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## From Our Rabbi

Ninety percent of life is just showing up." - Woody Allen

As summer rolls in and routines relax, it's tempting to think that synagogue attendance can too. With vacations planned, school out, and even your rabbi away for a few Shabbatot, it's easy to fall into the mindset of "I'll come back in the fall." But showing up—even when things are quiet—matters more than we often realize.

Judaism has always valued consistency. In *Pirkei Avot* (2:13), Rabbi Shimon says: "Hevei zahir b'kri'at Shema u'vaTefillah" –" Be meticulous in the recitation of Shema and prayer."

The word zahir doesn't just mean "careful"—it also means "radiant." When we stay committed, even in quieter moments, we bring light into our community and into ourselves.

A story is told of a holy rabbi who once noticed that his synagogue was emptier than usual during the summer. Before Mincha one Shabbat afternoon, he stepped outside and called out, "Jews! Come to shul! Even if you're coming only out of habit, Hashem loves those habits! And when your feet come through the door, sometimes your heart follows after." That Shabbat, the sanctuary filled—not from guilt, but from inspiration and love.

Your presence in the sanctuary isn't just about filling a seat. It uplifts others and affirms that this community matters. It sends a powerful message to your children, your friends, and yourself - that Judaism isn't seasonal. It's a lifelong journey, and every step, every "showing up," counts.

Judaism doesn't take a summer break, even when the rabbi does. The doors of our tradition remain wide open. Our TBJ synagogue will continue to be vibrantly open, and services will be just as beautifully meaningful as ever. Please know: we are always better when you are here.

With Love and Blessings, Rabbi Dan



## **Message from our Co-President**

As one of the many leaders of Temple B'nai Jacob of Wellington, the recent attacks in Boulder, Colorado, and Washington, D.C are disturbing. Now we have the Iran bombing of Israel, the US bombing of the Iran nuclear facilities, and the retaliation toward our bases in the middle east. These are reminders of our responsibility to remain vigilant despite years of hardening our security measures and trying to keep our congregation safe.

Forty-Three Jewish Organizations from all over the world are sounding the alarm for more help after a dozen people were injured in Boulder while demonstrating for the release of Israeli hostages in Gaza last month. And just over a week earlier, two Israeli Embassy staffers were fatally shot outside a Jewish Museum in Washington. They issued a joint statement requesting more support from the U.S. government for enhanced security measures. Specifically, they asked Congress to increase funding to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to \$1 billion. "These are the everyday realities of Jewish life in the 21st century in America. It's a sad reality, but it is an essential responsibility of leadership to make sure that people are first and foremost safe."

Shira Hutt, executive vice president at The Jewish Federations of North America, said "existing federal funds were inadequate, with only 43% of last year's applicants to the grant program receiving funding."

Well, I am here to tell you that we received another security grant from the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, This grant is to not only combat Antisemitism but to further protect our congregation. This was cumbersome process, but by the first week of July a new front door buzzer lock system should be completed followed by multiple security camera installations.

I've heard from members that attend regular Shabbat Services that they are feeling very nervous right now and having some additional security will make people feel a little bit more comfortable. There's a definite sense that the attacks in the United States are not isolated events, that these attacks are, in part, the result of a lot of the antisemitic rhetoric that we've been hearing in society for years now.

We can't let this define us and we can't stop doing what we do, we can't stop coming to synagogue and we can't stop having our activities. This is not the time to be afraid and not show up. Be proud to be a Jew.

Have a great summer and be safe.

Morry Silverman, Co-President

## **SAVE THE DATE**

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May the One who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and our mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, bless the citizens of the State of Israel living under cruel and sustained attack by Israel's enemies.

May the Holy One strengthen their hearts and ours and grant them fortitude to endure in this difficult time. Send Your immense strength, help and healing to the bodies and souls of our injured brothers and sisters and to those displaced by this conflict, wherever they may be.

At this time too, we continue to offer our plea that the remaining \_\_\_\_ hostages return home, that those still living may recover and those no longer alive may be brought to their eternal rest.

"As for you, do not fear, My servant Jacob, said the Eternal, and do not be afraid,
O Israel, for I am about to rescue you from afar and your seed
from the land of their captivity, and Jacob again shall be at ease and tranquil,
with none to make him tremble."

May it be the will of the One who dwells in the heavens to grant divine counsel to the leaders of our country, that they might lead us through this war with sound judgment, understanding, and wisdom, to safety and tranquility.

God of justice, pour out Your wrath upon Your people's foes, and bring to fruition the words of Jeremiah, "For the day of disaster came upon them, the time of their reckoning."

Lord of Hosts, God of Israel's battles, protect the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces, those conscripted and those returning for reserve duty, who stand at the ready on land, in the air, and at sea, those at the front and those providing support, and to the security and rescue forces[, including (names)]. May God save them from all trouble and sorrow and from all injury to body or soul, send them blessing and salvation, and crown their efforts with victory. May they go out to war in wellbeing and return blessed with life and peace.

Heavenly Father, grant peace to this land and eternal joy to all its inhabitants. May we soon witness the fulfillment of Your promise, "And they shall dwell each one beneath his vine and beneath his fig tree, with none to make him tremble, for the LORD of Hosts has spoken,"

and let us say: Amen.

The Masorti Movement



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December 21
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March 22
April 26

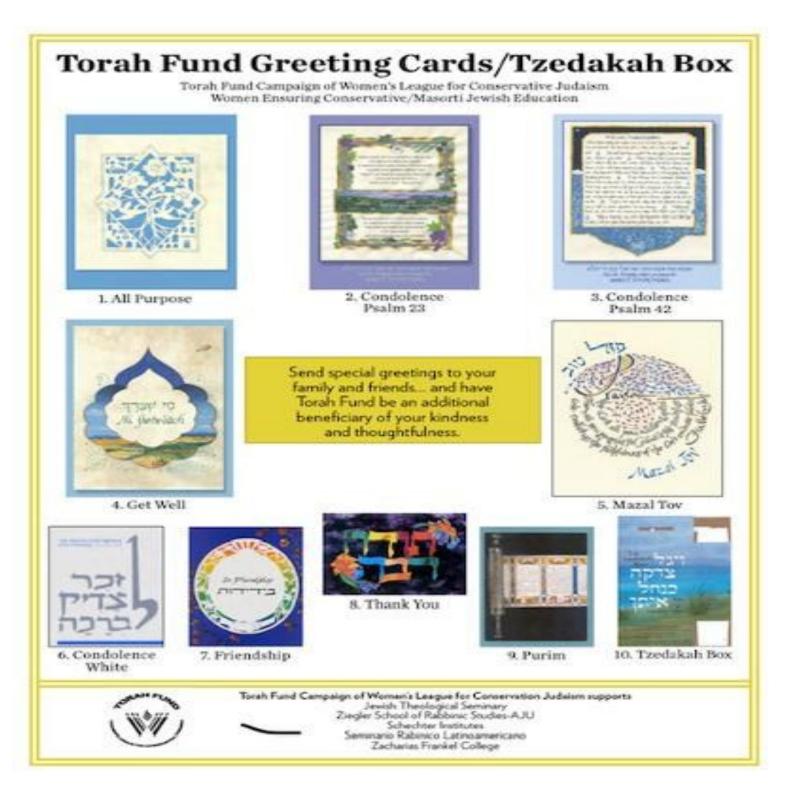
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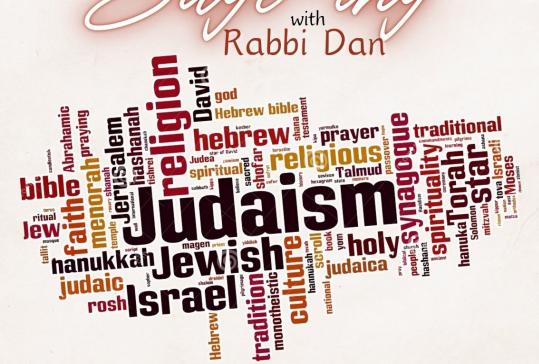




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Your sponsorship brings much needed funds to the Temple, and allows you to celebrate an occasion or to honor someone's memory.

Listed below are the items included in the sponsored Oneg or the sponsored Kiddush. Additional items may be requested for an added fee. Please call the office to select date (s) for sponsorship (s) and to inquire about the cost of same. Please note also that multiple sponsorships may occur on particular dates, and that the items below will not change as a result. On days when there is no sponsorship, there will be limited items for the collation.

We invite you to participate in these sponsorships and thank you for contributing to a continued vibrant TBJ.

**SPONSORED ONEG**: Hard cheese, crackers, 2 fruits, coffee, cake

**SPONSORED KIDDUSH:** Egg salad, tuna salad, rolls, cream cheese, pastries, fruit, coffee

PLEASE NOTE: Special occasion cake will be provided upon request.







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Policzer in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah

In honor of Rabbi Dan for all he did for Phoenix

Blitman, Jeffrey & Rebecca Rabbi Dan

In honor of Avi's Bar Mitzvah





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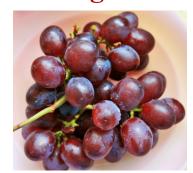
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