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## **Temple B'nai Jacob of Wellington Creates Rabbi Team to Lead Wellington's Only Conservative Temple**

### **Temple Welcomes Back Rabbi David Abrams and Hires Education Director and Rabbi, Rabbi Matan Peled**

WELLINGTON, FL - (July 13, 2019) Temple B'nai Jacob of Wellington, located in Palm Beach County, has announced a new leadership team. In an innovative arrangement, Rabbi Dr. David Abrams and Rabbi Matan Peled will share the spiritual leadership of Temple B'nai Jacob. Rabbi Abrams will lead Saturday morning Shabbat and holiday services, while Rabbi Peled will lead Friday night Shabbat services and serve as Education Director of the synagogue. Members of the community are invited to join Rabbi Peled for his first Friday night Shabbat service on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and join Rabbi Abrams on Saturday morning, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Temple B'nai Jacob of Wellington (12794 W Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 6, Wellington, FL 33414) is located in the "Original" Wellington Mall at the corner of Forest Hill Blvd and Wellington Trace.

Rabbi Abrams was the spiritual leader at Temple B'nai Jacob, Wellington's only Conservative synagogue for 10 years. For the last 3 years as Rabbi Emeritus, his guidance was invaluable. The Rabbi, his wife and four children have always remained active members in the TBJ congregation.

"I am thrilled to take a more active role in the growth of TBJ again. We care so much about our synagogue family. This year, all four of our children will be attending B'nai Jacob Religious School. Together, with our kids, we will join hands with beloved members of TBJ and observe the beautiful gifts of Jewish life. I look forward to working with Rabbi Peled to build an even stronger TBJ community here in Wellington," said Rabbi Dr. David Abrams.

Joining Rabbi Abrams will be Rabbi Matan Peled. A native Israeli, Rabbi Peled brings a wide range of experiences to his new role at Temple B'nai Jacob as a spiritual leader and as the Education Director. His work experience in Israel included working with children in a therapeutic zoo, and serving as a combat medic in the Israel Defense Forces. Since earning a BA in Jewish Studies and his rabbinic ordination, Rabbi Peled has served in Jewish education and congregational life at synagogues in Florida and Pennsylvania over the past 13 years.

“An important part of my rabbinate is meeting people where they are. If that means holding a Torah study class in sandals at the beach or leading a discussion on Israel at a coffee shop, then so be it. Each community is unique and so my first goal is to understand what is meaningful for TBJ’s members. I have so many exciting ideas for memorable programs for the religious school as well. I look forward to serving and helping to continue making our synagogue a vibrant, relevant and spiritual home for all,” said Rabbi Matan Peled.

Temple Co-President Morry Silverman said, “With Rabbi Abrams and Rabbi Peled, we bring together two caring and engaging leaders with strong commitments to Judaism. We are thrilled to have this dream team of diverse backgrounds and experiences, which will enhance the Jewish community of Western Palm Beach County.”

**ABOUT TBJ: Temple B’nai Jacob of Wellington** is a Conservative, egalitarian synagogue serving the Western communities of Palm Beach County. Temple B’nai Jacob seeks to inspire each member to become more deeply connected to his or her Jewish identity by providing relevant worship experiences, life-long educational experiences, opportunities for social action, and a connection to Jewish culture. TBJ is a diverse and multi-generational congregation committed to serving as a center for contemporary Jewish life. Temple B’nai Jacob offers religious school for students in kindergarten through eighth grade in a warm, interactive environment. Students develop a love of learning leading to a meaningful B’nai Mitzvah experience and a continued dedication to Jewish values. We are a USCJ affiliated Synagogue committed to connecting local Jewish families to the joys of Conservative Judaism. Visit [www.templebnaijacob.com](http://www.templebnaijacob.com) to learn more.

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