

# AN INTRODUCTION TO TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL OF LONGBOAT KEY

*The Place to Be*

*50 Reasons to Join Now*

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## We Welcome New Members

Temple Beth Israel members - the lifeblood of this great congregation - is too important to be confined to just one evening. So we are devoting this Special Edition of our Temple Bulletin to this very important subject.

But honoring new

Let us show you:

WHY new and recent members feel good about joining TBI;

WHAT prospective members can expect from their membership; and

HOW our Temple family is involved in key welcoming and recruiting activities.

*Temple Beth Israel offers an outstanding experience. No two years are ever the same; our members shape what happens.*

## 50 Reasons to Join Temple Beth Israel and be happy you belong!

### 1 It's Enjoyable and Life-Enriching.

Throughout this issue, you will see photos of people enjoying themselves. There is a big difference between visiting a Temple and being a member of the Congregation, part of the Temple family.



### 2 You Are Jewish.

These days, there are different levels of observance. Whatever your level, we know you'll find TBI enriches your life in ways you might not have imagined. While we are a Reform congregation, many members are attracted to Conservative practices. As the only Temple on Longboat Key, our services - especially on Saturday morning - accommodate these sensitivities. Thirty-one years ago, Temple Beth Israel planted the flag of Judaism on Longboat Key, and by being here, encouraged Jewish residency on one of the most beautiful stretches of land on our planet.





# 3 The Temple Represents Your Interests In the Larger World.

Some people join the Temple not for what they receive, but out of a sense of responsibility. There are forces of hatred, terrorism, adverse legislation, issues of religious freedom etc. in which solitary voices can be ignored, but Temples, as forces for good on their own, and in conjunction with other Temples, can shape outcomes.

# 4 Our Rabbi Is a Delight.

Different Rabbis have different styles. Rabbi Jonathan Katz is a warm, outgoing, creative and spirited religious leader. With a young daughter and a wife with her own professional career, he is particularly involved as a leader in the greater Sarasota community, very current on today's lifestyle issues and is a wise counselor.



# 5 Services Are Imaginative, Creative, Meaningful.



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**The Choir Is Magnificent.**

The TBI Choir an important part of who we are. Under the direction of Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe, Cantorial soloist Rebecca Hill, other professional members, and volunteers from the Temple membership, our choir is recognized as one of the leading choral groups on the West Coast of Florida.



## 7

**Friendship.**

When you are at the stage of losing friends, it's important to make new ones. A warm, welcoming congregation is the setting for such fresh linkages.



## 8

**Leaders and Achievers.**

A very important part of any temple is the congregation. Those who earned their way onto this beautiful strip of land we call Longboat Key, and the greater Sarasota area, generally have had a lifetime of high achievement. They bring that vitality to Temple affairs.



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**Mentoring.**

You don't just join this Temple. You are quickly made part of what is happening. Joining is just the first step. There are friendly people and an array of activities that will warmly draw you in to Temple life.

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## Our Temple Home.

Warm. Inviting. Valuable real estate. Paid for. No mortgage.



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## Introductory Pricing.

So that you have a chance to experience the pleasures of Temple Beth Israel for yourself, the first year of membership is attractively priced at \$350 for couples, \$225 for singles. High Holiday tickets are priced separately from this Introductory Year dues. There are other levels of membership for the long run - Singles, Couples, Seasonal etc. There is an organized, confidential abatement review process to make sure that finances do not stand in the way of anyone who want to become part of our Temple life.

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## The Celebration of Life's Highs and Lows.

We all hope our life stays on an even keel for a long, long time. But life generally comes with surprising upsets and milestone highlights. At such times, you want a congregation you know, a Rabbi and congregation that knows you.



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## A Center of Jewish Social Interaction.

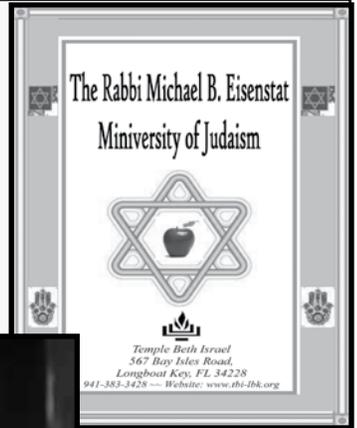
Come by and often you will find one or more gatherings – people playing bridge or other games; discussions, classes, or just a quiet corner to relax with a cup of coffee. We fill many of the roles of a Community Center.



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**The Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat  
Miniversity of Judaism.**

Stimulating learning, exercise for the mind.



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**Scholars In Residence  
Program.**

Outstanding teachers to expand  
your perspectives.



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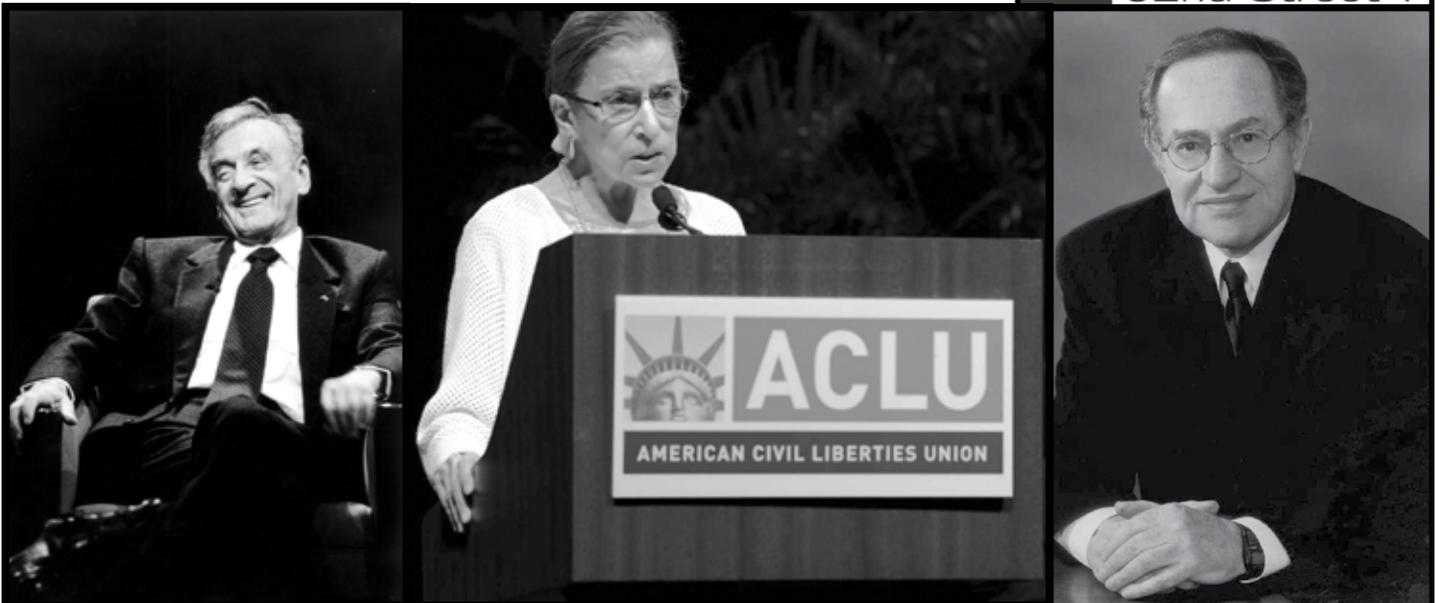
**The Florence Melton  
Course.**

A curriculum with national stature.

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**“Live” from NY’s 92nd Street Y.**

Alan Dershowitz, Elie Weisel, Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
and others who speak at the famed New York City  
learning center, reach our area live via simulcast in  
an interactive program at only one location - TBI.



# 18

## Opera Night at TBI.

Music fills the Sanctuary as the Men's Club hosts this annual, highly successful event.

*(Pictured: Members of Sarasota Opera's 2011 Studio Artists Program. Photo credit - Melanie McKeever.)*



# 19

## Purim Festivities.

Yes, we ham it up.

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## The Chanukah Party.

Dreidels spin, laughter flows.



TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL  
Chanukah Dinner



# 21 The Passover Seder.

We're a family, so we celebrate like a family.



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## The High Holidays.

A very special time. Very special Services.



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## The Onegs.

Eat, drink, enjoy and meet new friends.



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## Saturday Morning Shabbat Café.

Praying together, breaking bread together, enjoying a festive Shabbat meal.

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## TBI Dines.

Deliciously warm welcomes in the homes of members.





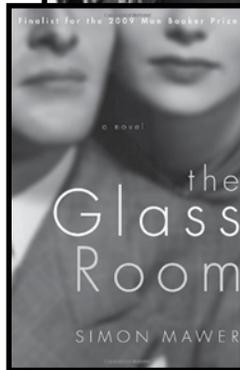
**26 Cruises to Far Off Lands.**  
 To all the pleasures of cruising, add the special camaraderie when Temple members travel together.



**27 The Library.**  
 One of the best collections of Judaica in the country. A professional librarian. Open all the time.



**28 Books and Brown Bag.**  
 Food and food-for-thought reviews and discussions.



**29 Cabaret Night.**  
 A comic or a musician, it's a Spring tradition.

INTRODUCTORY PRICING.  
 Worth repeating.

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## The Annual BIW Fashion Show.

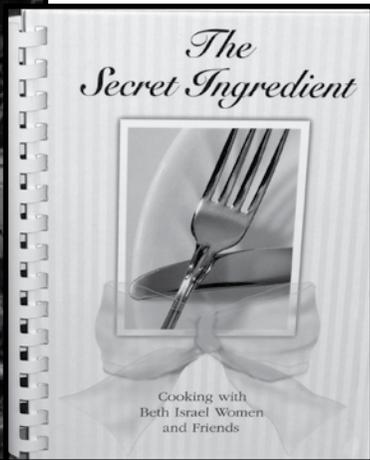
See the latest fashions in the company of fashionable people.



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## Gift Shop

Judaica carefully chosen.



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## The Web Site.

Visit [www.tbi-lbk.org](http://www.tbi-lbk.org)

# 33

## The Bulletin.

Enjoy this special issue. While you are considering membership, ask for a complimentary monthly subscription to stay abreast of what is happening.

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## A Proud Heritage.

In the reception hall, note the plaque highlighting our history. A lot of people worked very hard to build this Congregation. The dividends of their efforts are here for you.

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## Beth Israel Women.

A dynamic auxiliary, helping the Temple, helping the larger community.



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## The Men's Club.

From monthly Lunch with the Rabbi and Movie Nights to golf outings to mentoring of students, a full agenda.



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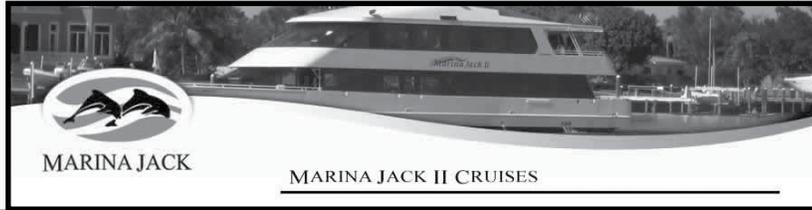
## Women On Our Own (WOOO).

Many of us are at the stage in life where new linkages, new friendships are especially valuable.

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## The Summer Social Program.

We are a year-around Temple. Outings and projects fill the summer season.



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## The Annual Black Tie Gala.

One of the highlights of the year. Recently in dramatic settings, like a local yacht club.



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## The Leadership Circle

The annual Leadership Circle Champagne Brunch is one of many ways TBI honors outstanding contributions.



# BIG GAME BIG SCREEN

at Temple Beth Israel!



# 41

## Super Bowl and Other Parties.

Everybody wins when you are having a good time.

INTRODUCTORY PRICING.  
Again, worth repeating.

# 42

## Transportation.

Whether you live in Sarasota, Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch as well as Longboat Key, we can make rides available to get you here and home.



# 43

## Social Outreach.

We have an active group involved in the larger needs of our community-whether it's meals for homebound elderly or mentoring of disadvantaged students.



# 44

## Governance.

The Temple and its auxiliaries and its activities are managed by our members. Leadership roles are continually opening up. If you think of something that would make Temple life more interesting, take a leadership role to make it happen.



# 45

## Endowment.

Decades ago, wise Temple leaders established an Endowment. Its investment income contributes to the financial stability of our Temple.

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## Chavurahs.

Small groups form as family-like units within the Temple.



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## End of Life Considerations.

Yes, there is a Temple Beth Israel cemetery and many ways to remember and honor those who precede us.

## 48

**Wine-and-Cheese Receptions**

and other casual fare for those who want to know more about Temple Beth Israel. Offered all during the year, throughout the community. Call 383-3428 to learn the schedule and tell us that you are coming.



## 49

**Simple Next Steps.**

Come sample Services or events. Call the Temple at (941) 383-3428 or email [info@tbi-lbk.org](mailto:info@tbi-lbk.org) for the schedule. Sign up for one of the Hospitality events. Or fill out the Introductory Year membership application.

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**Special Introductory Membership Application**  
(Effective Through May 31, 2017)

Family Membership	\$350.00
Single Membership	\$225.00

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Anniver \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth(male) \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status(Married) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation (male) \_\_\_\_\_

Former Occupation (male) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Payment by Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP**

We want you to experience the pleasures of membership in Temple Beth Israel--- Friday evening and Saturday morning services, educational courses and programs like telecasts from New York's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, friendships and social interaction, auxiliary groups, community outreach etc., etc., etc.. So we offer special pricing for your first year.

FAMILY: \$350

SINGLE: \$225

Membership good for the full fiscal year, ending May 31<sup>st</sup>. With this introductory rate, High Holiday tickets are purchased separately. Please fill out the complete Temple Beth Israel membership application which tells us more about you and the dues structure of subsequent years.

**COME JOIN US**



# 50

## Bring Along Your Friends.

We each have our own orbit of relationships. Fill out the "TBI Talent Scout Form" with names of others who you feel should know more about Temple Beth Israel.

BE A TBI TALENT SCOUT

Our Temple has an expanded Membership Committee that can contact, explain, host etc. if they know who to talk to.

We need leads. We need the entire Congregation recommending friends, neighbors, associates who would add to the vitality of our Temple while enriching their own lives.

EACH OF US HAS OUR OWN ORBIT OF CONTACTS

NAMES	CONTACT INFORMATION

OR: I KNOW OF NO ONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND TO TEMPLE OFFICE. THANK YOU.

**It's Nice to Belong.**  
*Meet our members.*  
*Let them tell you*  
*just how nice it is to*  
*be part of Temple*  
*Beth Israel.*  
**Call 941-383-3428.**



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**On the Cover**

Artwork featured on the cover of this publication is one of 7 beautiful stained glass windows that adorn the Temple Beth Israel sanctuary.