The moment all of you have been waiting breathlessly for - my first Kol Ha'Am article. Thank you, Sue, for passing the shovel to me. Thank you for getting our construction project started, just as you promised. My promise is to do everything I can to get it completed just as quickly and efficiently as possible. And thank you, Sue, for coming up with JOYFUL FLEXIBILITY. What could be a more perfect expression of handling everything associated with our construction projects.

Our new Sanctuary will be done before we know it. Watching it go through the process of demolition and creation is extraordinary. We will continually be posting photos. We have set up a camera that will continuously stream what is happening from moment to moment. Check out www.tbala.org/construction. We have set up regular tours of the Sanctuary space as it is being worked on. We will provide the hard hats. Check the website for exact day and times.

I'll focus on the Pressman Academy part of the construction in the next Kol Ha'Am, or I may do a special update in the coming weeks. We will continue our fundraising with our team of Fearless Fundraisers. The goal is to reach out to EVERYONE so that all of you can be an integral part of what TBA & Pressman are creating. Here's a tip on how to best handle the awesome Fearless Fundraisers: Listen patiently to their pitch, give serious reflective thought to what they are requesting, and then tell them you'll give twice what they have suggested. Then duck as they will smother you with gratitude and excitement.

We're also looking for new slogans for our fundraising. I was at the Dodger game with Dan Messinger of Bibi's Bakery Café on Pico. He suggested, "Raisin the Dough." For such brilliance, Dan deserves no less than our community regularly descending upon Bibi's and buying everything there. Email Hilary Hellman, our magnificent Director of Advancement, with any other slogan suggestions.

Well, that's a wrap for Kol Ha'Am article #1. Here's a sneak preview for the next one: we'll continue to do construction updates, with a focus on Pressman Academy. High Holidays will be an exciting once-in-a-lifetime experience throughout our campus. Special thanks as always to the entire staff at TBA, and to the extraordinary group of officers and members of the Board of Trustees. Take a moment whenever you're around to thank everyone working at TBA/Pressman. And I mean everyone - from janitors, security and construction people on down to your humble president!

Have a great summer.
Avi Peretz

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are excited and honored to welcome Rabbi Matt Shapiro, who joins our clergy team as Interim Associate Rabbi

A fter six years of working full time at Beit T'Shuvah, Rabbi Shapiro is excited to move from congregant to rabbi at Temple Beth Am. In his work at BTS, Rabbi Shapiro has worked as a spiritual counselor, educator, and pulpit presence, bringing out his interests and skills as a teacher and pastor. In addition to previously interning at TBA, he has worked in a variety of rabbinic and educational settings, including BCI, Mosaic Law Congregation, and Los Angeles Hebrew High School. He hopes to develop programming and teaching emphasizing personal spiritual growth grounded in the Jewish tradition while working at TBA, as well as focusing on pastoral counseling. Rabbi Shapiro is thrilled to move into this interim role, and looks forward to bringing as much joy, Torah, and ruach as possible to the coming year!

Rabbi Shapiro is blessed to be married to Rabbi Sarah Barukh, and is the proud, grateful, and often exhausted father of Jonah, Eliav and their newest addition born in May, Rafael Gilad.

Now that the interim position is set, we will be convening a committee, to be chaired by Mike Cohn, that will conduct a comprehensive search for completing our clergy team on a long-term basis. We will update the community on those developments as they materialize. And though we remain sad to have said goodbye to Rabbi Lucas, we feel confident that we have set up our community for thriving for next year, and are well on the way to doing so for the years beyond.

Rabbi Shapiro—we welcome you with open arms and hearts!
Kol HaRav

Kol Tefilla: Lessons from a Successful Convention

The tiny, potent seed at the heart of prayer innovation at Temple Beth Am is a question, one that fuels my vision as cantor: can prayer be intentionally good?

Three years ago, our rabbinc intern and I talked over cups of coffee, reflecting on the most memorable prayer services we had ever attended. Every example was painted with a veneer of happenstance: the right crowd happened to be in the room, or I was in the right mood. Or the world happened to be in a precarious place and in that moment I needed prayer. Our memories of heightened prayer experiences were all marked with a heavy layer of beautiful accident: it just seemed to come together.

The rabbinc tradition preserves a paradigmatic tension that spontaneity and intentionality in prayer are all bound up with one another, and they are set in opposition to the set script in our prayer books. The two juxtaposed elements of prayer are keva, the fixed texts that we are obligated to say; and kavannah, the impromptu personal supplications that rise to our lips. I wanted to challenge the assumption that prayer experiences draw their power from improvisation or coincidence.

Already we had a model for that at Temple Beth Am: by the time I arrived at TBA, Hama’alot was going strong. Every Hama’alot is a fully curated, built-from-scratch Shabbat morning service mapped onto a loose skeleton of essential elements. A lot of sweat equity goes into producing a single 90-minute Hama’alot, and the reward is as great as the effort, every single time. We grafted that value of planfulness and production of tefillah onto the model of our twice-monthly Friday night Sovev services, and voila: another thriving prayer archetype was born.

With pride in our fruitful innovations and genuine curiosity for what other brilliant novelty might be ripening in other Conservative congregations, we proposed to the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism that we convene a national gathering at TBA that focused on raising the bar on prayer. This past April, we did just that: Kol Tefilla was born.

There are not enough words to describe the joy I experienced in welcoming Kol Tefilla to our community. Hundreds of voices from more than thirty congregations across the country elevated prayer throughout every space in our building. We sang, and networked, and studied, and dreamed. From Rabbi Adam Kligfeld’s passion came months of sweet collaboration with Rabbi Rebecca Schatz, and with the partnership of USCJ we produced this holy gem of a weekend. I feel deeply invigorated by a reinforcing network of thinkers that prayer is worthy of investment and loving revisitation. And I am so proud of our community, and boundlessly grateful for our extraordinary staff and supportive lay leadership. To those who led us and encouraged us to stretch our visions of worship, we are indebted.

So much of the beauty brought into Shabbat services with my clergy partners has been predicated on this vision: that it is indeed possible to take one-time, accidentally extraordinary worship experiences and recreate them, or at least bits and pieces of them, over and over again. Excellence in tefillah rises from thoughtfulness and attentiveness to all possibilities for both the fixed and spontaneous.

Months later, I am still riding the wave of the heightened heights of tefillah at the April Shabbaton. And I am craving the next elevated worship experience, and the next, and the next - which is why I am thrilled to share that Kol Tefilla 2019 is already in the works. Please mark your calendars for Shabbat Shira, January 18-21, 2019 for the next iteration of this endeavor. We look forward to broadening our circle of song, expanding to new sites in the Los Angeles area and featuring the world-renowned, Jerusalem-based the tefillah artists of Nava Tehila.

Excited? Good. We intend for it to be bigger and better than we have yet imagined prayer could be.

Rabbi Hillary Chorny, Cantor
A Year in Youth Learning and Engagement

This year, YLE invested in partnering with parents and teens to create these new opportunities for Jewish learning and engagement for our community’s children and their families:

- **JLC Family Experiences**
  - Opened the year with “Ha Otiyot - The Letters,” a program on the Hebrew language. Created an intergenerational experience for families with “LDor V’Dor - A Tu B’Shevat Family Program,” and collaborated with Programming and Engagement to “Celebrate Israel at 70”!
  - JLC families came together for two special Kabbalat Shabbat experiences to celebrate and engage in community.
  - JLC students culminate the year with exhibit of final projects showcasing their learning and connection to Judaism in annual Siyum (completion) program.

- **Epic Family Programming**
  - Over 90 distinct families with Gesher-3rd graders participated in specially themed Epic Chag and Shabbat communal prayer and learning experiences

- **Family Shabbatons**
  - Even the steady drizzle couldn’t dampen the spirits at the 2018 TBA Family Shabbaton! From the inclusion of an Epic Kabbalat Shabbat program, to Morah Kira’s leading programming for ECC and Elementary School aged children and parents, to the Adult Trivia Night and all of the familiar wonderful offerings for learning, praying, playing and gaming made this year a legendary experience for the sold-out Shabbaton of 317 participants.

- **Purim Celebration**
  - For the 2nd year, ECC and Elementary School aged Temple Beth Am families celebrated Purim with YLE, with over 250 kids participating.

- **6th Grade B’nei Mitzvah Cohort**
  - 24 Sixth grade TBA families, from across JLC, JPA and J-Girls and elsewhere, participated in meaningful conversations, learning activities, and rituals, utilizing the Moving Traditions B’nei Mitzvah Pilot curriculum.

- **Epic Family Programming**
  - New model provided 80 Premier Members, up from 35 last year, access to USY, Teen Minyan, leadership opportunities and special pricing for Moving Traditions and Teen programming.
  - Partnership with Challah for Hunger, Westside JCC and Wilshire Blvd. Temple brought together teens from various communities four times throughout the year to learn about hunger issues in Los Angeles and bond together in the making of deliciously braided hallot.

- **Yachad Teens**
  - 12 students participated in the 2nd year of our 7th & 8th grade supplemental social learning program, which included guest speakers, field trips, and a curriculum focused on Jewish values and creativity.

- **Moving Traditions**
  - 57 teens met monthly in boys and girl groups serving 8th, 9th and 10th graders.

**Coming Soon:** Many more ways YLE continues its partnership with youth, teens and families in 2018-19.

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**TBA Teens Take Over Far West USY Regional Convention**

Over Memorial Day weekend, 21 TBA Teen Leaders (one of the largest delegations) joined their friends for Far West USY’s Annual Convention, held at Camp Alonim. The weekend was planned and implemented by our very own Mira Berenbaum and Oryah Cohen-Hodos, who served as co-chairs for the “Diversity” themed weekend. Two of our TBA Teen leaders were elected by their peers to represent FWUSY on the Regional Board. Noa Kligfeld (11th grade) was elected President and Tobey Lee (10th grade) was elected Religion/Education VP. Both teens will have an opportunity over the next year to impact their USY region and we look forward to all that they will accomplish together.
Mazal Tov to our Grads!

Noah Feldman Greene, son of Lisa Feldman & Brian Greene graduated from University of Virginia Law School.

Sam Feldman Greene (and his fiancée, Danielle Rockman), son of Lisa Feldman & Brian Greene graduated from JTS Davidson School of Education with an MAEd.

Jeremy Greenstein, son of Pamela & Jay Greenstein, grandson of Tamara & Marvin Greenstein, graduated from Hamilton High School Academy of Music and Performing Arts. In the fall, he will be attending UC San Diego.

Sarah Goldzweig, daughter of Caroline & Mark Goldzweig, graduated from UC Berkeley.

Aaron Mordecai Herman, son of Larry & Diane Herman, has graduated from Yale University with an MBA. Aaron will be doing an internship with Zebra Technologies in Los Angeles.

Sam Hirschhorn, son of Lilia & Gary Hirschhorn, graduated from Shalhevet. He will be attending Yeshiva Orayata for a year, and then UCLA.

Zach Hirschhorn, son of Lilia & Gary Hirschhorn, graduated from Shalhevet. He will be attending Yeshiva Orayata for a year, and then UCLA.

Talia Wolf Jacobs, granddaughter of Ellen L. & Marty Jacobs, graduated from Berkeley High School. She will be attending UCLA in the Fall.

Joshua Katchen, son of Sheryl & Larry Katchen, graduated from David Nazarian school of Business at CSUN.

Hannah Lande, daughter of Mandy & David Lande graduated from Milken Community Schools. She will be attending UCLA in the Fall.

Jake Maman, son of Rishelle & Eric Maman, graduated from Beverly Hills High School. He plans to attend Sacramento State in the fall in the College of Business Administration.

Ariel Maor, son of Juliette & Noam Maor, received his Master’s Degree in Kinesiology - Sports Management from Long Beach State and is working for the Los Angeles Clippers.

Rabbi Rachel Marder received her ordination from the Ziegler School. She will be moving to New Jersey, to assume the position of Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth El in South Orange.

Daniel Ornstein, son of Michelle & Steven Ornstein, graduated from Shalhevet High School. He will be attending UCLA.

Moriah Pretsky, daughter of Susie & Josh Pretsky, graduated from de Toledo High School and she will be attending Northeastern University.

David S Rubin, son of Michael & Sonia Rubin, graduated from The George Washington University with a Bachelors of Business. He will be working for the NFL as a Club Operations Coordinator beginning in June of 2018.

Jonah Sanders, son of Sara & Jay Sanders, graduated from Shalhevet High School and will be attending Brandeis University.

Leor Saghian, daughter of Janet Haivy & Haroon Saghian graduated from Hamilton High School and will be attending Santa Monica College.

Jacob Serber, son of Stacey & Barry Serber, graduated from Culver City High School. He will be attending UCLA in the fall.

David Schimmel, son of Julie & Joseph Schimmel, graduated from the Hamilton Music Academy. He will be going on to the American Jewish University.

Aaron Schimmel, son of Julie & Joseph Schimmel, graduated from Lewis and Clark College magna cum laude. He will teach in Israel next year in a Masa program.

Miriam Schweiger, daughter of Amy & Bruce Schweiger graduated from Hamilton High School. She will attend Smith College in the fall.

Ben Spar, son of Annie & Elon Spar, graduated from Stanford with a degree in Physics and Math. He will continue his studies in the fall, pursuing a PhD in Physics at Princeton.

Steven Steiner, son of Nancy & Neal Steiner, graduated from Venice High School. He will be attending UC San Diego in the fall.

Sara Stolzenberg-Myers, daughter of Nomi Stolzenberg & David Myers, graduated from Milken Community Schools. She is going to the American University of Paris for a year, and then will be attending USC.

Cantor Michelle Stone was ordained at Academy for Jewish Religion. She will continue to serve TBA as part of our clergy team in a variety of capacities, while continuing her work leading the Los Angeles-based activities for the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Jonah Torgan, son of Deborah & Michael Torgan, graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Rabbi Chaim Tureff has been awarded his Doctorate degree from Gratz College. His dissertation on the role spirituality and Judaism plays in helping recovering addicts was awarded the L. Bernard Rabinowitz Memorial Award.

Hannah Yaron, daughter of Emily & Itzhak Yaron, graduated from LACES and will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

If we missed your graduation news, please email editor@tbala.org and we will be happy to share it in the next KHA.
IN MEMORIAM

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Yahrzeit Donations

We thank those who support the synagogue community in memory of their loved ones named below:


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JOINT US THIS SUMMER FOR A TWO-PART PROGRAM:

Resplendent Synagogue: The Art and Architecture of the Polish Wooden Synagogues
With Professor Thomas Hubka

Screening of the documentary Raise the Roof
Sunday, July 15
7:00 p.m.
18th-century inspired artists Rick and Laura Brown spend 10 years reconstructing the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of the Gwozdziec synagogue.

Sunday, August 26
10:00 a.m. - noon
at Temple Beth Am

These synagogues and their communities were destroyed by the Nazis, and their photographic record allows a glimpse into lost liturgical art that was developed over hundreds of years within Eastern European communities. The striking wooden synagogues were unique examples of an original Polish-Jewish architecture that was completely destroyed.

JULY

4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Temple and Camp Closed

13
Friday - 6:15 p.m.
SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS (ON CORNING FIELD)
Followed at 7:30 p.m. by COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER
Join together as we welcome our new interim Associate Rabbi, Matt Shapiro
RSVP at www.tbala.org/communityshabbat

15
Sunday - 7:00 p.m.
Screening of the documentary Raise the Roof at TBA.
(see below for more information)

21
Saturday - 7:15 p.m.
EREV TISHA B'AV
Service and chanting of Eicha

22
Sunday
TISHA B'AV
Fast Day
8:00 a.m. Morning Minyan and chanting of Eicha
1:30 p.m. Early Minḥa
Evening Program with B'nai David Judea & IKAR
6:00 p.m. Evening Minyan

27
Friday
LAST DAY OF CAMP KESHET

From our Director of Programming & Engagement

During Passover of 2016, I started my journey as the Director of Programming and Engagement at Temple Beth Am. Rabbi Lucas and I sat down to discuss the goals and themes to incorporate as we began to develop programming. While laying the groundwork, Rabbi Lucas gave me a book written by past TBA scholar in residence, Dr. Ron Wolfson, called Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform the Jewish Community. As we set goals, he wanted me to make sure to apply the main messages of the book about the dire importance of building/deepening relational engagement, and to create Jewish experiences that strengthens individual Jewish consciousness, identity and commitment.

With this goal in mind, one of my main focuses for programming has been using storytelling to highlight the diverse individual journeys that exist within our community, and the collective experience(s) as a richly diverse Jewish peoplehood. After all, the Jewish people are a nation of storytellers.

This began with my Humans of Beth Am blog, where we conducted interviews and highlighted close to 30 Temple members. From there, we had the Global Jewish Fair. Another event was Navigating Difference: Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Jewish Community.

This year we took storytelling to another level, and had two incredibly successful storytelling events. The first was, The Hanukkah Monologues: Heroes, Miracles, and Lights in the Dark; and the most recent was Inspiration from the Desert: Not All Who Wander Are Lost. Both events really helped build bonds between the storytellers, as well between the storytellers and the audience.

Common comments that make me feel I’ve accomplished my goals are: “I’ve known the storyteller for many years and realized there was so much I didn’t know about them, and now feel closer,” “The program helped me to feel seen and heard, and proud about my Jewish journey,” and “the program made me feel proud to be a Jew, and proud of our community.”

As I enter my third year as program director, I can’t wait to continue to approach 5778-5779 with Kavanah, and strengthen relationships, individual and collective Jewish consciousness, identity and commitment.

Let me know how you’d like to be involved - I’d love to meet you!

Lia Mandelbaum
AUGUST

8
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
HOW TO KEEP YOUR BRAIN HEALTHY AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE AGING PROCESS
Presented by Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles
Jewish Outreach Program

19
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
JEWISH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION DAY RETREAT
Led by Dr. Adam Fogel & Rabbi Ariel Sholklapper
$75 per person, kosher lunch included
To register, visit: mindfuljudaism.com/registration

Friday - 6:15 p.m.
SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS (ON CORNING FIELD)
Followed by 7:30 p.m. CAMP REUNION SHABBAT DINNER
Daven with us under the stars, and join together in the Ballroom - we promise lots of camp ruach! All campers and their families are invited for this TBA annual tradition, a great way to end the summer.
RSVP at www.tbala.org/communityshabbat

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
RESPLENDENT SYNAGOGUE: THE ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE POLISH WOODEN SYNAGOGUES
Presentation by Professor Thomas Hubka
(see more info on previous page)

31
Friday - 10:00 a.m.
PRESSMAN ACADEMY YOM HEKEIRUT

A Date with a Jew and a Muslim

The Temple Beth Am and Pacifica Institute communities came together on May 31 for an iftar dinner (Ramadan break fast). The evening included a conversation between Rabbi Adam Kliffeld and Haroon Moghul, author of How to be a Muslim: An American Story and the Fellow in Jewish Muslim Relations at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. The two spoke candidly about how their own faith traditions both elevate and challenge them. The evening included an opportunity for the two communities to get to know each other and ask each other the same questions. Rabbi Kliffeld posted after the event, "We need more of these events. They don't solve world problems. They don't tell us how to feel about Gaza. And the US Embassy. But Jews and Muslims knowing one another. Being with one another. Eating with one another. Laughing with one another. Finding mirrors of self in one another. That is just a good thing. And the world needs more of it."
FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are thrilled to welcome two stellar educators to the Pressman Academy leadership team.

We are pleased to welcome Yonatan Rosner as our new Judaics Studies Principal. Yonatan comes to Pressman from deToledo High School, where he was the Co-Director of Jewish Life, the Director of the T’fillah Kehilah Institute, and the Curriculum Designer and Advisor for grades 9-12 at deToledo High School. Yonatan has a B.A. in Jewish Philosophy and Cognitive Science from Hebrew University, an M.A. in Jewish Education from Hebrew University, an MBA from California State University in Northridge, and has completed the Officer Training Academy in the IDF. Additionally, Yonatan is a 2013 Pomegranate Prize winner, a prestigious award given to Jewish educators from The Covenant Foundation in recognition of their exceptionalism as emerging professionals in Jewish educational settings across the country. Beyond his resume, we have been consistently impressed by Yonatan’s energy, creativity, and dedication. He has proven himself to be both a confident and innovative educator as well as a reflective professional. He possesses a depth of knowledge and passion for Jewish education that will enhance the strong program already in place. We are excited to welcome Yonatan, his wife, Jessica, and their three children - Avriella (10), Ness (8.5), and Shiloh (7) - who will also be joining the Pressman Academy community in fall 2018. Yonatan’s first day at Pressman will be on July 9th. He can be reached at yrosner@pressmanacademy.org.

Sarah Walker is coming in as our new Interim General Studies Principal for Kindergarten through grade 12. Sarah has over 24 years of experience in schools. Most recently she worked as the Head of School at the Montessori School in Connecticut and at the Shreiner Academy in Atlanta, both serving ECC through 8th grade. Prior to these Headships, Sarah worked as a middle and high school English teacher, as a K-12 reading specialist, as a Dean of Student life, and as an Academic Dean. Sarah’s references described her as a person who “exudes positivity, joy, encouragement, and a profound respect and reverence for learning.” They shared that Sarah is an honest and thoughtful leader whose open lines of communication build trust and community. Indeed, from the first conversation I had with Sarah, I found her to be warm, astute and knowledgeable, and I know that Pressman will benefit from her experience and insight. Sarah’s first day at Pressman will be on July 2nd. She can be reached at swalker@pressmanacademy.org.

Please join me in welcoming Yonatan and Sarah to the Pressman Academy & Temple Beth Am communities!

Dr. Erica Rothblum

High Holidays 2018
Children and Teen Programming

Temple Beth Am offers a variety of exciting activities for children age 6 months through 7th grade. Children will enjoy davening together, listening to the Shofar, and interactive games and learning. These programs are provided to accommodate children and teens whose parents and/or relatives daven in Shir Hadash, Library Minyan and Beiteinu. Teen programing for grades 8th-12th occur each of the High Holidays, with interactive prayer, learning and snacks.

If you are in 8th grade or above, bring your love for working with children and serve as a Madrikh Counselor. Successful Madrikhim are responsible, dynamic, energetic and patient people who want to work in a Jewish environment during High Holidays. All Madrikh counselors must formally apply for the position before being hired for this important role.

For more information on any of these opportunities, please visit www.tbala.org/hhdyouth or contact Reut Sklar at rsklar@tbala.org or (310) 652-7354 x 212

TBA ONE LA LEARNS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND HOLDS OUR OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE

Members of TBA OneLA are interested in the issues of homelessness. On April 10th we hosted Leticia Colchado, Principal Analyst, Homeless Initiative, Office of Homelessness, County of Los Angeles who informed us about the plan for using Measure H funding to serve people who are homeless. We heard that the plan was created with an inclusive and collaborative planning process that included people who had been and are homeless. One of the most important aspects is a large increase in the number of outreach teams who match the homeless to the appropriate services.

The next Sunday, we joined Temple Emanuel for an action with Councilmember Paul Koretz. After a discussion, in small groups, of our experiences with affordable housing issues, Councilmember Koretz joined us. He heard three stories from the community and then was asked to respond to questions regarding his agreement to create an emergency shelter in CD5. We told Koretz that we would like to partner with him in his efforts. A follow up meeting is being planned for June.

If you are interested in issues of affordable housing and homelessness and would like to join us, email Nancy at warrennancy1@gmail.com, Paula at pauladpearlman@gmail.com, or dfshersh@aol.com.
Oh What A Night! From JPA parents to staff to long-time TBA members, there was consensus that the May 6th Groundbreaking gala was one for the record books! Councilman Paul Koretz joined us for a Groundbreaking Ceremony to mark this milestone occasion for our building projects. “Super Sue” Hetsroni and “Wonder Karen” Fried, our extraordinary honorees were worthy of all the praise they received - and then some! From the set-up on Corning Field, the delicious menu, the fun Passing of the Shovel, the Weather!, the lovely ballroom decor, the eloquent tributes and the hysterical, professional videos - it was an incredible night for over 350 guests. Special thanks to our wonderful Gala Co-Chairs Stuart Tochner, Cindy Levey, Lisa Aaron Petlak, Elyssa Elbaz and Jennifer Elad, in partnership with our talented TBA Staff for making this a night to remember.
Temple Beth Am Gratefully Acknowledges Donations through June 2, 2018

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IN HONOR OF
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Nacha Lyiah
Rabbi Kliffeld
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Susan Laemmle & John Antignas, Shani & Seth Fisher,
Nadine Gerson, Marlene & Harvey Glaser, Frida & Mark Greenberg,
Tina & Leon Kaminski, Rosanne Keynan & Elizabeth Fifer, Monica, Gabriel,
Nina & Jesse Kramer, Kathy Lebovic, Phyllis & Mitchell Miller,
Susan & Arthur Mishler,
Debbie Rich, Natalie Roberts, Liora Rothchild-Reder & Ben Reeder,
Roberta, David, Adina, Sam Rosenberg, Silon Family, Regina, Steven and Samantha Silver,
Dianne Shershow,
Natalie Weiss & Aaron Willis,
Julie & Eric Weissman

**DAILY MORNING MINYAN**
IN HONOR OF
Aliyah and Hagbah
Esther Pilch

**PRESSMAN ACADEMY DAY SCHOOL**
IN HONOR OF
The birth of the baby grandson Schwimmer
Tobie Schwimmer to get well soon
Rabbi Chaim Tureff officiating
Shiva services for our beloved Pauline Szkolnik
Avi Litvak’s Bar Mitzvah
The birth of Rafi Shapiro

**BILL STRICK MEMORIAL HELPING HAND FUND**
IN MEMORY OF
Miriam Elkins
Pauline H. Szkolnik
Maurice White
Allan Tobin
Sheri & Mike Cohn
Vivian & Ron Alberts

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**PROGRESS CONTINUES IN THE SANCTUARY - a picture is worth 1000 words**

*Check it out!*

[www.tbala.org/construction](http://www.tbala.org/construction)

We will be posting photos and timely updates as we move from the demo phase through foundation and renovation work in our Sanctuary and on Corning. A new camera is being set up so you can view our progress in real time! We’re also scheduling site visits, or contact our Executive Director Sheryl Goldman to arrange for a private viewing.

It’s not too late to support our projects! Contact Director of Advancement Hilary Hellman at hhellman@tbala.org to discuss a naming opportunity or other ways to contribute to our Campus Expansion.
SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

AT TEMPLE BETH AM

Join us for our special outdoor summer Kabbalat Shabbat Sovev services followed by a delicious community Shabbat dinner in the Ballroom

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR DINNER:
www.tbala.org/communityshabbat

FRIDAY, JULY 13 AT 6:15 P.M.
A special welcome to our new Interim Associate Rabbi, Matt Shapiro

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 6:15 P.M.
We will welcome home our campers from Alonim, Ramah California/Rockies, USY Israel Pilgrimage, Ramah Seminar, and more!
Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy this spirited evening of Shabbat ruach with our clergy, campers and staff!