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Grease

is now just a week away! The first performance is on Sunday at 2pm. There is a very limited number of tickets still available. Please call Cantor Jacobs at 305 854 3911 x.204

The evening performance is at 6.30pm on Monday, May 18th. Buy your tickets this week for \$25 each. At the door they will be \$30 each. Preferred seating is available for \$100 a ticket.

It's not too late to become a sponsor. Please add your name to this list!

Pink Ladies - \$1080+ - Dianne & Richard Cohen, Herschel Rosenthal

T-Birds - \$540+ - Nina & Alan Amdur, Harriett Fox, Karen Coppa & Eric Kleinman

Teen Angels - \$180+ - Stacey & Jonathan Chopp, Alexis Summer & Spencer Angel, Elise Lipoff & Jonathan Mayer

Chorus - Other - Maria Fajardo, Rosalind & James Guest, Barbara & Max Waas

We also want to share with you that Beth David will welcome 20 children from JAFCO to the Sunday matinee and 25 adults from MacTown to the Monday evening performance.

LOOK for an article in this Thursday's Miami Herald Neighbors section about our production of Grease!

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Monday, May 11 - 7.30am -
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Tuesday, May 12 - 8.30am-12pm -
Grade 4 Immigration Day

Wednesday, May 13 - Hebrew
Spelling Bee, Grades 2 to 5

Thursday, May 14 - Teacher
Appreciation Dinner - 6pm to
9pm

Saturday, May 16 - 9.30am
Shabbat Services; 10:45 Guest
Speaker Linda Drozdow

Sunday, May 17 - Grease!
Matinee Performance at 2pm

Monday, May 18 - Grease!
Evening Performance at 6.30pm

Friday, May 22 - Yom
Yerushalayim - Jerusalem Day

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day -
Schools & Offices closed

Thursday, May 28 - Erev Shavuot
7.30pm - Shavuot for Body, Mind
& Soul at Temple Emanu-El.

Friday, May 29 - Shavuot 1st Day
- Morning Services 9.30am;
Minyan 5.30pm;

Saturday, May 30 - Shavuot 2nd
Day - Morning Services 9.30am.
Yizkor

Sunday, May 31 - Melton Adult
Mini School Graduation at Beth
David

• **Linda Drozdow - Guest Speaker, Shabbat May 16**

Actress Linda Drozdow is currently starring in "Women's Minyan" by Israeli playwright Naomi Regan at the Michael Ann Russell JCC through May 24.



Linda's role "Chana" is the true story of an Israeli Hasidic Jew living in a fundamentalist community who was forced to abandon her twelve children because of domestic abuse by her husband, a revered Orthodox Rabbi in the community. Linda will share with us the play's universal theme of domestic abuse and how she prepared for the role.

A graduate of Brandeis University in Theatre Arts, Linda has performed on Broadway, starred in the ABC drama "One Life To Live, and appeared locally in "Crossing Delancy" and "The God of Isaac" among other roles.

• **Grade 4 "Immigration Day"**

Tuesday, May 12th marks the culmination of the 4th Grade's year-long investigation of their families' heritage with Immigration Day. Students will reenact the arrival into the United States by simulating the immigration process at Ellis Island.



Dressed in the period of the 1900s, each student will take on the identity of a new immigrant and pass the inspection of immigration officials. Mazal Tov to Nanette Avery & Mili Oti and the Grade 4 children on a great project.

• **Teacher Appreciation Week**

This Gordon Schools of Beth David are honoring the teachers of the Day School & Early Childhood Center during Teacher Appreciation Week



The Parents Association held a special breakfast for teachers on Monday and will host a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday.

On Thursday evening, there will be a Teacher Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Scharlin Family.

Thank you to all the dedicated Beth David teachers who help our children achieve their very best.

• **Shavuot for the Body, Mind and Soul**

Beth David and Temple Emanu-El will join together for Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot on Thursday, May 28th at 7:30pm in a unique program featuring:



- › A Dairy Cooking Demonstration by Amy Smith, Executive Chef of Joe's Stone Crab
 - › A Journey of Self Discovery with Psychotherapist and Doctor of Holistic Nutrition, Etti Ben-Zion
 - › A Round Table Discussion with Rabbi Hector Epelbaum, Cantor Julie Jacobs and Cantor George Mordecai
 - › A Walk to the Beach for Song and Meditation
- Refreshments will be served!

Location: Temple Emanu-El, 1701 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach. 305 538 2503.

RSVP to info@bethdavidmiami.org or call the synagogue office at 305 854 3911.

• **Summer Adult Education Classes**

Rabbi Hochner - "The Ten Commandments"

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm for 6 weeks starting on June 3rd and ending on July 8th.



Location: Beth David Board Room; Cost: \$50 for the entire session

To register, contact Cantor Julie Jacobs at 305 854 3911 x.204 or email cantor@bethdavidmiami.org

Book Discussion Group: "Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life" by Rabbi Irwin Kula

Facilitator: Debbie Hafetz

Location: In the courtyard of Books & Books in Coral Gables, 265 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables. Ph: 305 442 4408. Cost: \$36 includes price of book PLUS 3-course dinner (taxes & tip included)

To make reservations and arrangements to pick up the book in advance of the event, please contact Debbie Hafetz at 305 854 3911 x.242 or email dhafetz@bethdavidmiami.org

• **Herzeliya Youth Ensemble**

The Herzeliya Youth Ensemble "Al Habama" will perform for the students of the Gordon Day School on Thursday, June 4 from 2:45 to 3:30pm.



The group consists of teenagers from ages 15 to 17 who dedicate a major portion of their time to studying and creating in the realm of the arts. During the past 10 years, the group has produced many shows, including "Fame - The Next Generation", "Unknown Destination" and "Samson and Delilah".

Beth David is honored to welcome Al Habama and looks forward to sharing in the Israeli spirit and energy!

• **Summer Camp 2009**

Beth David Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 22 and runs through Friday, July 31. There are two 3-week sessions: the first from June 22 to July 10 and the second from July 13 to July 31.



The Camp is divided into two groups: Discovery Camp for playgroup to 3 years old, and Young Explorers Camp for current Pre-K to entering 2nd Grade.

For a brochure and registration package, please call the School office at 305 854 3282.

- **Mazal Tov!**

to Lillian Beer on the birth of her great granddaughter, Sarah Minna Gottfried on Saturday, May 2nd. Sarah's grandmother is Shelley Beer Epstein and her parents are Elana and Yossi Gottfried.

Beth David sends best wishes to the whole family and looks forward to meeting Sarah.

- **May Haftorah Chanters**

- › Saturday, May 16th - Norman Reinhard
- › Saturday, May 23rd - Rachel Robins
- › Friday, May 29th - 1st Day Shavuot - Jay Spieler
- › Saturday, May 30th - 2nd Day Shavuot – Susan Jay

- **Gift Shop Annual Sale**

The Gift Shop's Annual Sale opens on Monday, May 11 and runs through Sunday, May 31st.



Everything will be 25% off except for sterling silver Kiddush cups and talit & tefillin.

Call Frema or Susan at the following numbers: Frema 305 666 0809 (home) or 305 431 9403 (cell) Susan 305 251 9915 (home) or 305 992 3353 (cell)

- **Religious School "Dog Treat" Fundraiser**

The Beth David Religious School is offering Gourmet Dog Treats in 4 delicious varieties for \$10 each! The deadline for orders is MONDAY, JUNE 15TH.

The treats are intended for dogs but are made from USA human grade ingredients. What's more, professional canine trainers had input into the product's design.

If you don't have a canine to spoil, we're sure you know someone who does. Stock up on a host of gifts for the slew of barbeques and parties you'll be attending this summer. If you're still stuck for a dog to pamper, please consider buying a box and donating it back to the Religious School to go to local animal shelters.

Dog Treat Photos

Dog Treat Order Form

Please get your orders & payment to Debbie Hafetz by **Monday, June 15**. Call Debbie at 305 854 3911 x.242 or email dhafetz@bethdavidmiami.org with any questions.

- **Shabbat Greeters**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Greeters at our Shabbat Morning Services:

- › Melissa Buckner
- › Jennifer Buttrick
- › Laura Dray
- › Susan Epstein Garcia
- › Carol Fine
- › Ana Freund Hughes
- › Kathy Fried
- › Brett Graff Einhorn
- › Michelle Merlin
- › James Pann
- › Barbra Quanstrom
- › David Scharlin
- › Rona Witek

- **Misheberach**

If you know someone who is sick, please let [Rabbi Epelbaum](#) or [Debbie Betz](#) know so that we can include them in our prayers. 305 854 3911.

- **Services & Candlelighting Times**

Friday, May 15: Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat at 5.30pm; *Candlelighting: 7:41pm*



Saturday, May 16: 9.30am - Shabbat Services & Guest Speaker Linda Drozdow; 9.30am - Religious School; *Havdalah at 9:12pm*
