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שנתו לעלה שעיר עזים
שלבנים בקר עזים א
דמושה כבשים בני ענה
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TEMPLE JUDEA
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Torah Project
2023-2024

Inscribing Their Future – Letter by Letter

*The Torah we inscribe together
as a sacred community
will be our legacy for generations to come.*

וְעַתָּה כְּתֹבוּ לָכֶם אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת וְלַמָּדָה
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הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת לְעֵד בְּבִנְיִי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

*“Write for Yourselfs this Song
and Teach it to the Children of Israel.”*

Deuteronomy 31:19

A special thank you to Earl Abramson and Sheila Schlaggar for their most generous donation to underwrite our new Sefer Torah made in honor of Rabbi Yaron. We are truly grateful to them for their continued support, leadership, and friendship. It is with great respect that our new Torah will be named the *Abramson/Schlaggar Torah*



The 613th Commandment

The Torah is the heart of Judaism and of the Jewish community. It is our physical and spiritual connection to the many generations that came before us. The Five Books of the Torah tell the stories that form the heart and soul of the Jewish people, the timeless wisdom, values and collective ties that bind our lives, hopes and dreams to the lives of those who have come before us and all those who will come after us.

The Torah teaches it is the responsibility of each Jew to personally write a Sefer Torah. It is interpreted by our sages as the 613th mitzvah, the final commandment. We invite you to be a part of this unique opportunity to pass our hopes and dreams on to generations to come, bring the best of our ancestors, and our families, to the generations that are our future!

Most of our Torah will be written by a scribe in Israel, Sofer Chagai Atari. In each book, he will leave letters to be filled in by us. As each book is completed, he will send them to the United States so that we may fill in the final letters.

Tradition tells us that one who writes even a single letter in a Torah or causes one to be written through their support has completed an entire Torah and thus has fulfilled the 613th commandment.

From October through May, we will host a series of events to educate and unite our sacred community and to complete this mitzvah of writing a Torah.

From Generation to Generation....

It is not often that we have a chance to create something that will last beyond our years. Please join us as letter by letter, we write the future, for our children and theirs.....



What is a Torah project?

Our Torah project is a year long program where every member of our TJ family may participate in the mitzvah of writing a Torah. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with many exciting events planned throughout the year. It will be filled with opportunities to learn, celebrate, and to increase our connection.

Each of us will have a chance to help our Sofer, Rabbi Menachem Bialo, fill in a letter on the Torah parchment. In this way, we will help to write the Torah. There are a variety of ways to dedicate parts of the Torah in honor of, or in loving memory of, loved ones or special events.

What are the key dates I should mark on my calendar?

Opening Day:

Sunday, October 15th we will write the first letter of the first word in the Torah – “Beresheit,” In the beginning - by inviting our youngest member to write the first letter!

Closing Day:

Thursday, May 9th with our wisest member (i.e. oldest) to write the last letter and culminate this special year when we will all witness the writing of the last letter of the final word of the Torah, “Yisrael,” Israel.

Scribing Days: October 15, October 22, November 28, December 4, December 20, January 15, January 31, February 4, February 18, March 7, April 7, May 9

Who is invited to participate?

YOU!! It is our goal that every household who wishes to write a letter will have the opportunity!

There are twelve days scheduled in the upcoming year. Many will take place at Temple Judea; some will be offsite. We will use an online scheduling program so everyone can secure a spot that fits your own personal schedule.



Additionally, we will identify one day that we will invite our non-Jewish community to participate. As we all know, our country has seen an increase in hate crimes geared towards our religious community over the past few years. As part of our efforts to combat antisemitism, we will be inviting our brothers and sisters in our Palm Beach Gardens community to join us in writing this Torah – symbolizing our hope for interfaith solidarity and peace for all future generations.

How can I be involved?

There are many ways to be involved. You can choose what is the most meaningful to you. You can attend a letter-writing event to have the opportunity of personally writing Torah (by helping fill in a letter) and learning about Torah from our clergy and our Sofer. You can complete the mitzvah and dedicate parts of the Torah in honor or in loving memory of loved ones and special events.

A wide variety of educational programs, classes, and celebratory events will be held throughout the year, often in conjunction with letter-writing events, in order to give everyone a chance to participate in Inscribing Their Future: Letter by Letter.

Why do we need a new Torah?



TJ lovingly uses our Torahs for Shabbat, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, festivals and the High Holy Days. Although it is wonderful to see a Torah when the ark is opened and inspiring to hear a Bar/Bat Mitzvah read from its pages, this repeated use causes wear on our old scrolls. Some of our Torahs are very old, and no longer usable, and one is a treasured Holocaust Torah, entrusted to us. Our newly commissioned Torah will become one of TJ's primary Torahs used for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and holidays.

Can I really write Torah?

YES!! The Sofer will be making multiple visits to TJ throughout the year. During each of these visits, congregants of all ages will have opportunities to join with the Sofer as he fills in letters on our Torah parchment. We will use an electronic calendar program to simplify the sign up process for your specific time slot or you will be able to call the office for help registering.

A Tradition of Giving

We stand equal as congregants, and therefore everyone will have the same opportunity to write an actual letter in our Torah. **No donation is required to do so.**

Nevertheless, we intend to fund this project and further support our temple through your generosity. In Exodus 25, God, through Moses, instructs the Israelites to come together as a community to build the Mishkan, the portable tabernacle housing the Torah tablets. God invites offerings from every person whose heart is so moved to complete this sacred place.

Similarly, our Torah project will succeed financially because of the shared commitment of our congregation. As all individual letters combine to form a finished Torah, each individual's generosity will combine to ensure the legacy of our congregation for generations to come.

There are a variety of dedication levels. TJ's clergy can help you identify an appropriate and meaningful dedication for you and your family.

Torah Facts



A Sefer Torah contains 304,805 letters and 245 columns with 42 lines in each column. The Torah is handwritten on approximately 62 pieces of parchment called “Klaf.” Each Torah is handwritten in special black ink made from powdered gall nuts, copper sulfate crystals, gum Arabic, and water by the very few families that know the guarded recipe. The Torah contains no vowels or punctuation. The Torah must be exact and have no errors. A Torah is written on parchment made of the skins of kosher animals. It is important to note that no animals are killed specifically for the making of a Torah. The individual pieces of parchment are called yeriot and between 62 to 65 of them are needed for a single Torah. Once all of the yeriot have been inscribed, they are sewn together with gididin, or sinews, to form a scroll and attached to wooden “trees of life” (atzei chaim) at either end.

Meet our Sofer

Rabbi Menachem Bialo was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in the Midwest with the unconditional love of Torah and the Jewish people. He now lives in Miami with his wife and children. He studied in Yeshivot in Cleveland, Israel and in Miami while training in the art of a Sofer and delving into the deeper meaning and esoteric messages of the Hebrew letters. The son of an artist, he always marveled at the beauty and wonder of the Hebrew letters, which led him to become an expert and meticulous Sofer. He has also served as a youth and ritual director in Sydney, Australia as well as a teacher in the local Hebrew school. He was ordained as a rabbi in New Jersey and then qualified as a Sofer in 2003.

Torah Dedication Pricing

We are so blessed that Earl Abramson and Sheila Schlaggar have already dedicated \$500,000 for our Sefer Torah. In addition to the naming of the Torah, there are many dedication opportunities. Please consider using this once-in-a-lifetime event as a time to insure a strong Temple Judea for your children, and theirs.



<i>Item</i>	<i>Dedication Cost</i>
The Books of Torah	
Genesis	\$50,000
Exodus	\$50,000
Leviticus.....	\$50,000
Numbers	\$50,000
Deuteronomy	\$50,000
High Holy Day Readings	
Rosh HaShanah Day	\$36,000
Yom Kippur Morning.....	\$36,000
Prayer Passage	
Sh'ma – Hear O' Israel	\$25,000
V'ahavtah – Love Adonai your God.....	\$25,000
V'shamru – Sanctifying the Shabbat	\$25,000
Mi Chamocha – Who is like You Adonai?.....	\$25,000
Ma Tovu – The love for temple	\$25,000
El Na Refa Na La – Prayer for Healing	\$25,000
Pillars of our Faith	
Love your Neighbor as Yourself.....	\$18,000
Priestly Benediction	\$18,000
Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue.....	\$18,000
Creation of Shabbat.....	\$18,000
Events and Passages	
In the beginning (<i>opening lines of Torah</i>)	Jacob's Blessing to his
Gen 1:1	Grandchildren..... \$10,000
Creation of the World.....	The Burning Bush
Noah and the Flood	\$10,000
The Call of Abraham	The Ten Plagues
Blessing to Abraham –	\$10,000
<i>Numerous as Stars</i>	Crossing of the Red Sea
\$10,000	\$10,000
Rebecca at the Well.....	Miriam's Song
\$10,000	\$10,000
Jacob, Rachel & Leah.....	Ten Commandments
\$10,000	(<i>1st appearance</i>) Ex. 20.....
Joseph and his Brothers	\$10,000
\$10,000	Ten Commandments
	(<i>2nd appearance</i>) Deut. 5.....
	\$10,000

Item

Dedication Cost

Weekly Torah Portion – Bar/Bat Mitzvah Torah Portion \$5,400 /portion

This is the dedication of the weekly Torah parsha read each Shabbat. It can be the portion that was read for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or one that commemorates the birthdate of a child, or any other simcha, or life event.

Days of Creation.....\$3,600 / day

- Day 1: And God saw the light, and it was good.
- Day 2: God calls the great expanse, sky.
- Day 3: The earth and the seas and fruit-bearing trees.
- Day 4: The sun, the moon, and the stars.
- Day 5: Birds fly across the sky and fish fill the seas.
- Day 6: Human beings are created in the image of God.
- Day 7: The culmination of God’s creation and Shabbat, the holy day of rest.

These are the Names..... \$1,800 / name

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| Abraham | Sarah | Miriam |
| Isaac | Rebecca | Adam |
| Jacob | Rachel | Eve |
| Moses | Leah | Noah |
| Joseph | Aaron | Other name |



Torah Ornament Opportunities

- Breast Plate (3)..... \$36,000
- Torah Crown (4) \$25,000
- Torah Staves (Eitzay Chaim)..... \$25,000
- Torah Cover – High Holy Days (4) \$18,000
- Torah Cover – New Torah \$18,000
- Yad (3)..... \$5,000

General Donation\$1,000 - \$180

Our thank you!

The Torah is the soul, The land of Israel is the body.

Writing a Torah is a sacred commandment that tends to the soul of the Jewish people, it guarantees that for generations to come, we will be able to teach our children the values, traditions, and life lessons it offers. At the same time, every soul needs a body. Our mystics saw the land of Israel as the body protecting the soul.

Having a Jewish state on the land of Israel gives the Jewish people an opportunity to live by these very same teachings, as a sovereign, safe and strong and independent people.

As part of our Torah project, we wanted to make sure we also contribute to the vitality of the land and state of Israel. So, we have partnered with a company in Israel called “My tree in Israel” and through them we have adopted a farmer growing olive trees in the Jezreel valley!

Next time you go to Israel you will be able to go to the grove and see the beautiful plaque that says :

***“This grove was adopted by Temple Judea, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
To strengthen the bond with Israel and promote the Israeli farmer.
Since 2023”***

We are also delighted to be able to present every family unit who writes a letter in the Torah with a full-size bottle of olive oil produced from our adopted trees in Israel. Our way to say thank you for being a part of ensuring the future of our people and of our homeland across the ocean.

For more information on how you and your family can participate in this sacred commandment, please call the temple office at 561-624-4633.

Torah Dedication

*From Generation to Generation.... Be a part of creating a legacy
that will last well beyond our years.*

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN TO:
Temple Judea 4311 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Name: _____

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Amount of Gift: _____

In honor of: _____

In loving memory of: _____

Send an acknowledgement to:

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Dedication made by: _____

Comments: _____

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