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CONNECTIONS for GENERATIONS

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Executive Director

Like many new beginnings, one naturally gravitates to the familiar. For me, it is the people. Whom do I know? How are we connected? "Jewish Geography" is a game I play well. As a daughter of a genealogist, and a homegrown Detroiter, finding connection would surely be easy at a temple that began in 1850.

When I shared the news of my new position with my father, Jim Grey, he handed me "The Beth El Story" book along with newspaper clippings and print outs of relatives connected to TBE. As I read through the information, the puzzle pieces fell together and became clear that I have deep roots here. In fact, my greatgrand-uncle married Jenny Gould who is the granddaughter of TBE's founders Sarah and Isaac Cozens. Pretty cool.

When my grandmother, Lydia Solovich Grey (a first cousin to Ada Solovich, matriarch of the Canvasser family) was a teen living in Detroit, the story goes that she and some of her cousins left their orthodox synagogue and walked down Woodward to Temple Beth El. Declaring to their parents that they would continue their Jewish education where men and women were not separated, my grandma was confirmed in 1923. While my grandparents left TBE to follow Rabbi Fram, many of my relatives remained members for generations and are still members today.

My story begins growing up in Farmington Hills, and graduating from North Farmington High School. I graduated from Michigan State University, earning a BA in Communication and was an active sister of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. After receiving the prestigious national award for president of the year, I began working for the sorority followed by twenty-five years of national board volunteer work. One month prior to the birth of my first child, I earned a Masters in Business Administration from Wayne State University. As an entrepreneur, I launched and ran the operations of two successful family businesses.

I had been very involved in the Detroit Jewish Community serving on many boards and committees. Those connections led me to BBYO where I spent the last six plus years as the Senior Regional Director of Michigan Region. I bring to Temple Beth El expertise in leadership, philanthropy, community-building, strategy and business. When not working, you can find me at a sports event, enjoying live theater or music, outdoor activities, cooking, photography, painting, or traveling. My greatest joy is spending time with my three children, Shira (18), Ari (14) and Noam (12).

Even though I did not grow up at TBE, this feels like my homecomingreturning to a place my ancestors belonged. The staff and board have been so welcoming, and are impressive and dedicated to TBE. A sincere thank you to all those who have given me the honor of serving as Temple Beth El's Executive Director. I also want to thank members who give their time, those who contributed to our annual campaign and will continue to support the temple and me. I look forward to getting to know you and your families, and making Temple Beth El a welcoming home for everyone.

CELEBRATE PURIM WITH TBE!



NOTE: MASKS ARE REQUIRED INSIDE and ALL FOOD WILL BE SERVED OUTSIDE.



FRIDAY, MARCH 18 5:30 PM: KID-ISH CLUB PURIM MASQUERADE (IP)

Put on your best costume and come join us for songs, a delicious dinner, and a visit from some of your favorite characters! \$10 per family. For questions, contact Rabbi Brudney at mbrudney@tbeonline. org or 248-865-0603. RSVP by March 16 to Jennifer at jritchie@tbeonline.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 6:30 PM: ADULT PURIM PARTY (IP)

7:00 PM: REALITY BITES THE MEGILLAH – A 90'S PURIM SPIEL (IP/V)

DUDE! Join us for a TOTALLY RAD evening. Start with Pringles, Twinkies, special drinks and more in our SWEEEET tent at 6:30pm. Head to the Sanctuary Foyer for Reality Bites the Megillah, our 90's themed spiel, and then back to the tent for dinner. Yada yada yada... best night EVAH. Will you miss it? AS IF! RSVP by March 11 to Sydnie at ssaltz@ tbeonline.org. \$10 suggested donation per person. You can make a donation by going to our website (see link below.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 11:30 AM: MEGILLAH READING (IP/V)

NOON: PURIM CARNIVAL (IP)

Fun for the entire family! Highlights include: inflatable axe throwing, slot car racing, inflatable obstacle course, lots of new games, costume contest with great prizes for all participants, and a community service project fills out an amazing afternoon of celebration! Tickets: \$20 bracelet (unlimited tickets) or 50¢ per ticket.

For Purim details and links, visit us at <u>tbeonline.org</u> or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet.

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MARCH 9

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MARCH 11

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MARCH 12

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MARCH 25

MARCH UPCOMING **PROGRAMS**

2:00 PM Season 3: Hyped for Halacha (V) 10:30 AM ECC Shabbat Toddlers and 2's (V)

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- 10:55 AM ECC Shabbat 3's and Pre-K (V) 7:00 PM Shabbat Service (IP/V)
- 5 10:00 AM Interactive Torah Study with Mourner's Kaddish (V)
- 9:30 AM 6 Masa (IP) 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- 10 2:00 PM Season 3: Hyped for Halacha (V)
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6:00 PM BETY 35 Movie Night

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Sunday Morning

Megillah Reading (IP/V)

(see reverse side for details)

Purim Carnival (IP)

(see reverse side for details)

Sisterhood Passover

Around the World (V)

ECC Shabbat Toddlers

ECC Shabbat 3's and

Shabbat Service (IP/V)

Interactive Torah Study

with Mourner's

Sunday Morning Minyan (V)

Kaddish (V)

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13 9:30 AM Masa (IP) 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Minyan (V)

- 7:00 PM 17 **Bereavement Support** Group (V)
- 18 10:30 AM ECC Shabbat Toddlers and 2's (V) 10:55 AM ECC Shabbat 3's and
 - Pre-K (V) 5:30 PM Kid-ish Club Purim Masquerade (IP)

(see reverse side for details) 7:00 PM Shabbat Service (IP/V)

10:00 AM Interactive Torah Study with Mourner's Kaddish (V)



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6:30 PM

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A 90's Purim Spiel (IP/V) (see reverse side for details

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING = (V) IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING = (IP)

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