having our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat. At that service we will be hearing about and speaking the names of some lesser-known women from our tradition, who have pointed the way forward for us all. I hope you can join us.



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Cantor's Corner

Cantor Carrie Barry, MSM

I am very excited for the upcoming concert: The Bema Goes to Broadway! On Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 7:00pm, we are bringing you extraordinary talent from both the cantorial and theater worlds. You'll be treated to some well-known favorites as well as newer share-worthy songs. You'll tear up during ballads and laugh through our comedic pieces. Allow me to introduce our performers for the evening.

Cantor Abbie Strauss is a renowned composer, multi-instrumentalist, and recording artist, with her works being enjoyed worldwide. Abbie founded the music school, The Institute of Jewish Rock and Judaism: Inside Out. She is a proud member of the Grammy's Recording Academy and an advocate for the arts.

With a master's in education, Abbie has spent two decades creating musical communities in synagogues, religious schools, and Jewish summer camps. Abbie is very active in the greater music community with programs such as the Healing Arts Project, performing for local hospitals and nursing homes. She also hosts the shows Sing Your BlesSings on JKids Radio and Shir Chadash through the Cantors Assembly. Abbie has recorded 6 albums available on all streaming platforms.

Our other star is our very own Temple member, Elita Fox. Elita has been captivated by the theater since her earliest childhood. She spent her summers at French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts, a summer camp known for its talented youth and exceptional programming. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emerson College after which she enjoyed a successful professional singing career for many years, including a national tour of Les Misérables and other professional roles as The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods, Florence Vassy in Chess, Eponine in Les Misérables, among many others. Elita also treasures her memorable tenure in entertainment at Walt Disney World where she is said to have been very good friends with the princesses Belle and Ariel. While Elita now shares her passion for language as an English teacher in Palm Beach, her heart remains in music—especially when singing with her daughter, Addison.

Please join me and these wonderful women as we bring you music from some of your favorite shows from Funny Girl to Miss Saigon. You do not want to miss this!

TEMPLE SHAAREI SHALOM PRESENTS

MARCH 21, 2026 7:00PM

THE BEMA GOES TO BROADWAY

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The congregation is planning to renovate the sanctuary, lobby, gift shop, and library. For those of us who think of the temple as their second home, we know that our homes need care, upkeep, renovation, freshening, or transformation periodically. It's important for the value of the property but it also affects how we feel about ourselves and each other.

As an educator, I've been involved in creating environments that lend themselves to learning. There are significant studies about how one's environment affects one's ability to learn, think, socialize, and be the best person for ourselves and each other. I've led workshops and guided schools in determining how to adapt the space they have to the most comfortable, well-organized, aesthetically pleasing, highly functional and most importantly, supportive of the learning process.

In Early Childhood Education there is a school which evolved into a methodology called Reggio Emilia. A Reggio Emilia school considers the environment to be one of the teachers along with human teachers and parents. One learns about organizational categories, the beauty of nature, the accommodation for the people in the room's size and stature, the health that sunlight promotes, and much more. Cumulatively, the environment displays and enacts our priorities as a People.

What's more important than nurturing the next generation? I have an answer – nurturing ourselves! We can do both! When we nurture ourselves AND the next generation, we are teaching the next generation that they must do the same when they reach that time in their lives. Having a beautiful, comfortable, peaceful environment in which to gather and pray is ultimately the responsibility of the temple! I believe the renovations will elevate us all! The conscious and direct messages as well as those that target the sub-conscious, teach us that we deserve being in a beautiful environment, we honor each other and God when we have a beautiful environment in which to gather and it raises the standard of the self-identity of our Jewish community.

If you are asked to support this effort in some way, know that you are enhancing many lives on many levels for many years to come. The renovations are very much a communal act but ultimately, they nurture our social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth and development.

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From our President

Dr. Melissa Bowers

As we move into March, I find myself reflecting on the unique moment our congregation is experiencing. We are standing at an intersection that invites us to honor where we have been, understand where we are, and thoughtfully prepare for where we are going.

Temple Shaarei Shalom was built on vision, courage, and commitment. Those who came before us did more than establish a building; they created a spiritual home. They invested in community, Jewish learning, celebration, comfort during loss, and a shared sense of belonging. Their dedication laid the foundation, literally and figuratively, for everything we experience today.

Honoring that past means more than remembering names or milestones. It means recognizing the responsibility we now carry. The decisions we make today will shape the experience of the next generation of families who walk through our doors.

Today, we are in a season of thoughtful evaluation and growth. As more members of our congregation begin to see the renovation plans, conversations are naturally expanding. Questions are being asked. Ideas are being shared. That is healthy. It signals engagement. It shows that people care deeply about this sacred space.

Renovation is not simply about walls, flooring, or updated spaces. It is about ensuring that our physical environment reflects who we are now and who we aspire to be. Are we creating spaces that are welcoming? Flexible? Accessible? Conducive to meaningful worship, dynamic learning, and joyful gathering? Are we thinking not only about immediate needs, but about sustainability and relevance ten, twenty, or even fifty years from now?

Preparing for the future requires both imagination and responsibility. It asks us to balance reverence for tradition with openness to innovation. It challenges us to think long term, even when the short term feels more comfortable.

Change can feel unsettling. But stagnation carries its own risks. The congregants who founded and sustained Temple Shaarei Shalom in its earlier chapters were not afraid to think boldly. If we are honest, we are beneficiaries of their forward thinking decisions.

Now it is our turn.

In the coming months, I encourage every member to stay engaged, to ask questions, attend presentations, share feedback, and most importantly, to approach this process with both curiosity and trust. This renovation represents more than construction. It represents continuity.

- We honor our past by caring for it.
- We strengthen our present by participating in it.
- We secure our future by investing in it.

I am grateful to be part of a community that is willing to do all three.

BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

Wednesday, March 11 @ 12:00 PM: Monthly Lunch at Duffy’s Jog and Boynton Beach Blvd

Tuesday, March 24: MRJ Men’s Seder at Temple Beth Torah, Wellington. More info to follow

Wednesday, April 15 @ 12:00 PM: Monthly Lunch . Location TBD

Friday, May 1 @ 7:00 PM: Brotherhood Shabbat

Questions? Steve: chaikatz2@comcast.net

SISTERHOOD EVENTS

Sunday, March 8: Women Seder SOLD OUT!

Friday, March 27 @ 7:00 PM : Sisterhood Shabbat

Thursday, April 16 @ 11:30 AM: Lunch and program with Andy Greenberg

Thursday, May 21 @ 11:30 AM: Lunch and program with Cantor Barry

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7:00PM Shabbat Service

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Israeli Oneg to follow

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026

2-4PM

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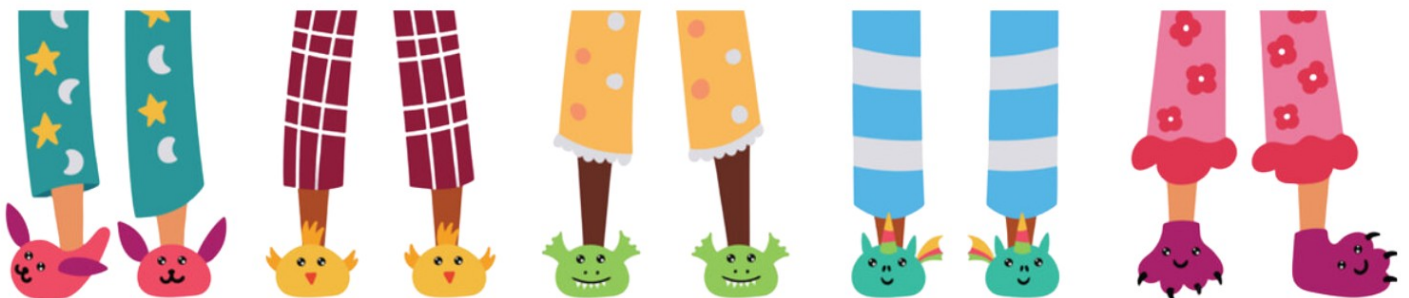


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- Saturday April 18 9:00am Torah Study
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- Saturday May 2 9:00am Torah Study
- Saturday May 9 11:30am Lunch n' Learn
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