



THE BULLETIN of TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Longboat Key, Florida

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Rabbi Katz noted at a recent Shabbat service how **Ruth Lerner** has served as a local representative for the Jewish National Fund for many years.

He encouraged Temple members to take one of the JNF's legendary Blue Boxes that Ruth has arranged for Temple members and fill it with spare coins. A few weeks later **Mimi Edlin** returned her box to the Temple.

In the photo Mimi shows her box to Moses Maimonides, whose bust (a gift from **Betty Schiff z"l**) is found in the Temple foyer. Maimonides wrote extensively about the need to contribute to the welfare of others. His famous concept of the Ladder of Tzedakah is taught throughout the world. If you look carefully, you will see that Maimonides' smile suggests he is very pleased by Mimi's full box. You too can bring a smile to Maimonides' face by returning a blue box as well.



● **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

First of all, a great big welcome back to all of our Seasonal members! We missed you and we're really glad you're here to enjoy our Temple activities with those of us who are here year-round.

We are entering our busiest season, as you can see by reading this Bulletin. I do hope that in addition to participating in the social and educational opportunities offered by TBI, you will all be inspired to attend our religious services. While it is a wonderful thing that we function as the center of Jewish activity on Longboat Key, we are first and foremost a place of worship.

Our choir, under the direction of Ann Stephenson Moe, and our Rabbi, Jonathan Katz, work very hard each week to prepare a spiritual program that is always moving and beautiful.

I feel so fortunate as a Jew on this unique island, to be able to worship at a synagogue that is not only close by, but which offers such a lovely sanctuary and such comprehensive and interesting services. As you know, we owe our good fortune in regard to the building to the founders of Temple Beth Israel --but we also have a legacy of Rabbis and musical artists who have devoted their creativity to developing our unique services. For instance, last month Cantor Lisa Levine presented a concert of her own "Songs for Jews of Cuba." What you may NOT know is that Rebecca Hill, our cantorial soloist, along with Rabbi Katz, researched these prayerful songs, and Becca incorporated them into our services on the Saturday morning before the concert. The Friday night before that, the choir and Rabbi coordinated a sermon and musical presentation that was truly awesome.

Be sure to note on your calendars that services will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday nights, followed by our popular Oneg Shabbat. The exceptions will be the LAST Friday of every month, when we will observe services at 5:30 p.m. As always, Saturday morning services are at 10:00 a.m. and include a thought-provoking Torah discussion.

Happy Chanukah to all!

I hope to see you at the TBI Chanukah Party on December 6th.
(This is always a sell-out, due to the DELICIOUS, HOME-COOKED meal, so get your reservations in ASAP.)



Thank You!

Kathy

Kathy Brooks, President



● FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:

ONE NEVER KNOWS

Several years ago, I met a prominent member of a Reform temple in Washington, DC. We got to talking and she subsequently shared a story about her son's bar mitzvah, an event so important to her that she scheduled it more than three years in advance.

Ten months before the big weekend she checked with the temple office to confirm her son's bar mitzvah tutoring schedule.

However, to her shock and disappointment, she was told that the date she'd chosen had not been registered on the congregation's calendar. In fact, the Shabbat morning she had selected now belonged to another family.

The woman had already sent a "Save the Date" announcement to friends and family across the country. When she expressed frustration to the congregation's administrator and president they told her the oversight was most probably traceable to some office staffing issues when she'd originally secured the date.

While the temple's policy did not generally allow b'nei mitzvah to be held on Saturday afternoons, the president said an exception could certainly be made in her case. Facing no real choice, she agreed. The day of the service would remain the same, just not the time.

A year later, on the day of the bar mitzvah, she still found herself ruing the snafu. But then something remarkable happened.

At the moment the rabbi placed his hands on the shoulders on her son to bless him in front of the ark, a bright, multi-colored shaft of light came through one of the sanctuary's windows and shined directly on them. This spectacular, jaw-dropping, almost mystical occurrence brought many in the congregation, including the bar mitzvah's mother, to tears. So powerful was the experience, she immediately felt grateful the bar mitzvah had been moved from the morning to afternoon.

A well-known Zen story tells of a farmer who'd acquired a beautiful stallion. However, he soon came to the Zen Master in distress after the horse had gotten loose and run away: "Master, the horse is gone, the horse is gone!" The Master replied, "Who knows if it's good or bad?" The farmer returned to his work feeling sad and despairing.

A couple of days later the stallion returned along with two mares. The farmer quickly shared his joy with the Zen Master: "The horse is back and has brought two others with him." The Master again replied, "Who knows if it's good or bad?"

A few weeks hence the farmer returned to the Master crying because his only son had been thrown from one of the horses and broken his back. The Zen Master told him once more, "Who knows if it's good or bad?"

The very next day a group of soldiers came to the farm to conscript young men to fight in a war. Since the farmer's son was in a body cast they did not take him.

At times, we are pleasantly surprised when a situation that appears negative may, in fact, turn out to be something positive. These occasions teach us that bright sides are possible even when we've assumed they couldn't exist.

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Look at Hanukkah. According to the story, there was only enough oil to keep the Temple's eternal light going for one night. The Maccabees didn't just give up and assume the worst. While text found in the Talmud doesn't say, Judah and his compatriots might have figured out a way to jury-rig the Ner Tamid for it to require less oil, thereby extending its length of illumination.

Or, perhaps, the Maccabees discerned how to add other elements to the oil so it could last much longer. What we do know is that the light kept going for eight days instead of just one. The outcome, a perceived miracle, was certainly a far cry from what many Israelites surely assumed would take place.

Just like the light that burst unexpectedly through just as the rabbi was invoking the Priestly Benediction on the bar mitzvah, the Hanukkiah represents a glistening that happened in an unforeseen way.

Life is never a straight path. It is filled with detours, forks in the road, and inevitable construction delays. Yet, this is not always bad because, as a consequence, good results can still obtain.

Hanukkah isn't just about the oil lasting longer than anticipated, it's also about being resilient, staying the course, looking at a situation from a different perspective and recognizing that, even with evidence seemingly to the contrary, we still don't always know how things will turn out. That too is part of the wonder we experience when kindling our Hanukkah candles.



THE RABBI MICHAEL B. EISENSTAT MINIVERSITY OF JUDAISM

END OF LIFE DECISION-MAKING Dr. Frank Kavanaugh DEC 1 AT 2:00 p.m.

More scrutiny is now being given to Florida's Elder Guardianship-Program, an initiative that has often resulted in guardians fleecing the life savings of seniors with diminished capacities. Dr. Kavanaugh will provide an update on the program as well as address Florida's Advance Health Care Directives procedure. He will explain the discussions that need to occur with loved ones and medical personnel at a time of serious illness and how to use hospice care. He will also share about the right of mentally competent persons, who suffer from irreversible illness and unbearable pain, to seek a peaceful, painless passing at the time and place of their own choosing. A reception, sponsored by **Lillian Sands**, will be held following the program.

Dr. Frank Kavanaugh is a retired Professor of Medical and Public Affairs at George Washington University Medical Center. He is on the board of the Final Exit Network and the Hemlock Society of Florida and is Chairman Emeritus of the International Academy for Preventive Medicine and a former Vice President of the Cooper Institute for Advanced Studies in Medicine and the Humanities.

Dr. Kavanaugh advocates for patients who feel neglected by medical professionals when nothing more can be done to relieve their suffering.

PRESIDENTIAL HEALTH & JEWISH WORLD POLITICS

Dr. Allen Schwartz

DEC 3,10 AT 2:00 p.m.



Session I What was LBJ's stance on Jewish immigration? How did his cigarette habit, "Type A" personality, heart condition and gall bladder affect his political career? What was his relationship to FDR and how did he emotionally respond to JFK's assassination? How were his emotional extremes impacted by the Civil Rights Movement and Vietnam?

Session II How did Nixon's suspected, paranoia, infections and DVT impact his interactions with Henry Kissinger and world leaders like Golda Meir as well as events like Watergate? How significant were his anxiety neuroses during the debates with JFK and talks with the Chinese. Did the pneumonia he contacted just before the Yom Kippur War impair his thinking.

Dr. Allan B. Schwartz, Director of Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, has received many "Outstanding Clinician and Teacher" awards at Hahnemann and Drexel. He is the author of two textbooks and numerous articles.

KOHELET: A MODERN COMMENTARY ON ECCLESIASTES

Rabbi Richard Klein
DEC 7, 21 AT 2:00 p.m.

Kohelet, just twelve chapters long (we won't read them all), is a book of practical wisdom. It offers the reader guidance for daily living. Perhaps it is best known for skepticism and tired resignation balanced by abiding faith. It is a pathway, perhaps, to understanding our own and others' view of the world.

While tradition attributed the book to King Solomon, modern scholarship dates it to the third century BCE (more than 700 years later).

Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, New Hampshire, Rabbi Richard Klein chaired the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Resolution Committee and Committee on Justice and Peace and also served as Vice Chair of the URJ's Commission on Social Action. Ordained at the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, Rabbi Klein earned his B.J. Ed. from Boston Hebrew College and a BA in Engineering and Applied Physics from Harvard.

***Miniversity Note:** The film, *Beneath the Helmet*, will not be shown as scheduled on Tuesday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m. However, it will be screened at the Sarasota Jewish Film Festival in March and also at the Temple later in the year. In place of *Beneath the Helmet*, the recently released film, *Food Chains*, will be shown on January 5. Produced by Eva Longoria, this powerful documentary tells the compelling story of the struggle of Florida's tomato pickers to obtain fair wages and humane working conditions. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) has garnered international attention for its creation of the unprecedented Fair Food Program (FFP), which just happens to be headquartered in Sarasota. The informative and moving film highlights the CIW's efforts to get Publix to join the FFP.

A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP DEC 11

At December 11 Shabbat services, Temple member **Herb Vogel** will share about a special friendship he forged serving as a...

ski trooper in the 2nd Battalion of the U.S. Army infantry in Alaska, in the 1950's and which was improbably rekindled decades later. It is a fascinating and wonderful story. Herb received both his BA and law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced in Morristown, New Jersey for close to forty years and was a founding partner and later president of a prestigious law firm there. His expertise was in the field of zoning, planning and environmental law. He also represented several Jew Jersey communities as their town or city attorney.

Between his undergraduate studies and law school, Herb served in the U.S. Army in Alaska where he often faced fifty degree below zero temperatures. His service included many special assignments, the last of which saw him become an assistant to a Methodist chaplain. They formed quite a special relationship.

BETH ISRAEL WOMEN PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have just done a little Google research on the correct way to spell the name of the celebration of The Feast of Lights, Hanukkah. That is one commonly accepted spelling, but there are apparently at least 16 ways to spell the holiday according to Google. It all depends on the translation of the Hebrew spelling. Chanukah, Hanukah, Hanuka and Chanukkah are all acceptable and all are derived from the name of the special menorah for Hanukkah, the hanukkiyah.

So use the one you're most comfortable with, but be sure to come to our **Temple Beth Israel Chanukah Dinner** on the first night of Hanukkah, **December 6 at 5 pm!** If you have not yet sent your coupon in, please do so immediately! We can only accept 130 people and then your name will be placed on a waiting list. The fee is \$35.00 per person. We know you will have a wonderful time. If you would like to help by cooking,

driving, setting the tables or serving, please call either **Jen** or **Robin** at the Temple office: (941)383-3428.

As usual, **BIW** has planned many events to excite your palate, enrich your mind and increase your social activities in the upcoming months.

December 7: BIW Board Meeting @ 10:00 am in the Board Room (time changed due to a conflicting Federation Event that day)

December 16: BIW Paid-up Membership Luncheon. No charge for **BIW** members who have paid their \$40 dues. **Wendy Ross**, Weather reporter from Sarasota Channel 7 will speak on changes in reporting the weather on TV.

If you have not yet joined, use the coupon in this bulletin and send it in before **December 13th.** We must have your name in advance.

In November, Cantor Lisa Levine presented a wonderful program of music, images and storytelling about her work bringing Jewish music, culture and education to the Jews of Cuba.



January 4: BIW Board Meeting @ 11:30 am in the Board Room

January 18: BIW's Fabulous Fashion Show and Luncheon @Michael's on East. You will receive an invitation in the mail soon. **SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 18, 2016!**

Look elsewhere in this Bulletin for our announcement of the **March 3, 2016 Theatre Party**. See you soon.

Barbara Siegel, BIW President
edubarb@comcast.net

BIW: Annual Theater Night



Plans are now finalized for **BIW's Annual Theater Night** on **March 3, 2016** at the Van Wezel for dinner and "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*." The cost will be \$100 prepaid which will include dinner, show and all gratuities. We have limited amount of reservations so please submit your check made out to BIW as soon as possible. Last year's show was a sell out!

For further info call: Bonney Libman 387-1751

Beth Israel Women Presents:

A Luncheon Featuring Channel 7 Reporter **Wendy Ross** Wednesday, December 16 at Noon in the temple social hall. All paid up **BIW Members** are welcome to enjoy a delicious lunch by **Sylvia Pastor** and our local celebrity.

RSVP coupon needed by **December 9th** for reservation.

The BIW Annual Fashion Show

January 18, 2016 at Michael's on East Champagne 11:30 p.m. , Lunch 12:00 p.m. Featuring fashions from La Femme Fatale Invitations mailed—look for yours.

BOOKS & BROWN BAG *THE PARIS ARCHITECT* TO BE DISCUSSED DEC 14

Books & Brown Bag continues its monthly meetings with a review of the novel *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. Facilitator **Judith Glass** will lead the discussion on Monday, December 14, at 1 p.m. This novel, written by an architect, looks at the plight of the Parisian Jews during World War II and the effort to safely hide many of them.

The following month, on Monday, January 11, at 1 p.m., *Beyond Hitler's Grasp* by noted author Michael Bar-Zohar, will be the topic for discussion led by facilitator **Rosalyn Ehrenreis**. This is an amazing story of how the Jews of Bulgaria were saved from extinction. Though a small minority, the Bulgarian Jews were helped by many of their countrymen and women in preserving their right to exist. Though little known until recently, this true story shows the indomitable strength and caring of one small European country.

Attendees can bring lunch or a snack, starting at 12:30 p.m.; coffee and dessert will be available. **Books & Brown Bag** is a **BIW** sponsored event. The books are in the temple library, online or in bookstores.

Gloria Sabin & Linda Berliner,
Co-chairpersons

An island-wide power outage just as the second annual Longboat Key Veterans Day Honor Program got underway at **TBI** did not diminish the touching spirit of respect, reverence and joy that characterized the gathering. Several members of our Armed Forces spoke movingly of their experiences serving in the defense of our liberty and way of life. There were also lovely musical selections and an exuberant reception that began just as the lights came back on.

The event began with a parade featuring the Sarasota Sailors High School Marching Band making their way Bay Isles Rd. along with several vintage cars carrying veterans, groups of veterans on foot, and even a Coast Guard boat on a trailer. The parade concluded at the Temple for the program. We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Longboat Key for working so diligently to make the parade and program possible. The Temple took great pride in once again hosting the program and reception.



TBI member Dr. Philip Gaynes enjoyed marching in the parade.



Sarasota Sailors Marching Band



Harold Ronson, Marvin Black, Barbara Pressman & Bob Berns formed their own veteran group along the parade route.



Barbara & Allan Siegel were enthusiastic participants in the parade.

TBI MEN'S CLUB

The **TBI Men's Club Lunch** with the Rabbi series will have its first lunch of the season on **Thurs., Dec. 10** starting at 12:00 pm. Our speaker will be **Cantor Murray Simon** whose topic will be "*Hanukkah Facts That Most People Don't Know*". Cantor Simon served as Cantor for The Jewish Center in Princeton, New Jersey from 1996-2010 and, among other positions, served as National President of the American Conference of Cantors (ACC).

Lunches with the Rabbi will be held on the second Thurs. of Dec., Jan., Feb. and March. Each Lunch includes a catered lunch and a speaker on a topic of current interest, followed by a Q & A session. Future Lunch speakers will be the following:

Jan. 14: Al Goldis, former major league baseball executive whose topic will be "*Baseball and Jewish American Culture*".

Feb. 11: Stuart Sinai, corporate attorney and an expert on insider trading whose topic will be "*Insider Trading - is Mickelson Still at Risk?*"

Mar. 10: TBD

Tickets for individual lunches or the entire series can be obtained by forwarding the enclosed reservation slip, together with a check in the amount of \$50 for the entire series or \$15 for a single lunch to the address shown. All members of the congregation, both men and women, are welcome.



Other Men's Club events scheduled are as follows:

Dec. 20: Meet and Greet Brunch. Beginning at 10:30am. a light breakfast of lox, bagels, sweet rolls, juice and coffee will be provided at no charge. Dr. Herb Waltzer will speak on the topic "*Spring Training for the 2016 Political Season: The Line-Ups, Analysis and Forecast.*"

Jan. 20: West Coast Black Theater. A one hour program by three members of the talented and popular musical troupe, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Feb. 21: New Orleans Jazz Night. The Kid Dutch Jazz Group will make a return visit to **TBI** with his four-piece group of seasoned jazzmen, fresh from a recently completed European tour.

Mar. 25: Spring training baseball game - New York Yankees vs Baltimore Orioles.

Mar. (date to be determined): Tribute Night honoring an outstanding member of the congregation.

April (date to be determined):
Year end BBQ

Anyone interested in joining the **Men's Club** can do so by completing the enclosed sign-up slip and forwarding it to the address shown, together with the annual dues of \$40.

Bob Vigder
Men's Club Co-President

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL'S SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Is honored to present its **2016 Scholar-In-Residence**

Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

January 22nd – 24th, 2016

"Exploring the Talmud: Theology and Tz'dakah"

The weekend of January 22nd-24th will provide all of us in the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Community, especially those of us in the Temple Beth Israel family, the opportunity to sit together and engage in study and conversation with one of the Reform Movement's outstanding scholars, Rabbi Amy Scheinerman.

Rabbi Amy Scheinerman received her bachelor's degree from Brown University; has studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Princeton Theological Seminary; and was ordained in 1984 at HUC-JIR in New York, where she also received a Doctor of Divinity in 2009. Rabbi Scheinerman is the Hospice Rabbi in Howard County, Maryland, and teaches in a variety of venues. She is a member of the CCAR Board of Trustees, Past-president of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, and the immediate Past president of the Baltimore Board of Rabbis. She has served Conservative, Reform, and unaffiliated congregations. She is a member of the Responsa Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, serves as editor of the *Torah* Commentary column of the CCAR newsletter, is a member of the CCAR's Task Force on Jewish Genetic Disease and recently began offering "Ten Minutes of Talmud" on line. Rabbi Scheinerman is married to Dr. Edward Scheinerman, Vice Dean for Education at The Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering and professor of applied mathematics and statistics. They are the parents of four children.

Rabbi Scheinerman's presentations will include the following:

Shabbat Evening, January 22nd, 8:00 p.m.
"What is Talmud? (Come see!) What's In It for Me? (Everything!)"

Talmud is as much the foundation of the Judaism we practice as the Bible is. We draw on the Babylonian *Talmud* for wisdom and values, yet many of us have not been introduced to it: What does it look like? What's in it? We'll take our first dip into this ancient and remarkable well of ancient-yet-modern advice on navigating the relationships in our life.

***Shabbat Morning, January 23rd, 10:00 a.m.**
"The Rabbis' Radical Views of God"

Our Sages did not envision God as a perfect, wise, and patient role model for humanity. Struggling with the same issues we wrestle with — important relationships, raw emotions, difficult moral choices — the Rabbis paint a radical picture of God that is wholly different from what we might expect, yet deeply moving and challenging.

****Sunday Morning, January 24th, 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast Program "Tz'dakah Revisited and Re-envisioned"**

If God cares about the poor, why doesn't God provide for their needs? Why does our tradition mandate that we take care of the poor? Is *tz'dakah* an act of obligation, religious self-benefit, or altruism? Our Sages have conceived *tz'dakah* in varying (and surprising!) ways, with profound implications for us.



The 2016 Temple Beth Israel Scholar-In-Residence Weekend is sponsored by Charlotte P. Graver in loving memory of her husband Dr. Hyman H. Graver through a grant from the Charlotte P. Graver Fund at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

● BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

Dec. 2nd
Estelle C. Silbert

Dec. 3rd
Sheila Kasdan
Melvin Taub

Dec. 4th
Ursula Bamberger
Nancy Kane
Marion Levine

Dec. 6th
Albert Balk

Dec. 7th
Janis Brenner
Loretta Katz
Emma Katz

Dec. 8th
Margie Sandler

Dec. 9th
Lillian Meckler

Dec. 11th
Leah Barker
Marta Fried

Dec. 12th
Raymond Benenson
Mary Ann Simon
Roberta Wladis

Dec. 14th
Sandra Cutler-Cohen
Gerald Ross

Dec. 18th
Ruth Gorton
Riva Hecht

Dec. 20th
Lillian E. Richman
Merrill Zinder

Dec. 23rd
Florence Harr
Evelyn Lerman

Dec. 25th
Freida Shapiro

Dec. 28th
Arleane Stier
Marjorie L. Tick

Dec. 29th
Esta Grocer
Ruth Lerner

Dec. 31st
Robert Chalphin
Walter D. Rosengarten
Suzanne Weinstein



*Florence Katz
congratulates
Ursula on her
104th birthday
at Sarasota Bay
Club celebration
organized by
local Smith
alumni.*



*Barbara Blumfield, Shirley Fein &
Mimi Edlin congratulate Ursula.*

Happy Anniversary!

12/9/2000 - **Jonathan & Marty Katz**, 15

12/28/1978 - **Robert G. & Barbara M. Schwartz**, 37

12/22/1968 - **Michael & Ellen Sherrow**, 47

12/21/1966 - **Robert & Patricia Baer**, 49

12/10/1960 - **Ronald & Esther Emmerman**, 55

12/26/1959 - **Barnett & Gloria Bakal**, 56

12/19/1957 - **David & Madeleine Brenner**, 58

12/18/1955 - **Curtis & Ilse Hecht**, 60

12/27/1953 - **Judge Marvin H. & Betty Morse**, 62

12/30/1950 - **Ralph & Beatrice Einstein**, 65

12/17/1949 - **Irwin & Ada Eisenfeld**, 66

12/23/1947 - **Jerome & Margo Lee**, 68

● ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

It is important that our TBI Members be cognizant of what our administration has been accomplishing. We have been busy all year, as administration is responsible for the following very important areas: IT Services, General Office Expense, Building Repairs & Equipment, Landscaping, *Bulletin*, *Directory*, Insurance, ARZA, Legal/Bylaws, Publicity, Public Relations, Usher Committee, and Preventative Maintenance.

We recently hired **Robin Dyer** to replace one of our administrative assistants. **Robin** has been an executive assistant for twenty years, having worked in the Sarasota and Key West areas. She is highly skilled in oral and written communication, and has strong evaluative, interpersonal and computer skills. If you haven't already introduced yourself, please stop into the office during the daytime and make her feel welcomed.

Our *TBI Directory* has gone to the printer and you should have received your copy. If not, please stop at the office, and **Jen** or **Robin** will assist you with your needs. If you were present at the High Holy Day services at TBI, you would have noticed the overall improvement in our programs and booklets. **Ben Durham** was responsible for the improved graphics and increased font size.

We have completed the upgrade of our WIFI COVERAGE on the TBI Public Network, which is now accessible throughout the temple. Improvements have been made to our communication system in the main boardroom, by switching to a new carrier and re-arranging all of our speakers. We replaced the amplifier in our Social Hall A/V console, along with making some essential modifications, in order for us to be able to show all types of DVD's, American or foreign. Another improvement for the enjoyment of our members and guests will be the installation of a new movie screen. The quality of this screen will make an enormous difference in one's viewing pleasure, since all images on this screen will now be sharper and therefore more enjoyable for everyone.

We have instituted a program to monitor the total number of programs, booklets, and flyers being published in-house and by our outside printer. After checking the number of published materials versus actual usage, we are able to fine-tune the quantities to be printed, by also factoring in membership and other parameters. We estimate that our savings is already \$1,200+, and will be significantly more by June 1, 2016.

The Ushers and Greeters for the High Holy Days were well organized under the leadership of **Irv Parmet**. Security for our members was insured as usual by the fine officers of the LBK Police Department. Internal security was secured by our panic button system set up in our Sanctuary along with our LBK police officers. Our temple is one of the first

in the area to have this system in place for our personnel during the work week.

We had to protect our temple by removing some hardwood trees and broken branches for the safety of our members, visitors, and our roof. It was necessary to trim the 100+ palm trees on our temple's property, which also includes the second parking lot. We repaired our irrigation pump system and added additional irrigation lines to care for our beautiful flora. We are using a better grade of mulch for our ground cover. This mulch besides adding beauty to our grounds, serves to suppress weeds, slows down the evaporation of moisture, and improves the soil's texture.

We have improved the overall quality of the *TBI Bulletin* by doing it in-house and by employing a new graphic artist and set-up person. We are fortunate in having a prodigious editor, along with a dedicated staff of TBI Members to help put our monthly Bulletin together as a team. We also have a team of three TBI Members, **Barbara Pressman**, **Dave Brenner** and this writer, who have gone out to solicit advertising for both the *Bulletin* and our *Directory*. Through their efforts, we have more ads in total for both publications, than our temple ever had in place. There is a good possibility that the majority of the cost to produce and publish our two publications could possibly be off set by the overall revenue from these ads. If this comes to fruition, the money that had been spent to produce the *Bulletin* and the *Directory* could now be used for other worthwhile projects.

We had to replace one of the older A/C units, while making extensive repairs to another, in order to insure we had air conditioning in the back section of the Social Hall, Library, Choir Room, Board Room, Accounting Office, Gift Shop, and our Storage Rooms. We installed new and more accurate thermostats to ensure that the humidity levels are within their proper range.

We replaced a portion of the expansion joints between our cement walkways, in order to prevent accidents from occurring. Phase two of this safety program will commence shortly.

Our website is slowly being updated, and hopefully will be completed in the very near future. Publicity for our temple is starting to increase through the efforts of some of our dedicated temple members. If you want to make a difference in your temple's appearance, activities, publicity, please try to volunteer some of your time. No matter how much time you can expend, you are making a difference, and it's a mitzvah to help your temple.

Allan Goldfarb, VP Administration

● DONATIONS

CHOIR FUND

**In appreciation of
High Holy Day services.**

Temple Beth Israel
by Melvin & Sally Ross

**In loving memory of your
wonderful husband.**

Joe & Doris Miller
by Carole & Sy Klionsky

In memory of Leonard Weinstein.

Suzanne Weinstein
by Carole & Sy Klionsky

**In memory of my beloved
husband, Leonard.**

Temple Beth Israel
by Suzanne Weinstein

DR. JULIUS & URSULA PEARSON FUND

Happy 104th Birthday!

Ursula Pearson
by Linda Berliner

FLOWER FUND

**Congratulations as you celebrate 2 special
birthdays and 1 special anniversary!**

Sophie & Jake Pollack
by Joyce Rosenthal & Sumner Alpert

Wishing you a speedy recovery!

Miriam Goldfarb
by Beth Israel Women

GENERAL FUND

**In memory of Annette Wolowitz Black.
In appreciation of services.**

by Marvin Black

In appreciation of services.

Temple Beth Israel
by Joan Lyon

In honor of your bat mitzvah.

Sheila Weiser
by Natalie Kaufman

In honor of your birthday.

Mark Beck
by Lillian Meckler

**In loving memory of
Leonard Weinstein.**

Suzanne Weinstein
by Norma & Merle Greenwald

**In loving memory of
Leonard Weinstein.**

Suzanne Weinstein
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We are ending the 2016 campaign for the Leadership Circle. These contributions go towards helping our Temple meet the demands of the ever rising costs of operating a facility of our size and continue the programs and services that all of our members enjoy so much. Please let us know by **December 15, 2015** if you wish to be included and listed on the **2016 Leadership Circle Plaque** in the social hall of the Temple.

All donors who contribute to the Leadership Circle of \$500 or more will also receive an invitation to the **Leadership Circle Brunch** being held on **January 17, 2016** in the Temple Social Hall.

At the time the December Bulletin goes to press, 94 patrons have committed over \$100,500. We extend our sincere thanks to the members who went above and beyond. Those contributing to the 2016 campaign in the following categories are:

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Judy Vigder
Leadership Circle Chairperson

● YAHRZEITS

Our Perpetual Yahrzeits are in order of the date of death. To be read on each of the following Fridays:

Friday, Dec. 4th

Anne Cohen
William Daniel
Wally Daniel
Eva Feilchenfeld-Redfern
Sarah Glickman
Leo Gottlieb
Ted Haber
Constance Kaiser
Ruth Leis
Grete Mohr
Eric Orne
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Albert Poler
Albert Robinson
Michael A. Sabin
Alex S. Schoenbaum
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Yetta Weitzman
Regina Zimmerman

Friday, Dec. 11th

Dr. Alan Barson
Karen Bell
Margaret Brooks
Arthur Gruskay
Shirley Kaplan
Moritz Katz
Berti Katz
Esther Horwitz Levy
Sarah Loef
William Pannier
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Friday, Dec. 18th

Isadore Alpert
Aaron Brenner
Blossom Chiller
Jason Dropkin
Marvin Fein
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Faye Israel
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Friday, Dec. 25th

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William Davis
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Moris Goldstein
Irene Gordon
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The Rabbi Search Committee

The **Rabbi Search Committee** is membered by the fifteen diverse members of our congregation listed below. We have filed our Temple's application for a rabbi with the Central Conference of American Rabbis/Union for Reform Judaism (CCAR/URJ). The Search Committee is beginning to receive applications for its review.

We will keep the congregation informed as progress is made in the search, including scheduled visits to our congregation by the rabbis selected for our congregation's consideration.

The Search Committee members are: Herbert Waltzer & Earl Gordon, co-chairpersons, Kathy Brooks, Leon Cooper, Joel Ehrenpreis, Shirley Fein, Elise Galinsky, Allan Goldfarb, Sue Jacobson, Marion Levine, Richard Levine, Marvin Morse, Amy Roth, Robert Rosenbluth, Suzanne Schuster.

Thank you.

Herbert Waltzer & Earl Gordon, Co-Chairpersons

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The deadline for placing ads in the Bulletin is the 10th of the previous month—for example, for the December issue, the Temple office must receive the ad, any graphics or camera ready art, and a check by the 10th of November. The Temple office will provide more forms for you if needed.

What a wonderful way to recognize someone you appreciate and help support **Temple Beth Israel** at the same time!

Allan Goldfarb, VP Administration

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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The financial health of our temple depends upon sustaining and GROWING our membership. Please greet any new Jewish neighbors who may have moved into your neighborhood or building and invite them to any service, cultural or social event. You, our members, are our "Welcome Wagon" hosts and hostesses. And if you could please call or write the committee chairpersons, **Gloria Feibus**, 570-650-6002, gfeib@icloud.com, or **Suzanne Schuster**, 941-228-1978, flayenta@aol.com, with the names, addresses and phone numbers of prospective new members, we would be most grateful. Now let's all get to work!

Suzanne Schuster,
Membership Committee Co-Chairperson

~TBI GALA~

We are delighted to salute our "Temple Tuesday" volunteers who under the leadership of **Rabbi Michael Eisenstat** joined the Jewish Family and Children's Services Senior Outreach Services Program to bring sociability and food to **TBI Seniors**. Today this same group are volunteers at the Agency helping others. They will be honored by all of us on **Sunday, February 14, 2016** at our Hearts and Flowers Ball at Michaels on East. Please join us to say Thank You to our special **Temple members**.

Marion Levine, Vice President



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| Nov. 5, 12, 19 | 2:00 p.m. Dr. Steven Derfler | Arab-Israeli Conflict: Where We've Come, Where We're Going |
| Dec. 1 | 2:00 p.m. Dr. Frank Kavanaugh | Informed End of Life Decision-Making |
| Dec. 3, 10 | 2:00 p.m. Dr. Allan Schwartz | Illnesses of U.S. Presidents: Johnson and Nixon |
| Dec. 7, 21 | 2:00 p.m. Rabbi Richard Klein | A Modern Commentary on Ecclesiastes |
| Jan. 7 | 2:00 p.m. Jo Ann Goldwater | Lithuanian Jews Were Different |
| Jan. 5 | 2:00 p.m. Film | <i>Food Chains</i> |
| Jan. 13 | 2:00 p.m. Ted Merwin | The New York Deli Phenomenon |
| Jan. 19 | 2:00 p.m. Film | <i>A Little White Lie</i> |
| Jan. 20, 27 & Feb. 4 | 2:00 p.m. Rabbi Eisenstat | The Rise and Disappearance of Sephardic Jewry |
| January 28 | 2:00 p.m. Diane Steinbrink | Arthur Miller: The Moral Jewish Playwright? |
| Feb. 16 | 2:00 p.m. Film | <i>Stolperstein</i> |
| Feb. 3, 10, 17 | 2:00 p.m. Rabbi Peter Kasdan | What Politicians Promise vs. What God Demands of Us |
| Feb. 22 | 2:00 p.m. Lenny Dave | What's With Jews and Comedy? |
| Mar. 1, 8, 15 | 2:00 p.m. Baila Miller | Jewish Art and Culture: An interdependence of Quality |
| Mar. 3 | 12:00 p.m. Sylvia Pastor | In the Kitchen with Sylvia |
| Mar 7 | 2:00 p.m. Ben Rubenstein | Surviving the Odds (Interviewed by Rabbi Katz) |
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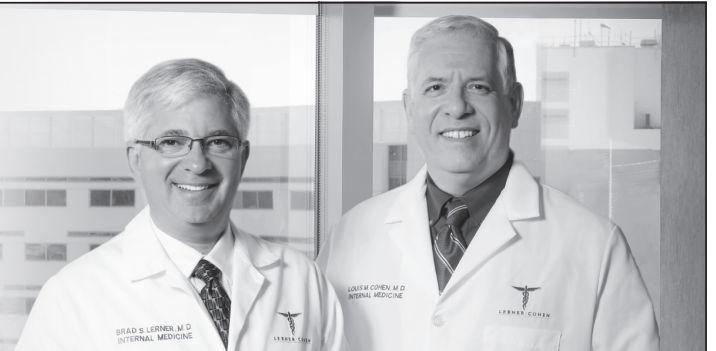


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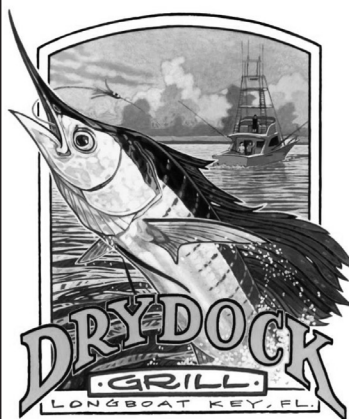


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**Robin Wright in Conversation with
Ralph Buultjens:
Making Sense of the Middle East (DVD)**

Thurs, Dec 10, 2015 at 7:30pm



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Community Wide Mitzvah Day

Sunday, February 21, 2016 the Synagogue Council of Sarasota-Manatee is organizing a Mitzvah Day for the community from Bradenton to south Sarasota County. The kick-off for the day will be at Temple Beth Sholom, centrally located in Sarasota, and will include continental breakfast.

This Mitzvah Day will be a great opportunity for **Temple Beth Isreal** to be out and visible working for the good of the community. We can show others that we are a dedicated and caring congregation.

Collections of numerous items will be taking place to share with a variety of agencies.

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Registration for Mitzvah Day volunteers is scheduled to take place via the Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee website, jfed.org beginning January 1.

More specifics about the day will follow in next month's newsletter.



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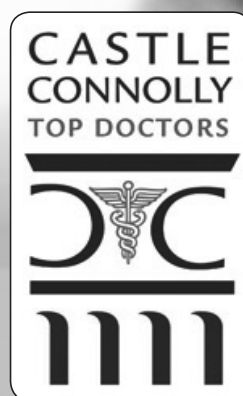
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Anyone wishing to submit articles or photos for upcoming issues should send them to bulletin@tbi-lbk.org by the 10th of each month. Advertisements should be sent to the Temple office. Calendar listings should be sent to jgandrg@yahoo.com and RSVP coupon information to info@tbi-lbk.org. Deadline for all submissions is the 10th of the month prior to publication; e.g. the deadline for the January issue is December 10th. Bulletin contributors and reviewers are most welcome. If interested please contact me at packard@oakland.edu.

Sandy Packard, Editor



Join us for a fun evening on
Monday, January 11 from 7-9 p.m.
at **Temple Beth Israel** for

A BINGO AND ICE CREAM PARTY

\$25 dollars per person includes 1
free card for each game played. Extra
cards are \$5 or three cards for \$10

CASH PRIZES!

The event is open to the public, invite
your friends for a fun night.

GIFT SHOP

Consider your gift shop when shopping for friends and family. The Temple Gift Shop is stocked now with menorahs and candles for Chanukah, and beautiful well priced gifts for all occasions. During the month of December, we are offering a 20% discount on all aluminum platters and large serving pieces.

The usual hours are:

Monday-Wednesday, 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Also after services Friday Night.

For special orders or information, call:

Leah Barker, 383 5897 or
Anita Devine, 365-8794

Leah Barker & Anita Devine, Co-Chairs