# BET SHIRA BULLETIN

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Lag B'Omer: A Reprieve from Mourning

Traditionally there are two times a year for communal mourning: between Passover and Lag B'Omer and the 3 weeks between the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz and the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. These are times when one refrains from getting married, going to concerts and cutting one's hair. Currently we are in the period of mourning for the students of Rabbi Akiva.

In Talmud Yevamot 61b, we are taught that during the period of counting the *omer*, the 12,000 pairs of students of Rabbi Akiva perished on one day. The initial reason the *Talmud* gives is that they did not have *kavod* (honor or respect) for one another. The *Talmud* next presents the opinion that they were struck down by a mysterious plague. Because the students of Rabbi Akiva did not have civil discourse with one another, they were struck down by a plague.

No one is certain when the tradition of mourning occurs during the Omer period. One opinion is from the first day of counting (2<sup>nd</sup> Seder) to Lag B'Omer (the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of counting). Another opinion is that the mourning begins on Rosh Hodesh Iyar and continues through Shavuot. A third opinion is that one mourns the entire 50 days of the Omer. All agree, however, that the plague did not strike on Lag B'Omer and that this is a day of celebration, when people should get haircuts, marry and have fun and merriment.

We will be incorporating two of the traditions of Lag B'Omer in our own way at Bet Shira.

While we will not do a bonfire as is done in Israel (I have learned many South Floridians have never been to a bonfire!) we will be reenacting some of the traditions on Lag B'Omer.

It is customary for children to shoot bows and arrows, and while we will not be doing archery, we will have a night of Extreme Axe Throwing on Thursday April 29 at 8:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per adult and I hope you will sign up. We will also follow the tradition of field games, having a picnic and doing relay races at Coral Reef Park on Sunday May 2 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

If you have never celebrated Lag B'Omer this year, I hope you will join Bet Shira at one of these two events. Of course, I also hope that we will treat each other with *kavod*, honor, at all times to distance ourselves from the example of Rabbi Akiva's students.





# **MICKEY SHLACHTMAN**

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Wait for it. Wait. Wait. Wait.

I've never been very good at waiting. Yet here we are again. We're waiting for Shavuot and counting the days.

Waiting for that revelation.

Waiting for blintzes and cheesecake.

Waiting for semesters to end. Waiting for hot summer days.

We are waiting to come back. To come back to the time before Covid-19.

To easily sit together and have Shabbat lunch without thinking about masks, hand sanitizer, shaking hands.

To come back for Kiddush.

To come back to saying hello to each other without worrying about the distance.

We want you to know we are all waiting, together but separate.

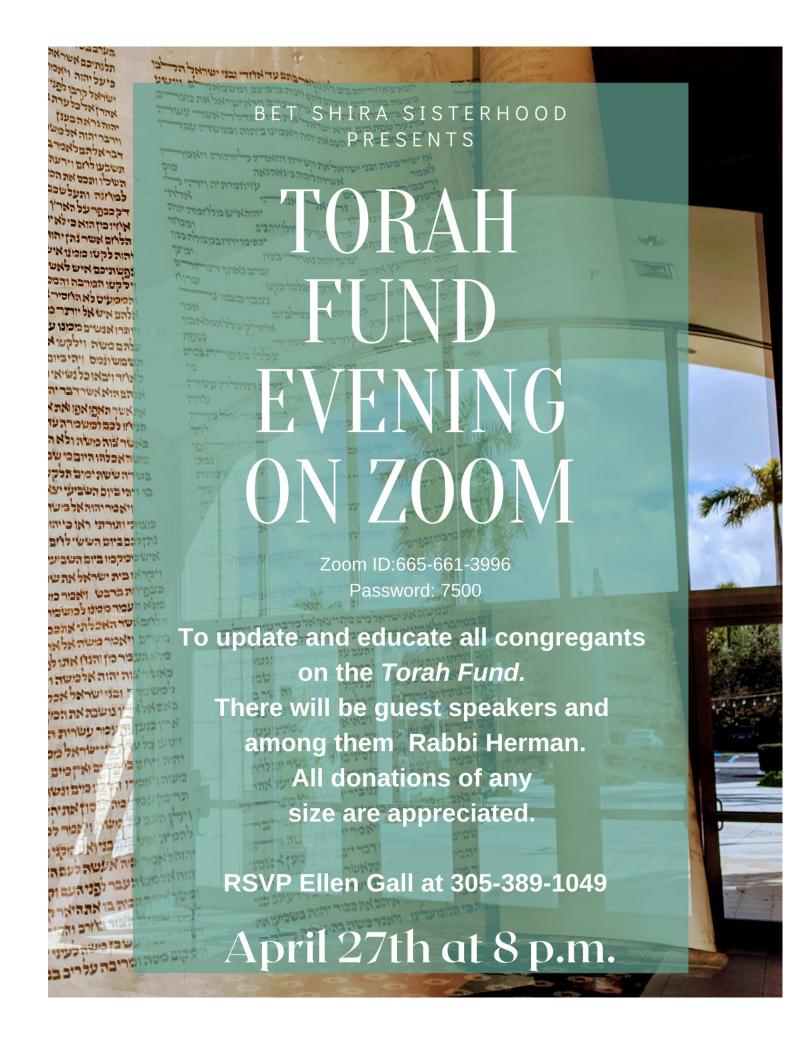
We have enhanced our services with the wonderful voices of Sharon Alcalay-Leibovici and Shir Rozzen.

Our High Holiday plans are taking shape and Sharon Alcalay-Leibovici has promised to be with us.

We promise that the coming high holidays will be worth waiting for.

Wait for it. Wait. Wait. Wait.

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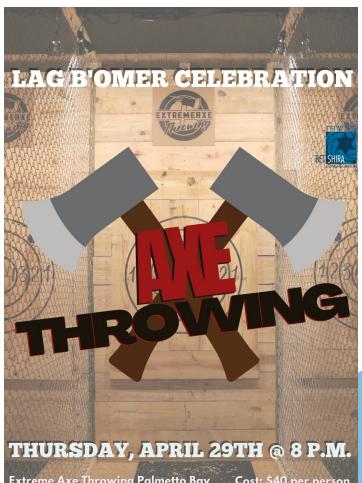


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Lag B'Omer 2021 Celebration

# RELAY RACE



Extreme Axe Throwing Palmetto Bay 9228 SW 156th St, Miami, FL 33157

Cost: \$40 per person Space is limited RSVP online Coral Reef Park
Sunday, May 2nd at 3 - 5 p.m.



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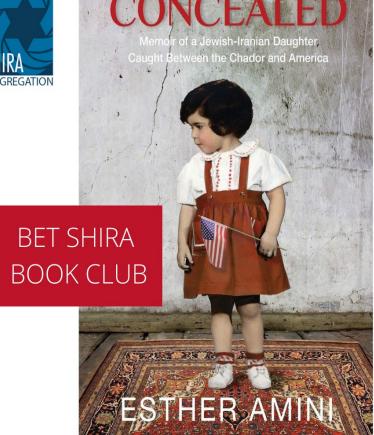
Join us for an out of this world adventure with dancing, activities, and crafts for everyone to enjoy



FRIDAY MAY 7TH AT 5:45 PM







MAY 20TH 7:30 p.m.

# MEET AUTHOR: ESTHER AMINI

Please submit any questions you many for the author at bet.shira.sisterhood@gmail.com

# MAZAL TOV

MAZAL TOV TO PARENTS ERIN & ERIC RODSTEIN AND GRANDFATHER, JOSH RODSTEIN ON THE BIRTH OF THEODORE BENNETT RODSTEIN. THEODORE WAS BORN ON APRIL 5, 2021 AND WEIGHED 7LBS. 7 OZ. AND MEASURED 20.25 INCHES.

EVERYONE IS HAPPY AND HEALTHY!





MAZAL TOV TO PARENTS YESENIA & NOAH BROWNE AND BIG BROTHERS JASON & JOSEPH ON THE BIRTH OF YAEL ARIANA BROWNE ON APRIL 15, 2021. YAEL WEIGHED 7LBS 10OZ AND IS 20 3/4" LONG. MOTHER AND BABY ARE DOING WELL.

# IN MEMORIAM

MATT MARCUS
BROTHER-IN-LAW OF AMY AND & MICHAEL JELLSON

ESTER SILVERBERG SISTER-IN-LAW OF MIRIAM AND DROR ZADOCK

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Carole Horowitz from Michelle Medina

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The birth of Kora Belle Harris, daughter of Dennis and Ariana Harris from **Terry & Belinda Forman**  In Memory of ...

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Our 58th anniversary from **Debbie & Michael Troner** 

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Rabbi Herman naming Benjamin Theodore from **Joelle & Raphael Dvir** 

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Rabbi's obtaining the appointment for the Corona Virus vaccine from **Robert** & **Rochelle Wesler** 

Rabbi Herman's dedication to our community from Saul & Stevie Silverman

Rabbi Herman from William & Carol Berk

In Honor of...
Rabbi B. Herman in gratitude leading the unveiling for Richard Stone from Audrey Stone

In honor of the birth of Baby Dvir from **Beverly Fisher** 

Adult Education from **Debbie & Michael Troner** 

The Birth of Ellen Gall's Grandchild from Neil & Madelyn Messinger

The birth of Benjamin Theodore Dvir from **Esther Simpser** 

Rabbi Herman- Thank you for all that you do and continue to do for our family. We appreciate you and your efforts. **Ana and Joshua Harris from Joshua Harris** 

Speedy recovery for Andrew Kleinberg from **Robert & Rochelle Wesler and Family** 

For Speedy Recovery of Jennifer Kleinberg from **Robert & Rochelle Wesler** 

The marriage of Brandi Pascual, daughter of Belinda Forman, to Alexander Aguada from **Terry & Belinda Forman** 

In Memory of...
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Brother, Sam Goldring from Robert & Mary Krantzler

Abraham Golod from **Jeremy & Courtney Larkin** 

Beloved father, Joseph Mallah whose yahrzeit is 3/31/2021. Irving Gall from **Joe Penchansky & Ellen Gall** I want to thank Rabbi Herman for the many kindnesses he has shown me and Judd with his outreach to us from **Judd & Karen Aronowitz** 

Lawrence's father David Segal from Larry & Stephanie Segal

Carole Horowitz from Mary Ann Deaktor

Hilda Steiner and Seymour Steiner from **Joanne Gentile** 

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TIKKUN OLAM FUND

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Krantzler

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Linda Crair from Nancy & Robert Crair and family

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Penn's Aunt, Bertha Shapiro from <b>Penn &amp; Sheila Chabrow</b>	Carole Horowitz from Neil & Madelyn Messinger	Mother, Harriet Goldstein from <b>Ste Goldstein</b>
WHERE NEEDED MOST FUND In Appreciation of	Of all our loved ones from Stanley & Shelley Rosenberg	Richard Joshua Stone from With lo Audrey, David and Jeffrey Stone
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entire congregation from Richard Cepler	Joseph Isadore Harris (father of Jonathan Harris) from <b>Jonathan &amp;</b>	In Memory of  Elsie Golden from Barry & Valerie Gubernick
In Honor of Evie Stern becoming a grand mother. from Audrey Stone	Stacey Harris  Alice Port from Jonathan & Stacey Harris	Rita's mother, Netty Vaupen from I & Rita Winegar
Stern baby boy from <b>Elaine &amp; Danny Katz</b>	Joan Osheroff Harris from <b>Jonathan</b> & Stacey Harris	Frances Rose Blacher from Lawrence & Dulce Blacher
Laurie Sukel, with our thanks and love from <b>Judith &amp; Lewis Fogel</b>	Carole Linda Horowitz from <b>Lori K</b> . <b>Ellis</b>	Joan O Harris and Joseph Harris for Joshua & Ana Harris
Mary Ann Deaktor in recognition of you true deed of loving-kindness.	Ruth Beitel from <b>Marion Gold</b>	Rose Glick from <b>Kenneth &amp; Shard Glick</b>
Thank you from Linda Myers  Palvy Dvir from Lori and Parry Plum	Joseph Beitel from Marion Gold	Edna Spiegelman from <b>Robert &amp;</b> <b>Linda Spiegelman</b>
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& Barry Blum Stuart and Debarah Kaanigahara and	Rae Levitan from Nancy Levitan	Jean Forman from Robin Forman Isadore Yagoda from <b>Robin Form</b>
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