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Shabbat Evening
March 20th - 8:00pm
Shabbat Morning
March 21st - 10:00am

- ANNUAL MEETING -
for members of Temple Beth Israel
March 29, 2015
at 3 P.M. at the Temple



Barbara Godt
Ron Gamer
Stuart Tauber
Stanley Friedlander



● PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I want to express my appreciation to the Speakers Committee for their continued commitment to choosing inspirational and interesting scholars.

The Committee is comprised of *Rabbi Peter Kasdan, Chairman, Rabbi Michael Eisenstat, Rabbi Jonathan Katz, Immediate Past President of Temple Beth Israel Sy Klionsky, past Temple President Dr. Jerome C. Rosenthal, Past President Earl Gordon, Gerard Daniel, Charlotte Graver, Norman Gross, and Marjorie Tick.*

This eminent group of people is charged with selecting our speakers for two event-filled week-ends each year, and they have done a fantastic job. They are also responsible for entertaining the visiting scholar, as well as his transportation and hotel arrangements. The schedule is always complicated and intense, involving many meals, religious services and speaking engagements. I just wanted to emphasize how fortunate we are here at **Temple Beth Israel** to have this willing and enthusiastic group of Rabbis and congregants to do all of this planning so that we can enjoy such a wonderful and educational week-end as we just spent with *Dr. David Ellenson*. I am sure that *Dr. Michael Marmur* will make the week-end of **March 20-21** very special as well, and I hope many of you will be able to attend his presentations.

In closing, I want to express our deep appreciation to *Charlotte Graver* and to *Gerard Daniel* for sponsoring this year's speakers. *Charlotte's* sponsorship is in honor of her deceased husband, *Dr. Hyman Graver*. *Gerry* dedicates his support in loving memory of his wife, *Ruth Daniel*. Many, many thanks to both of them.

Love,

Kathy

Kathy Brooks, President

- Save The Date -
Dr. Michael Marmur
March 20-21



● **FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:
FROM DIRTY HARRY TO MARTIN BUBER TO YOU**

In the 1983 film, *Sudden Impact*, a plainclothes San Francisco police officer named Harry Callahan (Clint Eastwood) confronts a robber holding a waitress hostage with a gun to her head. Instead of backing off, “Dirty Harry” points his large revolver at the robber’s face.

Conveying he’d be more than pleased to mortally dispatch the miscreant if any harm came to the waitress, Callahan warns him by saying, “Go ahead, make my day.” The American Film Institute ranks this line as the sixth most notable in cinematic history. “Make my day” has become popular around the world. However, now most of the time the famous phrase possesses a somewhat different connotation. Rather than implying a threat, the words more often convey appreciation. When one person provides another with an unexpected kindness or otherwise gratifying interface, he or she often acknowledges it with an enthused, “You made my day.”

During one of his February presentations, TBI Scholar-in-Residence Dr. David Ellenson referred to Martin Buber’s contrast of I-it and I-Thou relationships. The former are generally characterized by studied practicality, dry routine and an absence of spontaneity. Depending on the situation, I-it can be regarded in positive or negative terms. An individual undergoing heart surgery wants his surgeon to focus single mindedly on the task at hand, not seek to joke around or pursue avuncular conversations with assisting nurses and hospital staff.

In this case, an I-it orientation is very important to maintain. But in other circumstances, I-it relationships can reveal a failure to engage in authentic communication. When husbands and wives, for example, simply go through the motions of marriage for long periods of time without any natural, uncontrived interactions their union can devolve into an unfulfilling I-it relationship. I-Thou interactions are inclined toward more improvised, less prosaic exchange. Individuals are able to see beyond purely functional roles and genuinely experience real dialogue with one another. Though sometimes lasting only a moment, these encounters nonetheless point to a penetrating consciousness of mutuality and the Creator (the Thou) that makes it possible.

At a time of increasing social isolation, such occasions confirm our humanity and capacity for empathy. Interestingly, they do not have to include speech. At certain times, merely a knowing glance can bring about an I-Thou sense of presence. Buber wrote how just a simple smile could vitalize those working in factories and office environments where limited opportunities for true personal engagement exist.

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Hasidism's monumental contribution to Jewish life is seen in its effort to cultivate greater opportunities for I-Thou experiences. This explains why Buber devoted so much of his scholarship to Hasidic teachings and practices.

We make someone's day, i.e. engender I-Thou encounters, by introducing elements into our everyday interactions that help elevate the spirit. In offering a compliment, sharing a stimulating aside, injecting humor or expressing sincere concern about another's welfare human value is conferred. When this happens ordinarily mundane transactions (such as routinely occur in highly bureaucratic settings or at the grocery store, bank, etc.) are transformed into what Buber called genuine "meetings." This positive chemistry of relation points to both a transcendent, yet immanent Thou.

For Buber, the importance of these meetings cannot be underestimated as they heighten self-value, confidence and esteem. In many respects this is, essentially, where Tikkun Olam begins. I enjoy making people's days and having my own made by them. Sometimes, making another individual's day doesn't even require an actual physical encounter to occur. For instance, I delight in hearing about when someone in a restaurant anonymously purchases the meal of another. Perhaps, the recipient is a veteran or a family that appears to be in need.

So too, when I send a donation to a worthy organization, I know that when the envelope is opened I have helped make the day of those that lead it.

In other words, we can make someone's day, partake in I-Thou, through tzedakah too. According to our sages, tzedakah bring us closer to God by shedding the illusion that we exist only as entities onto ourselves. Therefore, I take this opportunity to encourage you to try to make someone's day not only through personal relation but, perhaps, the purse as well.

There are a host of organizations whose day you possess the power to make with your generosity. Seek them out, surprise them with your interest and support. Create an I-Thou moment by providing resources they never expected to receive. This could also certainly include TBI. In making someone else's day by way of a pleasing encounter or material support, I contend we also ineluctably make God's day as well.

WORSHIP SERVICES INFORMATION:

Friday Evenings: 8:00 P.M.

Saturday Services: 10:00 A.M.

Please note Services will be held on the last Friday of the month at 5:30pm.

** The service on Friday, April 3, the first night of Passover, will be at 5:30 P.M.*



Keely and Scott Pastor with their sweet two daughters, Violet and Ruby, who were the youngest models to walk the runway.

● EVENTS & PROGRAMS

MAKE A DATE

Remember the **TBI Dines Program** that brought small groups of Temple members for fun and stimulating dinners in private homes. Though successful in introducing many congregants who did not previously know each other, finding hosts with large enough homes for the dinners proved challenging. The Temple is now undertaking a new initiative to enable congregants to meet and enjoy one another's company. However, these lunches or dinners, designed for from 4 to 6 people will not take place in private homes but at restaurants.

Those interested in participating in one of these gatherings should call the Temple office by **March 10**. After this date, congregants will then be matched with each other. All those in a particular group will be notified and then will contact one another to schedule a mutually agreeable time and place to dine together.

TBI Dines helped foster numerous lasting friendships. Our hope is that Make A Date will do the same.

REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL NEEDS YOUR VOTE

Reform Judaism has made impressive strides in Israel in recent years. Our movement has fought for greater religious freedom, women's rights and on behalf of socio-cultural tolerance. But, while

there have been significant victories, many obstacles still stand in the way. That's why voting in the **2015 World Zionist Organization (WZO)** elections is so important. Elected members of the **WZO** Congress shape the agenda, policies and leadership of a range of issues vitally important to the Reform Movement. In allocating hundreds of millions of dollars in funding, **WZO** decisions affect the status of Reform Jews in Israel and across the world.

The **WZO Congress** is composed of 757 delegates representing organizations like Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The remaining 525 delegates represent the Israelis and Diaspora communities. American Reform Jews need to vote for the **ARZA** (Association of Reform Zionists of America) slate in the election. Currently, **ARZA** (i.e. the Reform Movement), controls 56 of the United States' 145 seats, representing 39% of the delegates. The goal is to increase the number of seats to 50% of the U.S. delegation, the maximum number permitted under the rules of the election.

Voting is easy. Just go online to **ReformJews4Israel.org** and follow the directions. The only requirement is that you are Jewish, over 18, and a U.S. resident. A processing fee of \$10 is required to offset the cost of conducting the election. **Voting has begun and continues through April 30 2015**, please don't wait to participate. Also, share this information with others who may not be members of **TBI** so they too can vote. We must take advantage of this opportunity increase the profile and leverage of Reform Judaism in Israel and around the world.

The Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat Miniversity of Judaism

HIGH TEA

Sylvia Pastor

Thursday, March 5 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to prepare High Tea, Jewish style, with Sylvia Pastor in another of her fun and popular cooking demonstrations. She will reveal what it takes to create mouth-watering mandelbrot, rugelach and other delicious treats. This hands-on experience includes Sylvia's always engaging commentary, followed by the opportunity to taste the fruit of your labors.

MY COUSIN, THE GANGSTER

Mike Karsen

Monday, March 9 2:00 p.m.

Frank Frost, a.k.a. Frank Foster, was a real Chicago gangster who first worked for the Northside gang, under Bugs Moran, and moved up to the employ of the infamous Al Capone. While starting with family lore, the facts needed to be verified through outside sources. In this case, the problem was not too little information but too much. How does one sort through the mountain of information in newspapers, books, and websites to determine what is the truth and what is speculation and guesswork?

HUNTING ELEPHANTS AT TBI WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 AT 7:00 P.M

Hunting Elephants is a laugh out loud caper, Israeli style. Think of it as Oceans 11 meets George Burns and Phil Silvers. In this Sarasota Jewish Film Festival-sponsored cinematic treat, a 12-year old Israeli boy named Jonathon is dealt a cruel double-blow when, after his father dies in a freak accident while working at a local bank, the bank refuses to provide compensation to the family. Pushed to the financial brink, Jonathan wants both revenge and money. He enlists a team of unlikely senior-citizens to help him rob the bank, including his grandfather and a penniless English Lord, played by Sir Patrick Stewart. *Hebrew with English subtitles. 107 minutes.* \$10 tickets can be purchased through the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, 552-6301 or online at <http://jfedsrq.org>.



GIFT SHOP

“MARCH MADNESS” AT THE GIFT SHOP WITH EVERYTHING IN THE SHOP 10% OFF FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MARCH.

**Open Mon - Wed 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Friday nights and special events.**

Leah Barker

● EVENTS & PROGRAMS
WITH MUSIC IN THEIR HEARTS
Carol Kaufman
Tuesday, March 17 2:00 p.m.

Rogers and Hart wrote the music and lyrics for 26 Broadway musicals during their more than 20 year partnership. Their songs have been destined for long lives outside the theater as well. Come and learn about, listen to, and sing along as we continue to enjoy some of their best songs together.

CURIOUS TALES FROM THE TALMUD
Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz
Thursdays, March 19, 26 2:00 p.m.

While the Talmud is filled with rigorous halachic debate, it also includes a great deal of fascinating legends and folklore. Though often quite head-scratching, these stories often contain penetrating insights into the human condition and Jewish destiny. We will explore this curious literature in discovering a part of the Talmud most Jews do not realize even exists.

SUGIHARA, CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE
Monday, March 23 2:00 p.m.

In the fall of 1939, Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, at great risk to his family and career, saved many Jews from certain death as the dark days of the Holocaust began. This award-winning documentary has been hailed around the world.

RABBI URI REGEV TO DISCUSS ISAREL ELECTIONS AT TBI
Rabbi Uri Regev, President and CEO of

Hiddush, an influential Israeli organization committed to the advancement of freedom of religion and conscience and to full social and political equality without distinction on the basis of religion, will speak about Israel's March elections at Shabbat Service on **Saturday, March 28**. Hiddush is a non-denominational, non-partisan Israel-Diaspora partnership uniting people across political and religious spectrums to take action against religious, political and social inequities. We are fortunate that Rabbi Regev, probably the most informed Reform Jewish leader on contemporary Israeli affairs, will once again be with us.

TBI PASSOVER SEDER
Friday, April 3 immediately following early 5:30 p.m. Shabbat services.

Adults \$65.00, Children under 12, \$45.00
All members and their guests are welcome. Respond no later than **March 24**. Enjoy a wonderful retelling of the sacred Passover story and a delicious dinner catered by Michaels on East.



- MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS -

Lunch with the Rabbi

Thursday, March 12

The season's fourth "Lunch with the Rabbi" will be held on **Thursday, March 12, beginning at 12:00pm**. Our speaker will be Dr. Thomas Hecht, founder of the Begin/Sadat Center of Strategic Studies. The topic of his presentation will be "Results of the Arab Spring". Cost for the catered lunch is \$15 for advanced reservations or \$20 at the door. All members of the congregation, both men and women, are welcome. (Reservation slips are enclosed.)

Tribute to Rabbi Eisenstat

Sunday, March 15

The Men's Club will hold a Tribute Night fund raiser in honor of Rabbi Emeritus Michael Eisenstat. Rabbi Eisenstat served the congregation as its Rabbi from 1997 until his retirement in 2008. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, March 15, starting at 6:00 pm at the Temple**. The program will consist of a cocktail hour with wine and hors d'oeuvres, followed by tributes from family, friends and community leaders. A musical program by Sarasota Orchestra's Concert Master, Principal Violinist Dan Jordan and Principal Pianist Jonathan Spivey will follow. They will perform and discuss music of famed Jewish composer Ernest Bloch. Contributions for the event will be \$50 per person for general admission and \$75 per person for Patron seating. Proceeds will be donated to the Temple's general operating fund and other

local charities. Reservations can be made by forwarding the enclosed reservation slip, together with a check made payable to Temple Beth Israel Men's Club, to the Temple office.

Baltimore Orioles Outing

Sunday, March 22

The Club has reserved 40 tickets for a Baltimore Orioles spring training baseball outing on **Sunday, March 22**. Tickets include a catered picnic lunch at Ed Smith Stadium beginning at 11:30am and reserved seats for a ball game between the Orioles and the St Louis Cardinals beginning at 1:15pm. Tickets are available for Club members at \$55 each and for non-Club members at \$65 each. Priority will be given to Club members. Reservations can be made by forwarding the enclosed reservation slip, together with a check made payable to the Temple Beth Israel Men's Club, to the Temple office.

Barbeque

Sunday, April 12

The Men's Club year end Bar B-Q will be held on **Sunday, April 12 at the Bay Isles Beach Club on Longboat Key** from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Cost for the full picnic lunch will be \$20 per person. Reservations can be made by forwarding the enclosed reservation slip to the Temple office together with a check made payable to the Temple Beth Israel Men's Club.



Lunch With the Rabbi Program Chair, Walter Frank, with Suncoast Hillels Director Rabbi Ed Rosenthal. Rabbi Rosenthal spoke passionately & provocatively about the life on campus for Jewish students in our greater area.

A Wrapper Purim
Wednesday, March 4

Don't forget Purim at TBI on **Wednesday, March 4**. Our celebration kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with "**Purimtini**", a delightful cocktail hour featuring adult beverages (there will be soft drinks too) and a delicious array of appetizers. Appropriately warmed-up, we then proceed to a short Purim service and read selections from the Megillah. After this, the curtain will go up for the world premier of "**A Wrapper Purim.**"

Following the conclusion of this special spiel, when all the applause finally dies down, they'll be plenty of hamentashen to enjoy. Please bring your relatives, friends, bridge group, tennis buddies, golf chums, Mahjong mavens, etc. to this incredible, religiously mandated evening of food, drink, and intoxicating entertainment.

Jewish Music Month

Temple Beth Israel Longboat Key will celebrate Jewish Music Month with a very special Shabbat service **Friday evening, March 6**. Cantor Riselle Bain of Bradenton will be chazzana for the Temple Choir and orchestra in a service composed by Cantor Bain. Her original compositions will be integrated into the service, along with some traditional melodies. The service will begin at 8 pm at the Temple. The choir and orchestra will be conducted by the temple Director of Music, Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe.

The Shabbat service will be preceded by a Shabbat dinner at 6:30 pm. There is a fee for the dinner which will be catered by Michael's On East. Prepayment is required for the dinner. Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling the Temple office at: 941-383-3428. A CD of Cantor Bain's Shabbat music is available for \$10, \$5 of which will go to TBI's music program.



March Shabbat Café

The **Shabbat Café** following services will be held on **Saturday, March 21**.

Come join our lovely Shabbat services with Kallah Speaker, **Dr. Michael Marmor**, and join our Shabbat family for lunch.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or contributing toward the expense of a lunch may make a donation in honor of or in memory of a beloved family member or life cycle event.

Please contact Elise Galinsky or the Temple office for more information.



Books & Brown Bag

The Lady in Gold by Anne-Marie O'Connor will be reviewed on **Monday, March 9**, by facilitator Carole Kliensky.

A fictionalized novel based on the life and works of Gustav Klimt, this engrossing story sweeps the reader through the art world in nineteenth century Vienna. On **Monday, April 13**, the last book to be discussed this season is *The Interestings* by Meg Wolitzer.

Linda Berliner, the facilitator, will start the discussion at 1 p.m. Bring a sandwich or snack; beginning at 12:30 p.m. coffee and dessert will be available.

Gloria Sabin & Linda Berliner, Co-Chairs





Ritual Corner

The following is an update on the proposed new high holiday prayerbook, *Mishkan HaNefesh*. The Board of Directors has voted NO to adopting the new machzor. Concerns were primarily cost (about \$10,000), although there were some other issues as well. This decision will enable us to examine other options and to get feedback from those congregations which will be using the book for the first time this year. The Ritual Committee will continue to examine our High Holiday worship services, in order to make them better and better. Your input is welcome to this process.

Easing the Burden, our booklet on preplanning, has been a great success. The print run is all distributed. The Ritual Committee has determined to put the booklet on line, and it can be found on the Temple website: www.tbi-lbk.org

We have been looking into the music at our Shabbat morning services. This year, we have had a wonderful quartet, thanks to the generosity of Richard and Nessa Levine. The quartet last service is **Saturday morning, April 3**. The question of whether we should have a cantor keeps coming up, so let us stick a toe in the water and see what we want to do. The committee has determined to invite a cantor to join the Rabbi on two occasions.

On **Saturday April 25**, Cantor Riselle Bain will lead the service and on **Saturday May 2**, Cantor Murray Simon will lead the service. Your presence and your input will be most valued, so come and let us know what you think. Both services will be followed by a light Kiddush lunch. Cantor Riselle will help us celebrate Jewish Music Month at Shabbat services Friday evening, **March 6** with a service of her original settings of the traditional prayers. Her settings are a little bit Sephard, a little bit Ashkenaz, a little bit Israeli, and a lot beautiful. Ann Moe and the choir are having a lot of fun learning her music. We will have an 8 piece orchestra, an augmented choir and all we need is you.

Hag Sameach -Purim is coming up **Wednesday March 4 at 5:30**. Join the fun and roister with the Purim Wrapper and Purimtini. Thank you for your support of our committee. Keep sharing your ideas and feedback. Ritual is your committee. *B'Shalom*, **Linda Buxbaum**, Chair

- Happy Birthday! -

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| March 1st
Connie Mederos-Jacobs | March 16th
Sandra Bratter |
| March 2nd
Morton Tarter
Richard Klein | March 18th
Marvin Bacaner
Maggie Kaplen |
| March 3rd
Jay Greenblatt | March 19th
Linda Rosenbluth |
| March 4th
Helene Tucker
Susan Morin | March 20th
Curtis Hecht
Bernard Levine
Herman Frankel
O. David Solomon
Richard Blumenthal |
| March 7th
Renate Kirshenbaum
Bob West
Roy Diton
Judith P. Markstein | March 21st
David Brenner |
| March 8th
Ira J. Singer | March 23rd
Sylvia Cohodas
Sara Krinsk
Judith Glass |
| March 9th
Eve Kommel
Gloria Frydman | March 25th
Gerald Hamburg
Robert Baer |
| March 10th
Dorothy Jacobson | March 26th
Betty Morse
Terry Neis |
| March 12th
Bernice Feinstein | March 27th
Helene Seeberg |
| March 13th
Vivian Ross
Helen Diton | March 31st
Lois Fishman
Joyce H. Toppel |
| March 14th
Jay Rudolph
Audrey Deren | |
| March 15th
David Goldberg
Marjorie M. Sandy
Barbara Karafin | |

- Happy Anniversary! -

- 3/11/1956 Raymond & June Benenson 59 ♦ 3/5/1950 Edwin & Barbara Biron 65 ♦
 3/1/1959 Richard & Barbara Blumenthal 56 ♦ 3/12/1949 David & Marcia Goldberg 66
 ♦ 3/10/1970 Allan & Miriam Goldfarb 45 ♦ 3/12/1965 Peter & Amy Roth 50

Apologies and Congratulations: February's Bulletin listed Norman and Marilyn Weinstein's Anniversary incorrectly. They celebrated their 50th, not 5th anniversary.

● DONATIONS

Building Maintenance Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Happy Birthday
Sy Klionsky
by Richard & Nessa Levine

Suzanne Luttkoff
Our Wishes for a Peaceful New Year
by Carole & Sy Klionsky

Choir Fund

Congratulations on your 90th!

Marsha Roth
from Ruth Lerner

**In Appreciation of the Aliyah,
from Linda & Rick Cohen**

Ruth Engman
from Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Cohen

In Memory Of Helen Galinsky:

Elise & Jim Galinsky
by Judy & Bob Viger

General Fund

In appreciation for entertaining our family

Ruth Kreindler
by Norman & Barbara Gross

In appreciation of the Shabbat Café

Temple Beth Israel
by Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Cohen

**In Honor of Harold & Charlotte's
80th Birthdays**

Harold & Charlotte Stein
by Jake & Sophie Pollack

In Honor of Suzanne Schuster

Suzanne Schuster
by Sandra Packard

In Loving Memory of Sigmund Walder

Jenny Walder
by Shirley Fein

In Memory of Aaron Brenner

Janis Brenner
by Ruth Engman

In Memory of Irene Rushakoff

Sophie & Jake Pollack
by Terry & Ray Guzman

Sophie & Jake Pollack
by Phil & Marsha Dunsker

Sophie & Jake Pollack
by Al & Alyce McLaughlin

Sophie & Jake Pollack
by Mary Jane & Dick Hershatter

Sophie & Jake Pollack
by Ceil Cicurel

In Memory of Sally Shapiro

Sam Shapiro
by Dottie Stevens

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of Helen Galinsky

James & Elise Galinsky
by Garry & Kathy Brooks

In Memory of Irene Rushakoff

Richard Rushakoff
by Sophie & Jake Pollack

**THE SOCIAL ACTION
COMMITTEE IS
ACCEPTING DONATIONS
TO SUPPORT**

**“THE CHILDREN’S
PANTRY PROJECT”**

Healthy Snack Bar donations are being accepted on behalf of The Children’s Pantry Project.

The following snack bar brands are suggested:

Kashi Brand, Lara Bars, Kind Bars & Nature Valley

The bars will be distributed to Title #1 Schools as healthy snacks for children.

You will find the drop off box in Social Hall.



- YAHRZEIT DONATIONS -

In Memory of
Sam Berman
Elsie Brown
Joan Ehemann Stone
Bertram Horowitz
Lilo Hutzler
Milton Levine
Bessie Millner
Anna Taub
Sam Weiss
Edward Wilkof
Edward Wilkof

From
Ida Wilkof
Joan & Alan Stone
Joan & Alan Stone
Barbara Horowitz
Heinz Hutzler
Joyce Toppel
Doris Kaplan
Melvin Taub
Bunny & Mort Skirboll
Ida Wilkof

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2015 Kallah Scholar - Dr. Michael Marmur
March 20th and 21st, 2015**

**"WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ISRAEL TODAY:
WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE"**

There is turmoil in the Middle East; we watch television news reports of it every day. And, whether we like it or not, the State and people of Israel are always a major part of the mix. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud Party have created the need for early elections. The voting will take place on **March 17th** and, as if that wasn't enough, we are also in the midst of the World Zionist Congress Elections (*and we hope that every member of Temple Beth Israel will register to vote for the ARZA slate, the Zionist arm of North American Reform Judaism*) which will determine just how funding is given to the various Jewish streams in Israel through the Jewish Agency.

How fortunate we are to be able to welcome to our congregation and community one of the leaders of Reform Judaism in Israel, Dr. Michael Marmur, the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who will serve as our "interpreter" of the new political landscape that will be the 20th K'nesset, who's leaders will take Israel on its newest journey into its - and our own - future.

Born and raised in England, Michael Marmur completed a BA Degree in Modern History at the University of Oxford before moving to Israel in 1984. While studying for an MA in Ancient Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he completed his studies in the Israel Rabbinic Program of HUC-Jerusalem, becoming ordained in 1992. For six years following his ordination he served as a congregational rabbi, high school teacher and member of the executive committee at the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa. Michael Marmur's Ph.D Dissertation at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was entitled "Heschel's Rhetoric of Citation: The Use of Sources in God In Search of Man." Rabbi Marmur has lectured and taught extensively in North America and Israel, and also in many parts of Western and Central Europe.

Presentations will include the following:

Shabbat Evening, March 20th 8:00 pm
"WHY REFORM JUDAISM IS GROWING IN ISRAEL"

Shabbat Morning, March 21st 10:00 am
- Rosh Hodesh Nisan
"VISIONS OF REDEMPTION: MODERN LIBERAL
JEWS IMAGINE THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL
AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE"

TBI NOTE:

Following Dr. Marmur's presentation on Saturday Morning everyone in attendance is invited to partake of the Shabbat Café, coordinated by Elise Galinsky.

The Kallah Scholar Weekend is made possible through a grant by Gerard Daniel in loving memory of his wife Ruth Daniel.

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

Friday, March 6

Sylvia W. Baer
 Isaac Balk
 Joseph Barker
 Rebecca Berman
 Jerome Blumberg
 Benjamin Clement
 Alice B. Cohen
 Charlotte Cohen
 David Cooper
 Ethel Derechinsky
 David Dinner
 Bess D. Fedder
 Hyman Frankel
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 Rose Gross
 Elma Hyman
 Ned Hyman
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 Bluma Kerner
 Betty Krantz
 Herman Levine
 Jacob Levy
 William Libman
 Bertha Margolies
 David L. Mayer
 Esther Medvene
 Frances Melitzer
 Frances Miller

Friday, March 13

Joseph Bernstein
 Lena Bornstein
 Isadore Cutler
 Albert Daytz
 Morris Derechinsky
 George Einhorn
 Cecilia Eisner
 Rabbi Philip Frankel
 Jeanette Golden
 Natalie Golub
 Herman Green
 Minnie Kolodkin
 Dr. Richard Kommel
 Elizabeth Krivitsky
 Theresa Land
 Elizabeth Levin
 Harriette Levine
 Fanny Levites
 Isidore Libman
 Lester Mallets
 Jeanie Massik
 Molly Moosman
 Walter Novick
 Dr. Max Ostermann
 Olga Plaut
 Max Rosin
 Peter Roth
 Charles Sandler
 David Saperstein
 Leonard Schechter
 Gertrude L. Snyder
 Joseph Solomon
 Lewis Topkis

Friday, March 20

Bryan Barker
 Gertrude Becker
 Barbara Bernstein
 Diane Theresa Betman
 Lori Pat Weiner Bichel
 Alice Blueglass
 Raymond Brown
 Ronald Burdman
 Cecile Cohen
 Max Eison
 Richard L. Feidelman
 Beatrice Jacobs Fein
 Marvin Feinstein
 Shirley Gilman
 Faye Griesman
 Molly Hershfield
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**Just Kids from the Bronx:
Arlene Alda in Conversation with
Regis Philbin and Alan Alda**
Date: Monday, March 9, 7:30 pm

What was it like to grow up in the place that bred influencers in just about every field of endeavor today? The Bronx is where Al Pacino, Carl Reiner, General Colin Powell and so many other leading artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneurs spent their formative years. Three of the Bronx's favorite sons and daughters get together to reflect on stories from Arlene Alda's new book, *Just Kids from the Bronx*, and to share memories of where it all began. Join them for an indelible portrait of the Bronx—and of America—from back-in-the-day to modern times.



**The State of World Jewry:
Alan Dershowitz and Deborah Lipstadt
with Jeff Greenfield**
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 pm

As conflicts in Israel and other areas of the world persist, new waves of anti-semitism are being reported. (DVD)

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What are the challenges and threats facing the Jewish people today? Will anti-semitism ever be eradicated?

Deborah Lipstadt is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and one of the nation's foremost experts on Holocaust denial and modern anti-Semitism.

Alan M. Dershowitz is Brooklyn native who has been called "Israel's single most visible defender – the Jewish state's lead attorney in the court of public opinion." He is the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School.

Jeff Greenfield, a veteran political, media and culture reporter and analyst, has spent more than thirty years on network television.



**In the News with
Jeff Greenfield:
Barney Frank**
**Date: Sunday, April 12
7:30 pm**

Barney Frank discusses his journey from Bayonne, New Jersey to the U.S. Congress, where he played a vital role in the struggle for personal freedom and economic fairness.



**David Brooks:
On Character**
**Date: Tuesday, April 21
7:30 pm**

Join *New York Times* columnist **David Brooks** for an in-depth discussion about what constitutes character as explored in his new book, *The Road to Depth*. Depth, argues Brooks, is the core of our being and something we cultivate over time; it's built through the commitments we make—to a nation, a faith, a calling or loved ones—and the sacrifices we endure because of those commitments.



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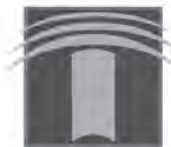
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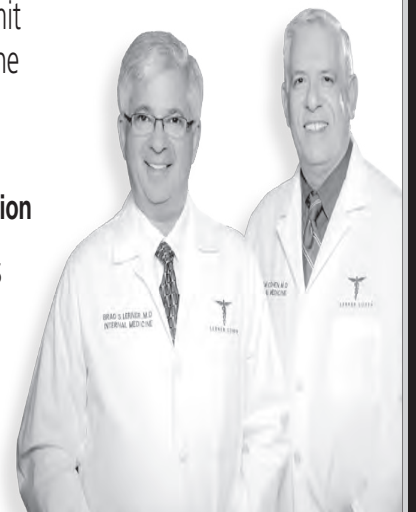
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TBI will be holding a class on three different life saving techniques, at the *Longboat Key Firehouse*, on **March 16th at 5:30pm**. This certification course will take approximately four hours.

The class will consist of the following lifesaving methods:

- How to use a defibrillator (TBI has a defibrillator).
- CPR: Using the newest and best methods.
- Heimlich maneuver: How to help someone who is choking.

Upon the successful completion of the Defibrillator Course, you will become certified in the use of this machine. The cost to attend this class is \$30.00 per person. The proceeds will be going to the certified instructor, and the *Longboat Key Fire Department*. Please reserve your place in this class by remitting your check for \$30.00 per person to **TBI**. Indicate on your check that it is for the Life Saving Class. Also, include the coupon for this course, which can be found on the coupon sheet, and provide all the requested information.

The *Longboat Key Fire Department* can only hold a class with a maximum of 10 individuals at one time. If we receive more than 10 replies, we will let the first group attend on **March 16th**, and then reschedule the balance for another day.

Hopefully, you will never have to use any of these lifesaving procedures, but if you do, **YOU COULD NOW SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE.**



Two founders of the Visible Men Academy, an innovative charter school for underprivileged young boys located in Bradenton, spoke compellingly about its mission and scope at the Temple in February. In photo, Temple member and former Tarrytown, New York School Superintendent Dr. Murray Blueglass is flanked by Louis Parker and Cindy Day.

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BETH ISRAEL WOMEN

We hope you enjoyed our terrific February events: the Fashion Show, the Book Club discussion of FDR and the Jews, and our Theater Night. Thanks to Sylvia Pastor, Nancy Cohen, Barbara Siegel, and everyone who worked so hard to make these events a success.

Our March Luncheon Meeting will be at **noon on Monday, March 16**. After a delicious lunch, we will learn about “Jewish Women in the Theater.” Our speaker, Beth Ann Salzman, is on the faculty of Pierian Spring Academy. To make a reservation, please return the coupon by **March 11**.

Nessa Levine, BIW President

How and When to Submit Items for the TBI Bulletin

- All narrative submissions should be made to **bulletin@tbi-ibk.org** by the 10th of the preceding month. Please submit your information as an attachment to your email, rather than including it into the body of your email.
- It is the responsibility of the individual who submitted an item to notify **Roger Goldstein (jgandrg@yahoo.com)** if there is a change in event information (e.g. change of date, location, cancellation) so he can correct the calendar.
- It is the responsibility of the individual who submitted an item needing an RSVP coupon insert to notify Jen Shaw in the Temple office of the specific information to be included on the coupon. Without such notification, an RSVP coupon will not be included.

If you have any questions or suggestions for making this process or our TBI Bulletin better suited to your needs, we welcome your suggestions.

Sandy Packard, Committee Chair

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee has decided to work with two Community Organizations: the **Visible Men Academy (VMA)**, a Charter School in Bradenton for boys in K-4, and the **Children’s Healthy Pantry** (see pg. 11 for donation information).

Visible Men Academy educates at risk boys and their families from low-income communities. We will be actively engaged in supporting reading programs and their “Wish List.” **VMA** provides uniforms for the boys; we have secured some pre-owned blue blazers, khaki pants, white collared T shirts and dress shirts. **VMA** could use more. Donations of these items may be brought to the Temple. For further information please contact Alice Blueglass: **namablue@comcast.net** or Marion Levine: **harbourkey@aol.com**.

We continue to enjoy welcoming new members. There will be a Supper Party for all new members on **Wednesday, March 25** at the home of Kathy and Garry Brooks. Invitations will be mailed.

Shabbat dinners have been a great success. Join us on **March 6** for dinner and a musical program; reservations are required. **Marion Levine**

The deadline date to make reservations is March 1.