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The Bulletin of
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Anat Hoffman

**will speak at Temple Beth Israel
on Sunday morning January 23 at 10:30 a.m.**

**A continental breakfast will be served at no charge.
Please call the Temple by Jan. 19 for reservations**

**Experience Hoffman's first hand account of
recent events concerning Women of the Wall**



**A leader of Israel's Movement for
Progressive Judaism, Hoffman also directs**

**Women of the Wall,
actively seeking to secure the same rights
as men to pray and study at the Western Wall**



President's Message

There is a story told of a beautiful garden in the front yard of an individual's home. It was so beautiful, that people from all over came just to view it, extol its magnificence and speak of its splendor.

One day, the owner and caretaker of the garden died. As a result, nobody tended the garden and it soon fell into a state of disrepair. Weeds abounded, flowers died. It became an eyesore to the community. There was a neighbor who always admired the garden who decided that something had to be done. He weeded the garden; he replanted it; he watered it. Pretty soon the garden flourished like never before. It was more beautiful than ever.

On one particular day, a local minister stopped to admire the garden, saw the man working and said, "Mr. Robinson, what a beautiful garden you have. Look what you have achieved with the help of God." Mr. Robinson replied, "with all due respect, Reverend, you have it wrong. You mean what God has achieved with my help. You should have seen this place when He had it all to Himself."

WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday Evenings 8pm
Saturday Mornings 10am
****Friday, January 28, 5:30pm****

So it is with our synagogue; we cannot rely on "God will provide" if we are to remain viable and succeed. We are partners in this venture. We all must give of our time, our money to insure that Temple Beth Israel remains a "beautiful garden" for us to enjoy and use. Let us work together.

Regards, Earl

Alice Taich Judaica Shop invites you to take advantage of these specials:

40% reduction on all brass candlesticks and brass items. Come see our beautiful beaded handbags at amazingly low prices. We will special order any Judaica items you need that are not in stock.

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful happening occurred at the Chanukah dinner.

Rabbi Jonathan Katz was discussing the forest fire in Israel south of Haifa, at which point Rabbi Michael Eisenstat spoke up with a donation. The donations that we receive can never replace the lives that were lost, but they can replace the trees and the equipment. People joined in and donated money at that time.



We are most grateful for all the help that we can get and hope that you will join with us.

Please make a pledge or drop off your check made payable to JNF at the Temple office.

Thank you in advance.
**Jewish National Fund
 Representative,
 Ruth Lerner**

Shabbat Cafe January 8th

Join us for the second Shabbat Cafe on January 8, sponsored by the women of Chavurah Gimmel in honor of their husbands.



*The Men of Chavurah Gimmel:
 David Solomon, Herb Waltzer, Irving Shuman, Sy Klionsky and David Cohen.*

If you would like to sponsor or contribute to a Shabbat Cafe lunch to mark a special occasion, please call Elise Galinsky at 358-6323.



From the Rabbi's Study

Wall Will

Anat Hoffman personifies Reform Jewish values in Israel today. In the face of Orthodox authorities ever eager to tighten their stranglehold on Israel's religious life, she has courageously made a stand as leader of Women of the Wall (WOW), an organization seeking the same rights as men to worship at the Western Wall.

Temple Beth Israel members should feel privileged that this remarkable woman will speak at our congregation on Sunday morning January 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Her visit to the area, sponsored by the Sarasota Manatee Rabbinical Association (SMRA), reflects the local rabbinic community's desire to honor Hoffman's advocacy on behalf of religious equality in Israel and garner her activities increased attention and support.

For more than twenty-years, Women of the Wall has held monthly Rosh Hodesh services in the women's section of Wall. However, the officials that govern the Wall's religious administration have denounced these services, leading to confrontations characterized by despicable verbal abuse and physical harassment.

The Israeli Supreme Court has ruled that though WOW possesses the right to pray at the Wall and physically hold a Torah there women are forbidden to actually open and read from a scroll. WOW is

only permitted to read directly from a Torah in an area known as Robinson's Arch, a site located well away from the traditional Wall plaza.

Though she was not in violation of the Supreme Court's ruling, at the behest of those opposed to Hoffman's championing of women's religious rights, Israeli police arrested her during WOW's monthly service last July. After a five hour interrogation, she received a \$1,300 fine and placed under a restraining order barring her from the Wall for thirty days. Her crime was not for carrying a Torah but, presumably, for singing too loud during prayer.

Hoffman's arrest along with that of another WOW member, Nofrat Frenkel, a year ago, has generated an international outcry in support of WOW's efforts. More than four thousand women around the world have taken pictures of themselves holding a Torah and sent the photos to Israeli political leaders. A new group, Rabbis for Women of the Wall, was recently launched and in recent weeks many Jews have signed on to a "Statement of Support for WOW."

In response, the bringing of any Torah to the Wall not officially designated for use there is now prohibited. It remains to be seen whether this regulation will be upheld by Israeli courts.

In attempt to further stymie WOW's actions, Jerusalem Police officials have recommended that the Ministry of Justice press charges against Hoffman for the felony (punishable up to three years in prison) of "gravely obstructing a police officer in the performance of his duties" in conjunction with her arrest.

"As a small group of ordinary people, our struggle is going to be long and hard, against factions with tremendous political power," said Frenkel on the recent anniversary of her arrest. "It was the global support we received that put the wind in our sails. Men and women, from all sects of Judaism, have arrived monthly to pray with WOW at the Kotel and insist on their right for freedom of worship. The hope in our hearts has awakened again."

In her role as Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), Hoffman continues to be at the center of efforts to raise the profile of discriminatory non-Orthodox conversion, life cycle event officiation and government religious subsidy practices. Her leadership has earned the respect of many Israelis not normatively disposed to matters regarding religious pluralism.

Make your presence at the Temple on Sunday morning a priority. A free continental breakfast will be served. Please call the Temple office to a make reservation. Feel free to invite interested friends and neighbors to this important gathering.

For more information about WOW visit its website: <http://womnofthewall.org> You can also witness Anat's arrest via YouTube at <http://www.examiner.com/jewish-issues-in-national/anat-hoffman-arrested-for-carry-a-torah-at-the-kotel>. Rabbi Eisenstat happened to be at the Wall on the day of her arrest during his visit to Israel last summer.

Reading Books Is Like Time Travel

In January our thoughts look backward and forward. Resolutions come to mind, and we promise ourselves that we'll change behaviors. Have you ever thought you'd like to be someone else? With books you can dip into other lives and places without leaving home.

For example, would you like to have been a famous actress? Reading *Sarah* by Robert Gottlieb allows you to dip into Sarah Bernhardt's tempestuous life without actually experiencing it. Then there is *To the End of the Land* by David Grossman. Wander in the Galilee with Ora, the mother of a son in the Israeli Army, whose life is turned upside down

when he reenlists and is sent back to the front.

Then follow the lives of the Ephrussi family who made a fortune as grain importers. In the mid 19th century their two eldest sons were sent from Odessa to Western Europe. They were to develop holdings of building and banking for the family. *The Hare With Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss* by Edmund de Waal describes saving their art collection from the Nazis.

Go with author Marilyn Berger to Africa where she tells the story of Dr. Rick Hodes in *This is A Soul*. He has been in Ethiopia for twenty

years caring for the sickest children on earth. His true calling is found at Mother Teresa's mission. Then travel to the past when the Inquisition took hold in Spain and Portugal, forcing many underground Jews to flee. The most daring went to the New World as explorers, conquistadors, and pioneering merchants. Others became pirates on the high seas. Relive their adventures in *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean* by Edward Kritzler.

There are many other experiences you can savor with the Temple Beth Israel book collection. The books are there for you to enjoy.

Marjorie Sandy, Librarian

Books and Brown Bag 2010 -2011

January 10 – *The Glass Room*, by Simon Mawer
facilitator Marge Sandy

February 14 – *City of Thieves*, by David Benioff
facilitator Hadassah Bacaner

March 14 – *My Father's Paradise*, by Ariel Sabar
facilitator Gabrielle Miller

***Please note new start time: 12 Noon.**

Dessert and coffee will be available starting at noon, with the discussion to begin at 12:30 p.m. All members of Beth Israel Women are invited to attend. The book is available in the Temple library and at local bookstores. - *Gloria Sabin & Linda Berliner, co-chairs*

Women On Our Own

Women On Our Own has reserved a table at TBI's Annual Gala 2011 on Monday, January 17th and hope to see you there!

For more information on WOOO activities, contact Maye Lavinson 383-6786.

GOLFERS – MEN & WOMEN – WANTED!



Sunday, February 27, 2011

The Men's Clubs of Temple Sinai, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth Israel, with support from the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, are hosting an inclusive golf event at Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club.

Location: Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club

Player Fee: \$110.00

Registration: 7:30am-8:30am

Each player will receive a golf shirt and sleeve of balls.

Shotgun Start: 9:00am

Buffet Lunch and Awards 1:30pm

Register on-line by February 4, 2011 at:

www.suncoastgolfclassic.com.

2011 Leadership Circle Brunch January 9th

What makes a wonderful brunch and celebration event? The food, certainly. And we know Michael's on East does a wonderful job.

The personality of your fellow guests is important. And when they are brought together by a sense of generosity and a spirit of giving, they tend to be especially enjoyable companions.

And it's nice on a Sunday morning to start with champagne and then spirited musical entertainment.

But perhaps most of all, when more than 120 Temple members sit down to enjoy their meal, they have the special satisfaction to know that the \$80,000 of incremental financial support that they have made possible

through The Leadership Circle, will be enriching and enlivening Temple life all through the year. Their contribution makes a difference in educational offerings, in community outreach, in social events, in all the things that make Temple Beth Israel a very special place.

When you are in the Social Hall anytime after January 9th, pause to look at the 2011 version of the Leadership Circle plaque. You will note that in its second year, it is expanded in size to accommodate the additional people who stepped forward.

And stop in to our Library to see a large color photo of the previous year's plaque, our way of maintaining institutional memory over time.

Beth Israel Women

Welcome 2011

That said, our first luncheon of the new year will be held on Monday, January 24th. In addition to the wonderful food, we will be viewing the movie "Making Trouble" – Three generations of funny Jewish women. This movie tells the story of six of the greatest female comic entertainers of the last century. Hosted by four of today's funniest women, it's the true saga of what it means to be Jewish, female and funny.

Send in your check of \$10.00 using the coupon included in this newsletter by January 21st to reserve your spot.

Other important dates for 2011:

Monday, February 7th
Fashion Show by Sak's
held at Michael's On East

Friday, March 4th
BIW Shabbat

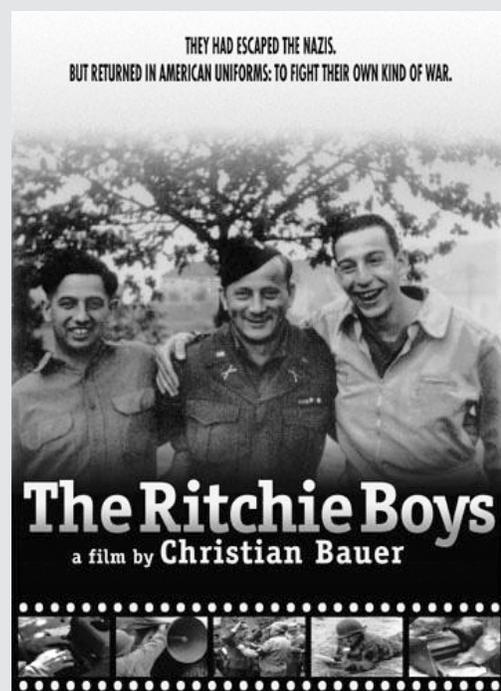
Wednesday, March 16th
Game Day

Sunday, March 20th
Theater Trip "Spring Awakening"

Monday, March 21st
BIW Open Luncheon
Program TBD

Rabbi Katz deserves a big thank you for the Anat Hoffman program at our December Luncheon. It was informative, interesting and timely due to her Sunday, January 23rd visit to TBI . . . another program you will not want to miss!

Wishing you and yours a healthy, prosperous 2011.



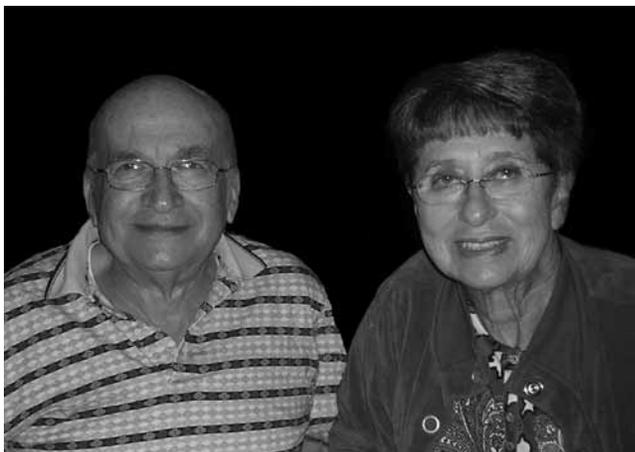
On Monday, February 7 at 7:30 pm, the Beth Israel Men's Club will sponsor a showing of the film "The Ritchie Boys."

"The Ritchie Boys" is the untold story of a group of young men who fled Nazi Germany and returned to Europe as soldiers in US-uniforms. They knew the psychology and the language of the enemy better than anybody else. In Camp Ritchie, Maryland, they were trained in intelligence and psychological warfare. Determined, bright, and inventive they fought their own kind of war.

Gerald Bamberger, a Sarasota resident and member of Beth Israel, was one of the Ritchie Boys during World War II. His story was featured in the December 24 issue of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

No reservations are needed.

Introducing the 2011 Gala Award Recipients



Rhoda & Leon Cooper, Distinguished Service Award

From the time Rhoda and I bought our first house in Levittown, Pennsylvania we have always belonged to a synagogue. Rhoda married me while I was in the Marine Corps and lived with me while I served out my time in North Carolina and Washington, D.C. By the time we moved into our first house in 1955 we had a two year old daughter and there did not seem to be any question that we were going to join a synagogue.

We moved to Westfield, N.J. in 1974 and joined Temple Emanuel, a Reform Temple. We remained members of Temple Emanuel until 1996 when we moved to LBK and joined Temple Beth Israel. The existence of a Temple on LBK was a key factor, among others, that convinced us that LBK was the right place for us. We had found "Heaven on Earth." If your question had been "Why did you choose LBK?" the answer would have been "TBI."

For the 15 years between 1955 and 1970 Rhoda and I were very active in synagogue life. Rhoda was an active member of the synagogue school board while I served on the synagogue board. Rhoda did many seders for the school and we both served on a myriad of committees. It is interesting for me to reflect back on that time and remember that we were all very young; that it was not unusual to work at your primary employment (or at raising very young children) for 60-80 hours a week and still find time and energy to do all that was needed for a new, growing synagogue. It was a lesson in how shared, worthwhile effort builds "esprit décors."

In 1970 we moved to Michigan, belonged to two different synagogues in less than four years, and took almost no part in synagogue activity other than attending services and taking some classes.

From 1974 until 1996, while we lived in New Jersey and were members of Temple Emanuel, Rhoda worked in the Temple Gift Shop, attended Bible Class, was active in Federation serving as Vice President of Education and then served on the Federation Board,

and of course attended services. I was busy building a new career, traveling extensively both nationally and internationally, so I attended services (whenever I could) and attended a class when possible.

Since we joined TBI in 1996, thanks to the influence of Bruce Sands (z"l), I joined a Temple Men's Club for the first time in my synagogue life. I soon became a member of the Men's Club Board and became actively involved in almost every activity of the Men's Club. A couple of years later I became a member of the Temple Board and a couple of years later became a Temple Vice President. I have served as Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Chairman of the Administration Committee, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and as a member of many of the other committees. I have served as Lay Leader of Religious Services when a rabbi was not available. I have served as Co-chairman with Rhoda of the Gala Committee and of the Seder Committee. Rhoda and I shared registration and seating responsibilities for many different Temple functions. I have "stuck my nose" into virtually every other activity of the Temple as an invited guest and also as an unwelcome guest (and I expect that I will continue doing so).

Rhoda also has served on the TBI Board of Directors, the BIW Board of Directors and as Co-President of Beth Israel Woman. She currently serves as Corresponding Secretary of the BIW Board. Rhoda has organized and led the BIW Sabbath Service. Rhoda has also worked in the Temple Gift Shop for several years.

This is the only home that Rhoda and I have. We love living here and hope to live out the rest of our life here and eventually be buried here. Because of our Temple involvement we have met many wonderful friends and are very grateful for all that has come our way because of our involvement with TBI. We are sure that we picked the right place...the best place.



Katherine Brooks Rising Star Award

In October, 2004, my husband and I visited Israel for the first time. At the time I was not Jewish, although I had been married to a Jewish man for some 30 years and, honestly, had always "felt" a Jewish connection, even as a child. The trip to Israel confirmed that connection.

Upon my return from Israel I drove directly to Temple Beth Israel, walked in the door, and met Rabbi Eisenstat. I told him I was interested in what was involved in converting to Judaism, and three years later, after much reading, studying and discussion, he officiated at my conversion.

During those three years I attended Saturday morning services at TBI, and I continue to do this now. I met some wonderful congregants who encouraged me to become active at the Temple, and I was subsequently asked to be on the Board of Trustees. I was Social Action Chairman for 2 years, with Sue Johnson as co-Chair. We instituted several successful food drives, the first "Social Action Shabbat" in a long time, and held Seders for elderly immigrants from the Former Soviet Union. We also cooked and served a Shabbat dinner for some Hillel students from New College, a delightful and fulfilling evening for everyone involved. Last year I was asked to be a Vice President, which is the position I now hold.

Becoming Jewish and participating as a member of Temple Beth Israel has been a life-changing experience for me. I have taken the Melton course and continue to study Judaism, building on the foundation provided so willingly and wisely by Rabbi Eisenstat.

I feel that I have received much more than I can ever give, and learning about the actual operation of the Temple has been interesting and very challenging as well.

*All Aboard for the All New Temple Gala!
Join our impressive and growing list of Patrons . . .*



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Bea Friedman



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at the Sarasota Yacht Club January 17, 2011

Join your TBI family for an enjoyable "cruise experience" at the spectacular new Sarasota Yacht Club, designated the "S. S. Beth Israel" for the evening.

h New! World-class entertainment

h New! Dance to the music of The Scott Blum ensemble

h New! Dinner featuring menu items from ports of call worldwide

PLUS Second Gala Awards, cruise ship style "dance hosts," expanded patron options and generous "perks" for your cruising pleasure. Ticket price remains \$190.

Questions? Contact Temple V.P. David Solomon (941) 755-3244 or email SOL614@aol.com.

Make your patron reservation now with credit card by calling the TBI Office: 383 3428. VISA/MC only

Technion Shabbat January 14 Features Water Pioneer

Due to increases in world population growth and the concomitant need for greater agricultural production, significant attention is being trained on the availability, treatment and use of fresh water. While this challenge has now become a global flashpoint it has long been an especially critical concern in Israel where water is regarded as an extremely precious commodity.

Dr. Noah Galil, one of Israel's foremost specialists in water science, will share his expertise on the future of this vital natural resource when he speaks at the Temple on Friday evening, January 14 in conjunction with Technion Shabbat.

Dr. Galil serves as Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the Technion where he received his doctor-

ate in Environmental Engineering. He has published widely on matters regarding water preservation, quality and processing. The Technion is developing innovative solutions not only for Israel but the world at large

A senior consultant to the Israeli government and numerous companies, Dr. Galil has served as president of the highly respected Israeli Water Association. We look forward to learning more about one of the most pressing environmental issues facing our planet today.



TBI Dines

TBI Dines on Monday, January 31, is a wonderful way to enjoy a great dinner and good company. All you have to do is call the Temple by January 20th to indicate your interest in this fun event. You'll have the opportunity to meet new people or get to know better those you may already be acquainted with while experiencing a fine meal.

Please let the office know by January 14 if you can serve as a host. These dinner gatherings are designed to include 6-10 people. Couples and singles alike are encouraged to participate. Don't delay, make your plans for TBI Dines today!

Beth Israel Members Take Pride In . . .

the high regard your congregation is held;
 the outstanding facility you sustain;
 the excellent educational, cultural and social enrichment you experience;
 the beautiful worship services and music that fill the sanctuary;
 the material assistance TBI offers to those in need;
 the vital pastoral care the Temple makes possible;
 the Temple's defense and perpetuation of progressive Jewish values; and
 the voice of conscience the Temple represents in the greater community.

January Men's Club Lunch With the Rabbi Monday, January 10, 12pm

*Jewish humor-
 Where does it come from
 and why is it different?*

Send in your coupon in the back of the newsletter to save your spot.

Membership News

“The power of a solution ought to match the size and intractability of a problem.”

This simple, common-sense maxim has guided the expansion of our Temple’s Membership Task Force.

How big is the action group? Ideally very close to the size of our current Temple membership, because every congregant ought to feel part of what happens. For example, TBI membership folders, application forms including the new attractively priced introductory membership and TBI Talent Scout forms are available in the Temple office. The Talent Scout form represents a simple way for you to give the Membership Task Force the names of friends, neighbors and colleagues who ought to be approached about Temple membership.

The strengthened core Task Force held an organizing meeting and brainstorming breakfast on December 10th.

Joining Bill Sandy as co-chair is Rosalyn Fleischer. We call it a Task Force rather than a “committee” because it is an action group. It will meet for updates just 3 times during the season – 10 am on January 14, February 18 and March 11.

These intervals are possible because tasks were broken down into actionable specifics, and experienced, capable sub-committee chairs stepped forward to lead.

KATHY BROOKS is working with Ruth Kreindler and Richard Olin to spearhead THE MANAGEMENT OF LISTS AND LEADS.

Temple records, community records, previously assembled information, fresh guest book entries and updated Talent Scout forms are being computerized for more consistent follow-up.

MAYE LAVINSON, whose smile is part of warm greetings at Shabbat services, is spearheading GREETING GUESTS IN OUR HOUSE. This is not just at Friday evening or Saturday morning services, but at all key events. This means recruiting coverage, those to make brief remarks and act as hosts. It means support materials like badges, registration forms, etc. Every retailer works hard to get people “into the store.” We have people in our Temple home, lots of them all during the season. Maye is making assignments and implementing a more consistent process. Task Force members Lois Barson and Marsha Roth are examples of the kind of warm, sociable hosts that our Temple needs.

GLORIA BERGMAN, working with SUSAN JOHNSON, will organize and make assignments on the fundamental task of FOLLOWING UP LEADS.

MARILYN SHUMAN is coordinating with EVE KOMMEL, JUDITH VIGDER AND RUTH KREINDLER to provide HOSPITALITY in homes and condo facilities, one of the most important ways to form new linkages. Indeed, this was the strategy the Temple followed in its formative years. We also had some valuable hospitality events last year under the leadership of Nancy Skadron.

BILL SANDY is working with JODI SOLOMON and DONALD KAYTON on the important topic of COMMUNICATION. IRA and CAROL SINGER have some good ideas on the role of video to tell the Temple story and IRV NAIDITCH volunteered to make some TV Channel Six expertise available.

SUSAN MORIN has some ideas to make the Temple more of a presence in THE LARGER SARASOTA

COMMUNITY.

NANCY SKADRON is overseeing MENTORING NEW MEMBERS, helping in the important transition from “new member” to feeling an integral part of the congregation.

The expanded Membership Task Force includes Lenore Benderly, Robert Chalpin, Sandy Cutler Cohen, Mimi Edlin, Ruth Engman, Judith Nelson Feldman, Arlene Krum, Audrey Lucow, Barbara Struth, Doris White and most importantly, those congregants reading this Bulletin who understand the importance of the tasks ahead and want to meet new people.



TBI Super Bowl Party

February 6th, 6pm

\$15.00 per person*

(includes ‘box lunch’ dinner, soft drinks and desert - byob beer, wine or whatever alcohol desired.)

 **Football Pool**

 **Raffel**

**Not interested in football?
Play your favorite game..bring cards,scrabble boards, mahjong... whatever you wish!**

* See coupon in back of Bulletin



Presented at Temple Beth Israel
Admission: FREE
 (\$5.00 for non-Temple members)



Michael Lewis



Ira Glass

Michael Lewis in Conversation with Ira Glass Thursday February 3, 8pm

Michael Lewis discusses his best-selling book entitled *The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine*, what happened during the global financial crisis and what is being done to prevent a future collapse. Considered a leading journalist, he is the author of such best sellers as *Liar's Poker*, *The New Thing*, *Moneyball*, *The Blind Side*, and *Home Game*. Ira Glass is host and executive producer of "This American Life" on NPR.

The Lost Jews of Kaifeng, China with Shi Lei

Tues, February 15, 8:15pm

Hear the fascinating history of Jewish life in Kaifeng, China. Beginning during the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1127), when the Jews of Persia and India traveled the Silk

Road to Kaifeng, the community thrived for many years but eventually died out in 1860. Shi Lei is descendant of one of the original Jewish families in Kaifeng, China. A graduate of Henan University in China, Shi Lei currently works as a national tour guide of Jewish sites in China, as recently highlighted in The New York Times Travel section.

This event is presented by the 92Y Resource Center for Jewish Diversity with the organization Kulanu.

Arianna Huffington and Joseph E. Stiglitz: The Way Forward Wed, March 2, 8pm

Arianna Huffington is the cofounder and editor in chief of The Huffington Post, a news and blog site that has become one of the most widely read and frequently cited media brands on the Internet. She is also a nationally syndicated columnist, a frequent guest commentator on the Sunday morning news programs and the author of 13 books, the latest entitled *Third World America: How Our Politicians Are Abandoning the Middle Class and Betraying the American Dream*. In 2006, she was named to the Time 100, *Time magazine's* list of the world's 100 most influential people.

Joseph E. Stiglitz is University Professor at Columbia University in New York and chair of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought. In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for his analyses of markets with asymmetric information. Stiglitz was a member of the Council of Economic Advisors from 1993 to 1995 and served as its chair from 1995-1997. He then became chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank from 1997 to 2000. His latest book is *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*.

Fareed Zacharia "After Iraq: Conclusions and Consequences."

**Eliot Spitzer, moderator
 Thurs, March 10, 8pm**

Fareed Zakaria is host of Fareed Zakaria GPS on CNN, editor at large at Time, and a regular columnist for The Washington Post. In naming him "one of the 21 most important people of the 21st century," Esquire magazine described him as "the most influential foreign policy adviser of his generation." Before joining Time, Dr. Zakaria was editor of Newsweek International, overseeing all the magazine's editions abroad from 2000 to 2011. He is the author of a national best seller titled *The Post-American World*. Eliot Spitzer is the former New York attorney general and governor of the State of New York. He is currently a contributor to Slate and host of the new show Parker/Spitzer on CNN. This lecture is endowed by Bernard and Anne Spitzer.

Bagpipe Shabbat Returns January 21

Last year's Bagpipe Shabbat proved to be so popular that another one will be held at Beth Israel on Friday evening January 21. The Temple may be the only congregation in the country to hold such an event.

Temple member Larry Jacobs grew up listening to the Scottish pipe and folk music his father sang. Whenever Scottish regiments came to New York his father always took him to their concerts. Though interested in playing the bagpipes, he was told the neighbors would never permit it. Undaunted, in his forties Larry, a local attorney, approached Gary Reinstrom, a professional musician who teaches and promotes bagpiping in the Sarasota Manatee area, about taking lessons.

Their association led to a strong friendship. On the first anniversary of 9-11, Gary was asked to put together some pipers for a commemorative march in Bradenton. He approached Larry and they assembled a motley crew of pipers and drummers all with different kilts. They named the group the Jacobites, a

ragtag conglomeration of rebellious Highland clans who led four failed uprisings against the English and who continue to live on in Scottish history and folklore. The band has performed in numerous venues and grown from seven pipers and five drummers to seventy pipers, drummers, fiddles, guitar players, singers and dancers. Some members will join Gary and Larry for Bagpipe Shabbat.

Quite A Story . . . Larry Jacobs' father, Monty, grew up in Glasgow, Scotland. After serving in the Royal Air Force in WWII where he joined the staff of the precursor of the *Jerusalem Post* and, as a founder, took an active role in the Israeli's Air Force's actions during the War for Independence. He later became its first public relations officer and was instrumental in acquiring planes and ammunition from foreign countries.

After marrying in Israel, Monty and his wife moved to New York in 1952 where he established a bureau for the *London Jewish Chronicle*. In 1954 he came across an item in the *Wall Street Journal* listing four Dead Sea Scrolls for sale. He quickly contacted General Yigael Yadin, an archaeologist and friend who hap-



pened to be in New York at the time and eager to obtain such scrolls. Arrangements were then made to purchase the scrolls, part of the Book of Isaiah, and return them to Israel.

After leaving *the Chronicle*, Monty served as Executive Director of the American division of the World Jewish Congress. Larry attended Queens College in New York and received his law degree from Stetson University. He and his wife Connie, famous for her challah, chicken soup and social action efforts at the Temple, have been married 27 years. Their son Thomas and grandson Asher live in Atlanta.

Special Presentation: "Israel and the IDF In the Aftermath Of Gaza"



Rabbi Shalom Hammer serves in the rabbinate branch of the Israel Defense Forces. His work focuses on the motivation of IDF soldiers. An author of three books and a contributing writer to the *Jerusalem Post* and other prominent publications, Rabbi Hammer lectures widely throughout the Diaspora. As part of a January U.S. tour, he will speak at Temple Beth Israel on Wednesday morning January 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Rabbi Hammer's talk will address the situation in Israel in the wake of Operation Cast Lead and the subsequent flotilla incident that ratcheted up tensions in the region. He will share insights regarding Israel's current defensive readiness and the potential for peace with the Palestinians.

We feel fortunate to be able to host Rabbi Hammer. His schedule could only accommodate the January 19 date. If you are interested in attending this important presentation please contact the Temple office by January 17.

Yahrzeits

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

Friday, January 7, 2011

Sarah M. Rosenthal
Harold Winer
Fayne G. Grossman
Bess Karmioli
David A. Wolowitz
Anna Fleischman
Rubin Bazarsky
Hyman Rosenberg
Donnie Silbert
Irving Cohen
Harry Kaminsky
Blema Finesman
Randy Milberg
Philip Besdin
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Celia Gorfinkel
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Eva Rabot
Jennie Isermann
Kenneth Burdman
Albert Green
Alvin Bernstein
Phyllis Marsh
Sara Wald Dickler
Adeline Bishop
Sophie Green
Albert Plaut
Samuel Lazorow
Tillie Mazor
Sophie Levy
Julian Hytken
Milton Zinder
Ellis Grossman
Brad Ploener
Hedwig Einstein
David Gorton
Joseph Mennen
Jacques Gherman
Mollie Mackman
Paul Klingenstein
Ann Libman
Martin Levine
Helen Rothbaum
Dora Sernaker
Morris Silman

Friday, January 14, 2011

Norman Bockow
Elsie Adlman
Garson Grossman

George Thomas
Gertrude Levin
Fannie Irol Rosin
Stuart M. Rosenfeld
Jay Simpson Marx
Sylvia Cohn
Egon Fisher
Anna Tober
Edith Barker
Stefanie Jacobs
David Ageloff
Pauline Hilcoff
Helen Winett
Louis Locke
Abe L. Rogat
Sara V. Rogat
Berthold Triest



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Eleanor Litner
Lawrence Teweles
Elizabeth B. Croll
Pauline Segel
Daniel Friss
Sidney Alexander, Jr.
Jack Levine
Abraham Eisner
Alice Blumberg
Walter Munzer
Arthur Marks
Lois Robbins
Israel Skolnick
Gerald Olin
Lester Mallets
Samuel Lutkoff
Louis Kaplan
Mary Refkin
Al Bloom
Charles Ulin

Friday, January 21, 2011

Gilbert Cohen
Stuart M. Feldman
Evelyn Kupperman
Benjamin Kesert
Sara Eisenstein

Hinda W. Bernstein
Shirley Moss
Selma Gordon
Jane Land
Frances Donan
Israel Sydney Isaacs
Morris White
Ruth Cohen
Ben Levin
Lisa Klein
Sissy Cohn
Paul Wechter
Mose L. Marcus
Alex Schilane
Sylvia Taub
Edward Wilkof
Sam Berman
Sandra Clement
Benjamin Cohen
Steven Brown
Julia Saks
Joyce Rubel
Larry Simon
Samuel Schechter
Samuel Levine
Herbert Lee
Maurice Prolman
Paul J. Wallace
Stanton Lipschutz
Bessie Lipschutz
Irene Bader
Samuel Schechter
Sally Kahn
Kay Kasdan
Gloria Rosenberg
Rose Blumenthal
Charles Olin
Jordana Rosenbloom
Israel Becker
Ruth Lippe
Sally Kohn
Bessie Hainsfurther
Herman Sernaker
Joseph Kaplan
Alvin Kaplan
Reginald R. Barton
Gertrude Coville

Friday, January 28, 2011

Yetta Weiss
Henry Turin

Bernard Libman
Isaac Levit
Leon Grossman
Maurice Goldberg
William R. Roth
Libby Halpern
Freda Burstyn
Freda Shapiro
Adel Leavitt
Bessie Millner
Sallie Levin
Samuel Dorf
Paul Frydman
Eva Gutterman
Irwin Ronson
Yetta W. Gennet
Samuel Forman
Louis Leibowitz
Fred Goldsmith
Emily Kaplan
Bertha Kretchmer
Miriam Katz
Betti Klein
Philip Klein
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Max Bachmann
Stanley Wolf
Ralph Nadler
Richard Rosen
Freda Burstyn
Anna Taub
Bertha Topkis
Joseph Edlin
Freda Siegler
Nathan Lewen
Daniel Grodner
Edward Davis
Benjamin Benenson
Frances Benenson
Albert Rosenberg
Larry Blumenthal
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Endowment Fund Lunch and Learn

It's so nice when a plan comes together, and that it did on December 6 in our social hall. The room looked spectacular with eight round tables set with white cloths, blue napkins artfully arranged in glasses, and white chrysanthemums set off in their blue vases. The programs containing the events of the day were in place at each setting along with beautiful desk calendars from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. The delicious lunch, prepared and served by Michaels on East, was also a gift of GCCF.

The head table was set to accommodate the speakers, namely Scott Anderson, Gift Planning Officer for GCCF; John Lopez, Esq. from Norton, Hammersley, Lopez and Skokos, P.A.; Martin Kossoff, CFP, AIP, President of Kerkering, Barberio Financial Services and our own Norman Reiter, Chairman of the Endowment Board.

Rabbi Katz set the tone of the event with a meaningful tale about the importance of planting trees for future generations before saying our traditional blessing over the bread. After enjoying the poached salmon with all its accoutrements, and a luscious apple tart and coffee, Norman Re-

iter welcomed the 60 members and guests assembled, explained the importance of the Endowment Fund and Scott Anderson gave a brief account of GCCF, its purposes and goals and introduced the two invited professionals.

John Lopez had been asked to share some of the estate planning decisions needing to be made before the end of 2010, and he more than accomplished this during his comments. Martin Kossoff's task was to let us in on the secrets of creating a high lifetime income while helping to provide for the future of our Temple. This writer felt as if she had been given the benefit of two private consultations. Judging from the questions that poured forth from the participants afterward, Martin Kossoff and John Lopez sparked an amazing amount of interest and left us with a good understanding of how gift annuities work, and what we need to consider when planning how our estates can benefit our heirs and those organizations we wish to see prosper.

A testament to the importance and value of the Lunch and Learn event was the fact that not one person left before the final wrap up was delivered by Scott, and

Norman thanked everyone for attending. The Endowment Board will be busy in the ensuing months with interesting and important follow up plans which we hope will truly plant the trees necessary to insure the longevity of Temple Beth Israel.



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Monday, January 31

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