

TEMPLE BETH AM

Platinum
70TH ANNIVERSARY
Gala



WELCOME TO TEMPLE BETH AM'S PLATINUM 70TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Thank you all for coming tonight to support
and celebrate 70 years of Temple Beth Am!
We hope you have a wonderful night.

SCHEDULE

6:30 pm
Cocktail Hour

7:10 pm
Welcome and Havdalah

8:00 pm
Dinner

9:00 pm
Dessert Dash

9:15 pm
Dancing

11:00 pm
End of night

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Platinum Anniversary

Dita & Fred Appelbaum, Ruth & Greg Berkman, Shelly F. Cohen, Wendy Dickerman, Theresa & Ben Glatstein, Helen Spencer-Snyder & Steven Snyder

Diamond

Carole Aaron & Bruce Peterson, Puddin & George Cox, Cathy & Howard Lowen, Carol & Alan Sidell

Gold

Elizabeth & Ken Asher, Diane & Jean-Loup Baer, Emily & Josh Cooper, Lauren & Jarrod Dudakov, Kaitlin & Zach Geballe, Chana Greene & Joshua Ouellette, Betsy Maurer & Andrew Schulman, Sandy Melzer & Ellen Evans, Kate & Andrew Perez-Lopez, Barbara & Rich Shikiar, Stacey Symonds, Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick & Richard Cicale

Ruby Chai

Carol & Roger Bergson, Nora Burton & T.J. Stutman, Gaby & Dan Charlton, Marnina Cherkin & Sam Ostroff, Linda & Alan Freyd, Rebecca Hoff & Richard Rutz, Sharon Kean & Bob Lipson, Eliza Medearis & John Williams, AJ & Jo Merrick, Kelly & Eddy Rigotti

Silver

Lucy Auster, Sandy Berger & Fred Smith, Rebecca Fox & Robert Heller, Phyllis Herzog & Ned Porges, Suzanne Hunter, Susan & Ted Klastorin, Carol Maurer & Richard Cohen, Allie & Matt Neidich, Janet & David Newman, Ingrid Peterson & Charles Alpers, Rebecca Piha & Paul Amato, Annette & Dan Sabath, Susan & Alan Schulkin, Davida Sims, Claire & David Smith

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres

Passed Mushroom & Leek Tartlet (veg)

Passed Spanakopita (veg)

Passed Pacific Rim Rice Paper Roll (gf) (v)

Mediterranean Station (v)

Hummus with tahini and lemon (gf) (v)

Roast butternut squash and harissa hummus (gf) (v)

Charred lemon and cumin spiced cauliflower (gf) (v)

Garlic yogurt (veg)

Falafel (v)

Pita chips (v)

Dinner Salad

Baby Kale Salad (gf) (df) (v)

Champagne apple vinaigrette

Entrée Choices

Wild Alaskan Halibut (gf)

Saffron butter beurre, pumpkin seed romesco

Braised Beef (gf)

Cassia star anise, sherry, butternut squash chutney

Vegan Roasted Petit Acorn Squash (gf) (v)

Quinoa, brussels sprouts, roasted butternut squash, wilted kale

Wine

Cooper Mountain Chardonnay

Two Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon

Adami Prosecco

DESSERT DASH

Black Forest Cake
Classic Chocolate Cake w/Raspberries
Gluten Free Cake (gf)
Decadent Brownies (gf) (df)
Swedish Princess Cake from Larsen's Bakery
Whole Foods Berry Chantilly Cake
Raspberry Truffle Chocolate Cake
Dark Chocolate Mousse Cake w/Dark Chocolate Glaze
Joe Mizrahi Creative Creation
Chocolate Cake w/Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting
White Chocolate Coconut Cake
Rich Chocolate Cake w/Chocolate Icing
Chocolate Cake w/Vanilla Icing, Hazelnuts, & Coconut (v)
Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cake
Chocolate Cake from Bakery Nouveau
Chocolate Cheesecake w/Oreo Crust
Three Layer Chocolate Eruption Cake
Valrhona Chocolate Cake w/Cream Cheese Buttercream
Old-fashioned Carrot Cake
Classic Apple Cake
Creative Cookie Assortment
Pear & Almond Tart
Bell Harbor Chef's Choice Assorted Platter
Individual Chocolate Mousse Cakes (gf)
Chocolate Chip Donut Cake w/Chocolate Filling
Mangia Bene's World's Best Carrot Cake

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TEMPLE BETH AM

70 YEARS OF JOY, MEANING, AND BELONGING

Temple Beth Am marks a powerful milestone this evening: 70 years of creating a Jewish home together! With this occasion, Temple Beth Am's Platinum Anniversary, we continue a year of celebrating the people and stories that make up our thriving community, while honoring the significance of the number 70 in Judaism.

Since the start of 5786, we have honored and shared each decade of our rich history with you through archival material, stories, and photographs.

Our story began in the 1950s and 60s with a group of families in North Seattle searching for Jewish connection close to their homes, who wanted to have their unique voices heard in their practice of Judaism. By the end of the 60s, we had our permanent location; our first long-term rabbi, Rabbi Norman Hirsh; our own torahs; and a small but dedicated community.

In the many decades since Beth Am's humble beginnings, we've built a thriving progressive congregation in NE Seattle thanks to you and your dedication! Sponsors and guests here tonight have both familiar and fresh faces. The strength of our community is the connection between members since the 1970s and new friends that may have just joined last year.

Our membership has grown from a few families searching for a new way to be Jewish in NE Seattle to hundreds of families that build connections across the region. We've gone from one part-time clergy member and a few dozen households, to three rabbis, a full worship team, and 900 families. Our beautiful sanctuary and school building in Wedgewood, gifted to us by past generations, has rooted our community in Seattle and beyond.

Under Rabbi Ruth in 2016, we developed our first mission statement: "We deepen relationships to Judaism and our community by engaging the soul, heart, and mind." This helped us codify our long-standing focus on connections and community.

From our members who are no longer with us—may their memories be blessings—to those who are newly engaged, we honor your commitment to Temple Beth Am!



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Mazal Tov to Temple Beth Am on 70 years of community, connection, and purpose. We are grateful for community connections and investment in the next generation. We are proud to support the meaningful work of this extraordinary congregation.

-Susan & Ted Klastorin

Members since 1989,
Beth Am has been for us
a home away from home,
a chosen family,
a source of inspiration,
and
a place of celebration.

Dita & Fred Appelbaum

An enormous Mazel Tov to Temple Beth Am - our chosen family. We are so very grateful for all the gifts Temple Beth Am has given us and we are proud to support the meaningful work of this extraordinary congregation. May we go from strength to strength.

The Berkman Family



The Cicale-Zlotnick family is so grateful to this congregation for its commitment to joy, meaning and belonging within the context of Jewish community. May we grow from strength to strength over the next 70 years!

Thank you Beth Am for welcoming our family into yours and supporting us since 1971.

Carol & Roger Bergson

Congratulations to Temple Beth Am on this extraordinary 70th Anniversary. We are honored to celebrate this milestone and to support a community that has meant so much to us over the years. Beth Am has been a source of connection, spiritual growth, and soulful music, and we are grateful to be part of its ongoing story. With deep appreciation and best wishes for many more years of strength and joy.

Linda & Alan Freyd

Mazel tov to Temple Beth Am on 70 wonderful years. My connection to this community began in 2002, and since then Beth Am has been a place of warmth, welcome and belonging. Thank you for creating a home that continues to uplift and connect us all.

Lucy Auster

Our family is honored to be part of 70 years of tradition, advocacy, and Jewish joy. Wishing many more years of beauty in community and standing in solidarity together for us all and for those yet to come. We hope everyone entering these doors is half as lucky we have been with the friends we have made here.

The Shiovitz/Lidman Family (Dan, Hannah, Ezra & Elias)

Thank you to everyone who has helped build our amazing community over the past 70 years. I am grateful to be able to be part of helping ensure we sustain our vibrant community for many more years to come!

Davida Sims

We are proud to have shared the last 42 of Temple Beth Am's 70 years with the congregants, clergy and staff that have made it so special.

Susan & Alan Schulkin

Thank you to all who have welcomed us to our beautiful new city and spiritual home.

We feel so lucky to be here and dream together as Temple Beth Am celebrates 70 years, and we look forward to celebrating many more smachot together as a kehillah kedoshah – a sacred community.

L'Chaim!

Rabbi Jesse Epstein & Emily Bogdan

Mazel tov to Temple Beth Am at 70! We are grateful to be part of this vibrant Jewish community. With best wishes for many more years of joy, learning and connection.

Rebecca Fox & Robert Heller

One day, Honi the circle maker was walking along the road. He saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked the man, “How many years before this tree bears fruit?” The man answered, “Not for seventy years.” Honi said to him, “And do you expect to live seventy years, so that you will enjoy the fruit of this tree?” The man replied, “I came into a world full of carob trees. Just as my ancestors planted for me, I am planting for my descendants.”

Seventy years ago, a small group of sages planted a carob tree in the form of a new synagogue in Seattle’s north end. They planted it for themselves, yes – and also for the next generation and the generation after that.

Seventy years later, Temple Beth Am is still here – still relevant, still creative, and, as a thriving community of more than 900 households, probably unrecognizable to our founders. Now it is our turn to create our own unrecognizable Jewish future, ensuring that Temple Beth Am bears fruit not just for us but also for generations to come.

-Shelly F. Cohen, past president and Temple Beth Am’s official Queer Fairy Godmother

*Have fun.
We will miss you!*

-Barbara & Rich Shikiar

Kol Hakavod and Mazel Tov to Temple Beth Am, the House of the People. We have been privileged to be a part of such a joyous community that has brought so many opportunities for connection, service, and meaning. It's through our shul that we've been able to pursue Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Chasadim; we hope others can as well.

T.J., Nora, Guri, & Myer

We have so many wonderful memories at Temple Beth Am spanning 17 years beginning with our boys sitting on the bimah participating in Tot Shabbat! This was followed by fun and busy years of religious school, Purim carnivals, Shabbat services, Simchat Torah, dancing around the sanctuary during b'nai mitvzot, shmoozing with friends, learning so much from our wonderful Rabbis, participating in healing challahs, enjoying Temple's amazing musicians, and having fun at the Annual Auction/Gala!

Mazel Tov to the entire Temple Beth Am Family on the 70th Anniversary! We look forward to more fun and engagement as we approach the 100th!

Drs. Emily & Josh Cooper

Happy 70th anniversary
Temple Beth Am.

We are grateful for 70 years
of sanctuary, support,
and community.

Here's to 70 more as we
pay it forward, L'dor v'dor.

*Helen Spencer-Snyder &
Steven Snyder*

Congratulations Temple Beth Am! Seventy years and counting! What a wonderful legacy these years have provided to Seattle's Jewish community, to the community at large, and beyond. Temple Beth Am has been and continues to be a beacon of light shining brightly in times of joy, and in times of sorrow. It has always been there for us and for our friends and that is why we are honored to celebrate this milestone in support of a community that has meant so much to us over the years. With deep appreciation and best wishes. Happy 70th Anniversary!

-George & Puddin Cox, Natalie Kendall, & Adam Ray



Adam Ray Bar Mitzvah, 1993. Adam and grandfather, Dolph Brown of blessed memory, father of Puddin Brown.

Mazel tov on 70 years Temple Beth Am! The Rumpf LeVine family is thrilled to be a part of the TBA family-the most wonderful Jewish home we could ask for in the Pacific Northwest! We look forward to celebrating Beth Am for years to come and are grateful our kids get to grow up in a joyful, inclusive community that's committed to making the world better.

The Rumpf LeVine family

Congratulations to Temple Beth Am on 70 wonderful years. We are honored to share in Temple Beth Am's history of Progressive Judaism through learning and community activity, whether our voices are heard in our own sanctuary, on the streets of Seattle or the cobblestone walkways of Jerusalem. We are proud to be a continuing part of this story. Mazel Tov!

Sandy Berger & Fredrick Smith

Mazal tov to Temple Beth Am on 70 wonderful years! Thank you for building a vibrant, caring community rooted in tradition and connection. We are honored to celebrate and support this milestone.

Claire & David Smith



Mazel tov to Temple Beth Am on 70 years of community, connection, and purpose. We are grateful for our Jewish home in Seattle and proud to support the meaningful work of this extraordinary congregation. Inspired by the rich history and promising future of TBA, we affirm our commitment to the values of tikkun olam, kehillah, chesed, and tzedakah, which will continue to guide this community for generations to come.

Sam Ostroff & Marnina Cherkin

Mazal tov on 70 years! From the rich, diverse community to the deep commitment to tikkun olam, we are grateful to be part of this remarkable congregation. Here is to the next 70 years of chesed and tzedakah together.

Eliza Medearis & John Williams

Wishing peace and happiness to everyone, everywhere and especially to all the members and staff of Temple Beth Am. May our next 70 years be as good as the first 70.

Sharon Kean & Bob Lipson

**Mazel Tov for 70 years!
Here's to another 70!**

Gaby & Dan Charlton

Here's hoping
we look this good at 70!

Happy 70th,
TBA community!

Kaitlin & Zach Geballe

Mazel Tov to Temple
Beth Am for 70 years
of serving our
community.

Our family is proud to
be members of such a
vibrant and engaging
synagogue.

Carol & Alan Sidell

Mazel Tov!

*We are proud to have been part of
Temple Beth Am for 50 years and we
are proud of all of Beth Am's
accomplishments through social
justice in helping to heal the world.*

*L'chayim,
Diane & Jean-Loup Baer*

Mazel tov to Temple Beth Am on 70 years of community, connection, and purpose. We are grateful for the friendships we have made and proud to support the meaningful work of this extraordinary congregation.

-Lauren & Jarrod Dudakov

May the next 70 years see Temple Beth Am continue to be a place of hope, joy, learning, strength, and holiness. We are honored to support it and be a part of this community.

-Elizabeth, Ken, Hannah, Ethan, Sophie, & Jon Asher

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Special Thank's to Tonight's Musical Guests

Chava Mirel - Vocalist
Coleen Dieker - Violin
Jake Sele - Keyboard
Michael Muir - Guitar
Dean Schmidt - Bass
Scott Goodwin - Drums

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