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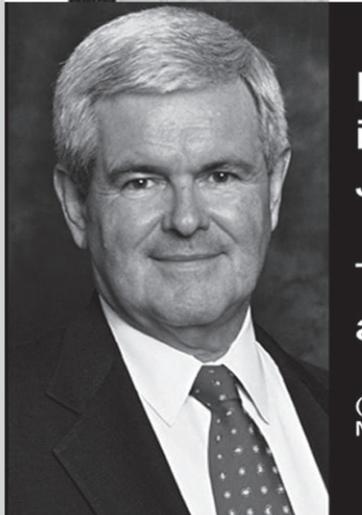
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(DVD previously recorded on
May 27, 2010)

President's Message

My upbringing was that of a traditional Conservative Jew. The synagogue was always a major part of my life for education, youth group as well as for worship. As an adult, I joined a Synagogue in every community in which I resided. When I moved to Binghamton, NY at the age of thirty, I joined a Conservative temple. Then I married Elana, who was a member of the Reform congregation in the area. Some couples have a double ring ceremony when they get married; we had a double rabbi ceremony.

Within a year, through study and discussion with the Reform rabbi of Temple Concord, I came to the realization that I was, philosophically, a Reform Jew and decided to become more active in the Reform temple. I volunteered and became chairman of the ritual committee for three years before joining the board. Eight years later, I became president.

Shortly after I retired from IBM, we began a snowbird relationship with Longboat Key, attending one synagogue or another in the area. Most of the time, especially Saturday mornings, it was most convenient to attend Beth Israel.

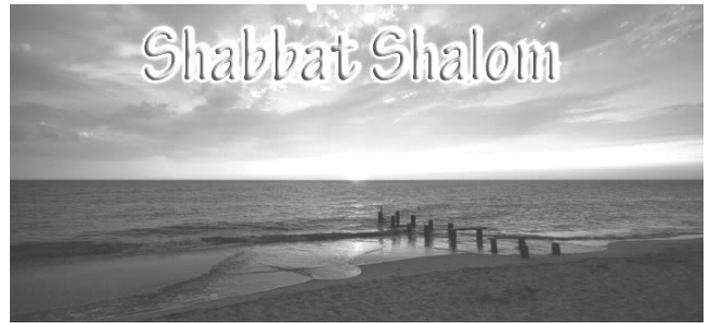
For ten years, we could not make up our minds where to join. Then, while I was recovering from prostate cancer surgery, I received a card from the Temple, signed by Joe Miller, wishing me a speedy recovery. Though I was not a member, this temple was thoughtful enough to remember me. That is why we joined.

I volunteered to be on the continuing education committee. The following year, I became chairman and the next year, joined the board where I now serve as president. Some people say to me, "Should I congratulate you or give you my condolences?"

My wife and I know that it is a position that takes a lot of time and emotional commitment. However, there are many rewards – most notably, working with so many others who are dedicated to making our synagogue strong, viable and a source of pride to both the Jewish and general communities.

Thirty years ago, a small group of men and women collectively created an institution on Longboat Key, which they called Temple Beth Israel. They gave it their financial support and they gave of their time to establish a house of prayer, a house of study and a house of assembly for social camaraderie.

Unlike most synagogues that I know of, this syna-



gogue did not arise out of a need to educate our children. It is not a place of gathering for the young adult to meet other young adults. It is a center for the middle age and older individual and couple.

Our temple offers entertaining, often inspiring programs and educational opportunities together with Shabbat and holiday services. We have a vital sisterhood, an active men's club, a robust Women On Our Own, as well as chavuroth groups. Even if we participate only once in awhile, we know that Beth Israel is here as a vibrant and strong Longboat Key and Sarasota area institution for all of us.

We all have gifts and talents to share. Offer to participate; become more active in temple life. If you have an idea for a new program, pick up the phone or send an e-mail. Be part of the fulfillment of your idea.

But it takes more than physical activity to maintain a meaningful community – it takes money. Balancing a budget is a challenge, especially with the current financial hardship that many of our members are experiencing today.

Dues only cover 60% of our expenses. We must rely on additional contributions and fund raising efforts to insure the existence of our temple. Two years ago, the temple initiated the Yom Kippur appeal. That year and last, our members and guests answered the call and stepped up to the plate, generously donating additional funds to the Temple.

Last year, we launched the Leadership Circle. All of our members should have received letters explaining this opportunity of support. Members of the circle are inscribed on the Leadership Circle plaque mounted on the wall of the social hall. With a generous annual contribution of \$500, one will become a Bronze member.
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WORSHIP SERVICES

*Friday Evenings 8pm
Saturday Mornings 10 am*



From the Rabbi's Study

HER NAME WAS DOROTHY

Six weeks into a community college night management class the instructor gave a pop quiz. The questions were fairly conventional except for the last one: "What is the name of the woman who cleans our classroom?"

One student later said, "I thought it was some kind of a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall and in her fifties or sixties, but how was I supposed to know her name?"

Another class member asked if the question would actually count toward the quiz grade. "Absolutely," replied the instructor. "In your lives and careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your respect and attention, even if you just say hello."

In a lesson that would forever be etched in their minds, the students learned that the cleaning woman's name was Dorothy. They also be-

gan to regard her much differently.

As our lives are more and more bound by cell phones, computers and other technologies of our modern age, we can become increasingly removed from others. Though we may still be in regular contact with people, relationships can be characterized by less and less authentic dialogue and a diminished acknowledgment of our fellow human beings.

Certainly, one of Judaism's cardinal virtues is its emphasis on learning. But the essence of such learning is not merely books and academic study. Ultimately, it's about cultivating an interest in and concern for others. Education should sensitize us to the need to confirm the humanity of others and find in that confirmation the face of God.

"The human person needs confirmation because man as man needs it," wrote Martin Buber in his most famous work, *I and Thou*. "An animal does not need to be confirmed, for it is what it is unquestionably. It is different with man. Sent forth from the natural domain of the species into the hazard of the solitary category, surrounded by the air of chaos, which came into being with him, secretly and bashfully he

watches for a Yes, which allows him to be and which can come to him only from one human person to another. It is from one man to another that the heavenly bread of self-being is passed."

Each time we confirm the humanity of others, whether it be only through a knowing smile, comforting glance or sincere regard for another's welfare this Yes is passed. It is the difference between viewing people as mere objects and experiencing them as unique, fellow creations of God.

We interact with many different people in restaurants, medical offices, restaurants, stores, etc. In exhibiting a tendency to relate to them merely according to their functional roles Buber would say we treat them as an "It" rather than a "Thou."

Our religious heritage calls us to honor the individuality of all those created, like ourselves, in the Divine image. Having painfully known what it was like to be "strangers in Egypt" we must endeavor to genuinely engage others, regardless of their vocational or perceived societal status role. There are many Dorothys deserving of our respect and regard.

Errors & Omissions

Your staff at the Bulletin tries to get things right the first time. Despite our best efforts, mistakes do happen. Please note the following corrections to our September issue with our sincere apologies:

(Belated) Happy Anniversary to: Eugene & Toby Halpern, September 10th

Yahrzeit Donation: In Blessed Memory of Esther Grodner from Paul Grodner

L'shana tovah! We wish you all a happy and healthy 5771!

If you spot an error or omission you'd like corrected, just let us know! Call or email the Temple office: 383-3428, info@tbi-lbk.org. *Jodi Solomon, Bulletin Coordinator* *Donald Kayton, Bulletin Board Liaison*

Beth Israel Women

I missed my opportunity to wish you all a healthy and sweet New Year in last month's bulletin, so I would like to do so at this time. It seems unbelievable that yet another year has flown by!

The members of Beth Israel Women are looking forward to another productive year of fellowship and fundraising with many exciting events in the works for the upcoming year. The dates are being firmed up and will be passed along so that you can all mark your calendars and not miss anything you may be interested in.

If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal check, I urge you to do so soon. If you are not yet a member of BIW perhaps this is the year you would like to come and check us out. I can promise you a wide variety of activities, events and opportunity for meeting the women of our congregation. We are always looking to expand our ranks with women who can help us be the best that we can be.

Please stop in our newly renovated gift shop to see what Leah, Anita and Arlene have been up to over the summer. It looks great and is stocked with wonderful items for both our personal and gifting needs. The more we all patronize the gift shop, the more the merchandise can be replenished with new and exciting inventory... not to mention the profit that will add to our ability to do nice things for the Temple!

My best to you all, *Sheila Zinder*



2011 Leadership Circle Off to a Fast Start

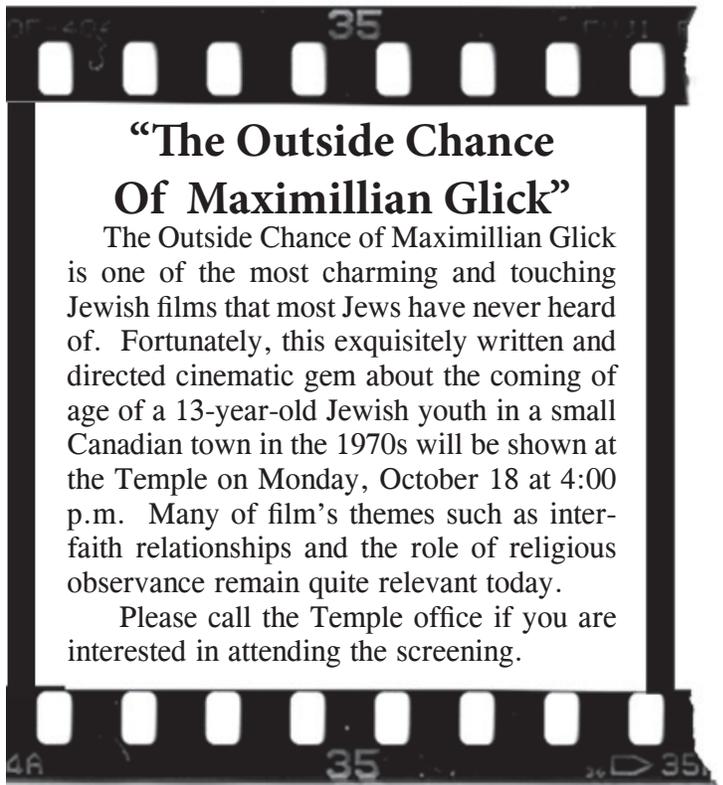
The role of The Leadership Circle as the Temple's mainstream annual fund raising mechanism got off to a fast start when 25 families immediately stated their intention to contribute \$20,500 to the 2011 version of this recognition society. This response was during the first two weeks after the initial appeal letter was sent.

The recognition period is the 2011 calendar year, and contributions can be sent as late as November 30th. The celebration brunch doesn't take place until Sunday, January 9th. September and early October are crucial periods to know the intentions of the congregation. This is when a lot of budget decisions are made. The incremental funds raised by the Leadership Circle, close to \$70,000 last year, influence a lot of Temple budget decisions. So look for the stamped, pre-addressed envelope that was

Men's Club

The first dialogue/meeting of the Men's Club will be Monday, November 1st at 2 pm. Our guest will be Keith Fitzgerald, Representative to the Florida state legislature. Representative Fitzgerald will discuss and answer questions on the status of oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and the legislative agenda for the coming year. The dialogue will last for one hour, from 2-3pm. All temple members are invited.

Following the dialogue the Board of Directors will hold their first business meeting.



"The Outside Chance Of Maximillian Glick"

The Outside Chance of Maximillian Glick is one of the most charming and touching Jewish films that most Jews have never heard of. Fortunately, this exquisitely written and directed cinematic gem about the coming of age of a 13-year-old Jewish youth in a small Canadian town in the 1970s will be shown at the Temple on Monday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m. Many of film's themes such as inter-faith relationships and the role of religious observance remain quite relevant today.

Please call the Temple office if you are interested in attending the screening.

sent to you and tell us your inclinations.

Early responders for 2011 include Linda Albert, Alice Berkowitz, Barbara & Edwin Biron, Barbara Blumfield, Carol Camiener & Jim Herrington, Margo & Warren Coville, Miriam Edlin, Rabbi Michael & Nancy Eisenstat, Ruth Engman, Judith Nelson Feldman, Myra & Jerome Goldstein, Toby & Eugene Halpern, Joelle & Jerry Hamovit, Selma Horowitz, Dorothy Jacobson, Susan Johnson, Rabbi Jonathan R. & Marty Katz, Doris Millner Kaplan, Ruth Lerner, Ina Rae Levy, Audrey & Milt Lucow, Frances & Robert Nelson, Marge & Bill Sandy, Marilyn & Irving Shuman, Toby & Noel Siegel, Carol & Mort Siegler, and Mary Ann & Ted Simon. Thanks to those who gave us their response so promptly.

Foyer Display Panels Unveiled

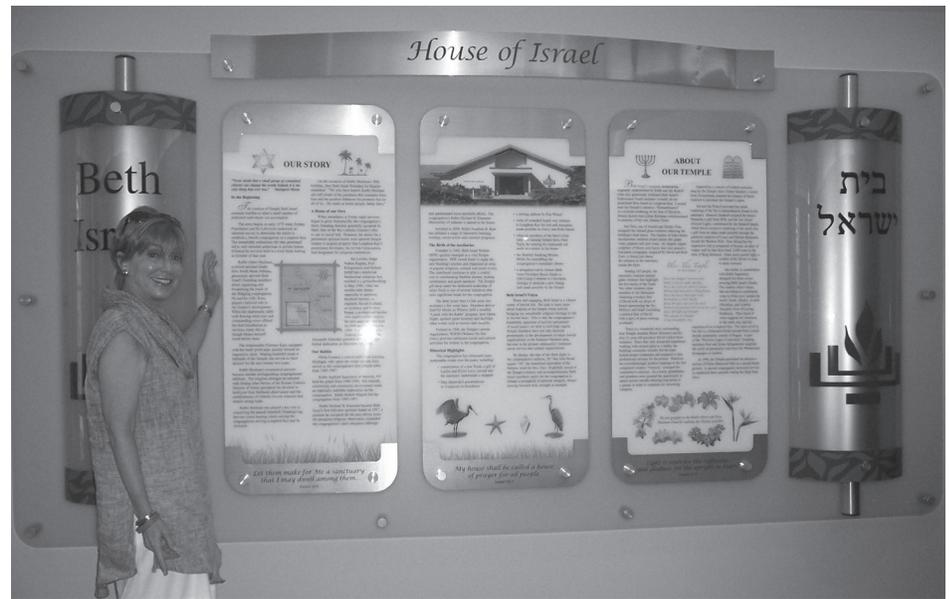
Members and guests attending High Holy Days services found two specially rendered display panels highlighting Beth Israel's history and current activities adorning the Temple foyer.

Styled as a replica of a Torah scroll, the history panel combines text with images of Jewish symbols and Longboat Key landscapes and wildlife. According to Rabbi Katz, "The panel integrates Jewish spiritual elements with local motifs to create a unique presentation. We are not just any Jewish congregation but one located in a particularly beautiful place."

The panel contains a map of the region with the place names of Longboat Key, Sarasota and Florida appearing in Hebrew. Biblical verses underscoring the value of learning, social justice and community are also seen on the panel.

The centerpiece of the second panel features slots to hold easily removable photos of Temple happenings. Additionally, the panel includes a large poster-sized space to publicize upcoming events, inspiring quotations from Jewish sources and several receptacles to hold a range of printed materials.

Rabbi Katz conceived the design and layout of the panels, researched the Temple's history and



Susan Morin with the new history panels in the Temple foyer.

composed the texts. Icon Exhibits of Fort Wayne, Indiana executed the design while ADM TWO Displays in Tampa fabricated the displays.

"Beth Israel receives many visitors," Rabbi Katz emphasized. "The panels enable them to quickly appreciate Beth Israel's wonderful story and prominent presence in the community. We want members and guests to feel at home at the Temple."

A generous contribution from the Rabbi Albert and Rose Shulman Fund, facilitated by Alice Taich, made the \$9,500 project possible. Rabbi Shulman played a leading role in the congregation's founding

in the early 1980s. Rabbi and Marty Katz also made a significant financial contribution. The project's cost was substantially reduced due to the year-long efforts of Rabbi Katz to minimize expenses related to layout, fabrication and installation.

The congregation extends thanks to Molly Schechter for editorial assistance and Sheila Nitzberg for logistical support. Earlier this year, Sheila spearheaded the beautification of the foyer with new wood paneling, painting, tiling, lighting and artwork. The \$10,000 cost of that project was generously underwritten by the Sisterhood with funds generated by the gift shop.

Save the Date . . .

For our first traditional 'Lunch with the Rabbi,' – always a lively and informative session. The luncheon will be held on Monday November 8th at noon. Lunch With the Rabbi series is \$35 for Men's Club members, \$40 for non-members. For those who do not sign up for the full series, the fee for individual lunches is \$10. Please refer to the coupon in the bulletin for reservations and payment.



Presented at Temple Beth Israel

Admission: FREE (\$5.00 for non-temple members)



Tzipi Livni: the Francine & Abdallah Simon State of World Jewry Lecture

Sunday Oct. 3, 8:00pm

After serving as an officer in the Israeli Defense Force and later in the Mossad, Tzipi Livni joined Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert along with other members of Labor and Likud (Israel's longtime left and right political parties) to form the centrist Kadima Party in 2005. She is now head of the opposition to the Netanyahu government and recently told the *NY Times* that she would be Israeli Prime Minister (one day). Get her take on Israel, the Middle East and what she might do if she were in charge.

Jim Cramer: Navigating in Volatile Markets

Madeline Noveck, moderator

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 8:00 pm

This popular investment series, moderated by Claire B. Benenson and Madeline I. Noveck, returns. Undaunted by criticism and controversy, Jim Cramer is going strong on "Mad Money," confident and assertive. Find out what he thinks of the market, and whether the issues he's faced in the past have changed his approach to investing and advising.

Newt Gingrich in Conversation with Jeff Greenfield

(DVD - previously recorded on May 27, 2010)

Thursday, October 21, 8:00 PM

Hear from the former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives about the challenges facing America today. Newt Gingrich was the chief architect of the Contract with America that led the Republican Party to victory in 1994. He is senior fellow at American Enterprise Institute, a founder of the Center for Health Transformation and General Chairman of American Solutions for Winning the Future. He is the author of the bestsellers, *Real Change*, *Winning the Future* and the just published, *To Save America*.

Alan Dershowitz & Bret Stephens

Thursday, Nov. 4, 8:00 pm

The prolific author and outspoken advocate for Israel, Alan Dershowitz discusses the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the most controversial issues of the day with *The Wall Street Journal* deputy editorial page editor Bret Stephens. Alan Dershowitz is the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and the author of many books, including *The Case for Israel*, *The Case for Peace* and, most recently, *The Trials of Zion*.

Lewis Black with Connie Chung

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8:00 pm

Christopher Hitchens in Conversation with Salman Rushdie

(DVD - previously recorded on Jun 8, 2010)

Tuesday, Nov. 30 8:00 PM

Miriam's Mosaic: Diverse Women of the Rabbinate

Thursday, Dec. 16, 8:15pm

Literacy is Not Just About Books

Times have changed. These days literacy is about sources other than books. People are reading electronically on Kindle and the iPad. In addition, there are web sites up to date with information about Jewish topics. One is *Tablet Magazine*, a daily online magazine of Jewish news, ideas, and culture. The website is www.tabletmag.com. One online issue contains a video interview with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin who has written many outstanding books about Judaism, including Biblical Literacy and Jewish Literacy.

Another web site is the Jewish Book Council, www.jewishbook-council.org. Besides giving Jewish book recommendations, the site fea-

tures the Jewish Book Council Blog which looks into the world of Jewish books, exploring questions related to what makes book Jewish, trends in the Jewish literary scene, emerging authors, and more.

The Jewish Forward, a weekly Jewish newspaper, is also online at www.forward.com. Temple Beth Israel Library subscribes to the hard copy paper. The newspaper keeps Jewish news and views current.

Temple Beth Israel has its own site at www.tbi-lbk.org. Information about the Temple, its current events, Calendar, Temple Bulletin, the online library catalog and other Temple subjects are found there.

The Temple Library has an on-



line computer which may be used by the public. On Tuesday, October 26th, 11am until noon I will give a training session about how to make better use of your computer and gain access to the Library Catalog and other sources. Attendance is limited to eight persons. Please call the Temple office to sign up. If there is interest, there can be more sessions.

Marjorie Sandy, Librarian

Books and Brown Bag 2010 -2011

- November 8** – *All Other Nights*, by Dara Horn
facilitator Lenore Benderley
- December 13** – *Martyr's Crossing*, by Amy Wilentz
facilitator Esther Kettler
- 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: The March selection has been changed; we will not be discussing *The Three Weissmans of Westport*.

All members of BIW may attend the book discussions. Books may be bought at various bookstores, borrowed from the temple library and/or purchased from Amazon.com. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, starting at 12:30 for coffee and dessert. Lunch can be brought at this time. The discussion runs from 1 to 2 p.m.

Monday Morning Seminar Returns October 4th

Rabbi Katz's Monday Morning Seminar returns on October 4th at 11 am. Each session covers a range of stimulating topics including Israel, Jewish culture, spirituality, law, history and politics, etc. The exchange around the table is informative, freewheeling and often includes some laughter. All are welcome to join this provocative weekly gathering.

Your Membership Committee Needs You

Ruth Engman, who has been heading summer and early autumn membership activities, is planning a hospitality event for prospective members. She and a small committee will provide the refreshments.

What's needed are names for the invitation list. There are no better candidates than friends and neighbors of current Temple members. So if you have suggestions, please contact Ruth.

Leadership reinforcements are on the way for Temple membership activities. Membership Co-chairs for the year ahead, Eve Kommel and Nancy Skadron, will be spearheading a robust schedule of recruiting and welcoming activities.

Yahrzeits

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

Friday, October 1, 2010

Ann Cutler
Sara Oper
Fanny Tarlofsky
Wendy Wallace
Sam Edelman
Maurice Mandle
Myron J. Salle
David Colburn
Robert F. Green
Freda Jacobson
Louis Miller
Hugo Roth
Joseph Schwartz
Barry Allweiss
Esther Benderly
David Cooper
Fanny Gottfried
David Peterman
Syd Peterman
Helen Thall

Friday, October 8, 2010

Jason Abbott
Stanley B. Loeser
Esther Mandle
Albert Atlas
Isador Cohen
Phyllis Brodansky
Elmer Pollack
Toby Rosen
Ruth Shub
Dorothy Cohen
Isidor Feigler
Leo Goldstein
Ruth C. Salk
Morton Silver
Morris Taub
Rhoda Turow
George Zetrin
Louis H. Cohn
Arthur Lieb
Seymour Roth
Milton Levine
Sidney Sinick
Vivian C. Stein

Friday, October 15, 2010

Morris Zippert
Sarah Atlas
Willard Goodheim
Jack Cohen
Herbert Edelstein
Earle Miller
Solomon J. Miller
Eric Shoengood
Ben Zion Winer
Susan Carol Benenson
Rosalie Sapp
Nat Miller
Sylvia Milter
Albert Reiter
Esther Salle
Sophie Gass
Audrey Frush Marcus
Alfred Tick

Friday, October 22, 2010

Milton Jacob
Louis Jacobson
Anna Rosenthal
Samuel Seigel
Dorothy Becker
Lina Wolf
Ruth Markus
Frances Sabin
Louise B. Cohen
Anne Heller
Samuel Lipschultz
Sam Miller
Max Schmier
Katherine Skadron
Herman Wolicki
Mildred Edelman
Stanley Eisler
Minnie Kolodkin
Goldie Piolet
Herman Richter
Dina Beth Salle
Albert Sroge
Harold Oberman
Jennie Pressman
Leo Reidler
Herbert Setlow

Molly Horwitz
Max Kohn
Louis Smullin

Friday, October 28, 2010

Isaac Benderson
Minnie Epstein
Blanch Kohn

Rolf Gottlieb
Lillian Kupperman
Helen Lippe
Oscar Dinkin
Galinsky
Harry Goldberg
Suzanne Libit
David Ancowitz
Alexander Licht
Stanley Miller
Harvey Pearlman
David Leavitt
Albert Orlin
Maurice B. Stern
Richard L. Brown
David Field
David Hamovit



Yahrzeit Donations

In Blessed Memory of

Nadav Benderly
Arlene Bornstein
Ernest Einstein
Rhoda G. Freeman
Pauline Garelick
Ida Kaminsky
Neil Kettler
Oscar Kettler
Neil Kettler
Sally Kitay
Sherman Lavinson
Miriam Lockwood
Florence Mahler
Joseph Rifkin
Lee Rudolph
Harry Scheiner
Goldie Sroge
Arthur Tarlowe
Ethel Taub
Paul Vigdor
Max Vogel
Sarah Vogel
Benjamin Walter
William Winer
David S. Young

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Lenore Benderly
Kenneth Bornstein
Ralph Einstein
Gloria Sabin
David Garelick
Dr. Harold Yablin
Esther Kettler
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Esther Kettler
Rosalyn Fleischer
Maye Lavinson
Evelyn Lerman
Robert Nelson
Sylvia Scheiner
Jay Rudolph
Murray Scheiner
Susan Johnson
Frances Nelson
Ronald & Marcia Taub
Robert Vigder
Esther Kettler
Esther Kettler
Lenore Benderly
Rosabelle Edelstein
Maxwell Brown

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ber, for \$1,000, a silver member and for \$1,500 or more, a gold member.

Anyone giving \$500 or more to the Yom Kippur appeal will automatically be included in the Leadership Circle and, conversely, anyone becoming a member of the Leadership Circle will be considered as responding to the Yom Kippur appeal. Members of the Leadership Circle also will be honored at a special luncheon to be held in January.

Attrition is another major challenge for this temple. One of the most important things that we can do to insure the successful continuation of our congregation is to bring in new members. By word of mouth, we need to invite our friends and neighbors to join in

and become part of our community. We need new members.

As Rabbi Alexander Schindler, of blessed memory, a former president of the Union for Reform Judaism said:

"The synagogue is where Jews are made, where the individual soul and community are joined. It is the place where modernity and eternity cross-fertilize, where the seeds of Jewish identity are sown. Jews create all other institutions in Jewish life. Only the synagogue creates Jews, child by child, family by family."

Let's work together to make our temple a source of unity as we go from strength to strength.

L'shanah tovah, Earl Gordon

The Russians, Jonah, and the Whale

For the third year in a row, a bus brought more than forty members of Sarasota's Russian Jewish community to Beth Israel to celebrate the High Holy Day season through a special "Dress Up for Yontif" program sponsored by the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation and The Arthur & Susan Karp Family Foundation.

"Year after year the Russian community request to return to Beth Israel," said Orna Nissan, Federation Outreach Coordinator. "They enjoy the warm spirit they find at the Temple, the opportunity to learn more about their Jewish heritage and the chance to join together for nice occasion." Temple members Sue Johnson, Susan Morin and Shelly and Joyce Paley helped serve lunch and assisted with clean-up.

At the gathering Rabbi Katz brought a new dimension to the story of Jonah and the Whale. He said the story, customarily told on Yom Kippur, is often dismissed as simply too far-fetched for our modern sensibilities. But this is only if we regard it in only one dimension.

Rabbi Katz compared the whale to a world that can suck us in with its mounting uncertainties and dread. "We can feel walled in, feeling as if there is no opportunity for escape,"

he said. Rabbi Katz then produced a clear glass whale that enclosed a glass figure of Jonah.

He suggested that Jonah appeared contemplative and not afraid. "Jonah is not fighting to get out, he's thinking," Rabbi continued. "Maybe he is thinking he's glad to have been swallowed by the whale, by a world that has grown too large, imposing and indifferent to be able to do anything about it. Simply surrendering to the whale may appear to be a more inviting prospect than having to consider how he might, even if only in small ways, seek to change the world if the whale released him. Or maybe

he's thinking how he can get out of whale, trying to gather the necessary resolve and courage to do so."

Rabbi Katz noted that in the story the whale spits Jonah out when he finally agrees to fulfill God's command. In our time, he explained, we have to decide if we want to be spit out of the whale, if we genuinely want to go forward with the torch of our convictions. He emphasized that the High Holy Days represented a call to maintain our personal and spiritual integrity by taking the initiative to not get swallowed up by the world but to actively try to redeem it.



Rabbi Katz and Orna Nissan From Sarasota-Manatee Federation with members of the local Russian community, at "Dress Up for Yontif"

In Memoriam

BERNICE GAFFIN

GENERAL FUND

In Appreciation:

Mort & Bunny Skirboll's 50th Wedding Anniversary, by Bonnie & Michael Chiseling
Bunny Skirboll's Birthday, by Michael & Bonny Chiseling
 Helen & Jack Ettinger
 Alma & Dr. Hyman Kraman
 Melanie Simonson

In Honor Of:

Lillian Alpert's Granddaughter's Marriage, by Ina Rae Levy

In Memory Of:

Marvin Apple, by Dorrace Zucker
Ruth Wexler, by Shirley Rifkin Cohen, Barbara Kippy Hamment, Lillian & Mort Bloch, Francine Manekin, Edwin & Barbara Biron, Shirley Dinkin, Joe & Ruth Golov, Sylvia Cohen
Arnold Fein, by Lillian & Mort Bloch, Lillian Alpert
Mickey Wasserberger, by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nelson
My father, Sherman Lavinson, by Judith Eaton
Buddy Pearl, By Nancy & Dr. Stanley Skadron

Speedy Recovery:

Joan Dropkin, by Betty Hillman

LIBRARY BOOK FUND

In Honor Of:

Gloria & Howard Sabin's granddaughter's marriage, by Doris Libman and Family

In Memory Of:

Adele Zuckerman, by Janice & Ernie Ellison

CHOIR FUND

In Honor Of:

Florence Katz's Special Birthday, by Joyce & Dr. Sheldon Paley
Rabbi Eisenstat's Special Birthday, by Gloria & Howard Sabin

In Memory Of:

Arnold Fein, by Jenny & Sigmund Walder
Jim Albert, by Gloria & Howard Sabin

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation:

Wendy Browdy
 Renee Karas Cramers
 Linda & Dr. Ronald Cohen
Rabbi Eisenstat's 70th, by Sy & Carole Klionsky

In Honor Of:

Maye Lavinson, by Tracy Panagiotopoulos

In Memory Of:

Adele Zuckerman, by Bernice Feinstein
Arnold Fein, by Bernice Feinstein
Ruth Wexler, by Bernice Feinstein

VISITOR DONATIONS

In Appreciation:

Marilyn Dorman

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ALL OCCASIONS

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Eisenstat's Birthday and the Naming of his Grandchildren, by Sue Lutkoff

Women On Our Own Luncheon

Our opening luncheon will be held Tuesday, October 19th at Michael's On East at 12:30 p.m. Earl Gordon, our board president, will be our guest.

Maye Lavinson, President



Melton Window is Closing

While several students have decided to attend the 2010 Melton Adult Education Program at Beth Israel beginning on Tuesday, November 9 from 4 - 6 p.m., a few more are needed to ensure the classes will be held at the Temple rather than at the Federation located on the mainland.

Melton employs a stimulating and evocative approach to the world of adult Jewish education. The experience is far removed from what you learned in your religious school days. Class discussion is informative, lively and often punctuated with humor. Students receive a wealth of fascinating instructional materials. If held at the Temple, the Melton classes will explore Jewish Ethics and History.

The all-inclusive cost of the program is \$550. There is currently a \$100 subsidy available for the first ten students from the Temple to register. For more information please contact Rosa Mandelblum at the Federation at 941-371-4546, ext. 107. The deadline for registration is October 18.

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Mrs Sharon Baker | 17 Mr. Seymour C. Rudes |
| 1 Mr. Willard Cohodas | 19 Mr. Milton Harr |
| 3 Dr. Joseph Klein | 20 Mrs. Judy Goldstein |
| 4 Mr. Milton Lucow | 20 Mrs. Frances S. Ross |
| 6 Mrs. June Benenson | 21 Mrs. Nancy Trotta |
| 6 Mr. Jerry Hamovit | 21 Mrs. Sheila Zinder |
| 6 Dr. Elizabeth Wechter | 22 Mr. Eugene Koshner |
| 7 Mrs. Anita DeVine | 22 Mrs. Andrea Lieb |
| 7 Mrs. Nancy Eisenstat | 23 Mr. Gerald Alweiss |
| 8 Mrs. Pearl Fishman | 23 Mrs. Lois Cohodas |
| 8 Mrs. Elise Galinsky | 23 Mrs. Natalie Friedberg |
| 9 Mrs. Edith Netzer | 23 Mrs. Carol B. Siegler |
| 9 Mrs. Bernice Skirboll | 25 Mrs. Arlene Krum |
| 11 Mrs. Joan Sapstein | 25 Mrs. Clara Sandelman |
| 12 Mrs. Bernice Thomas | 29 Mrs. Marcia Goldberg |
| 13 Mr. Michael Chisling | 29 Mr. Richard Neumann |
| 13 Mr. Donald F. Markstein | 29 Mr. Samuel Shapiro |
| 13 Mrs. Linda Milberg | 30 Ms. Molla Gelwarg |
| 15 Mrs. Janet Udell | 31 Mr. Ralph Cohen |
| 16 Miss Andi Reisman | 31 Dr. J. B. Pinski |
| 16 Mrs. Irene Ross | |

- 7 Rudolph & Hilda Forchheimer
- 8 Art & June Stern
- 9 Martin & Marjorie Heller
- 14 Ev & Shirley Behrendt
- 18 Gerald & Suzette Seigel
- 20 Sam & Bunny Gourse
- 22 Howard & Betty Isermann
- 25 Melvin & Jan Goldsmith
- 25 Stanley & Maureen Siegel
- 30 Mort & Lillian Bloch



A Home To Heal

While Bikkur holim, visiting the sick, is one of Judaism's most important responsibilities, finding a home for someone requiring treatment far away from home is even more praiseworthy.

The daughter of a Beth Israel member who lives in Europe is currently undergoing treatment at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York City. Compelled to remain in New York from November to February for medical care, she is hoping to secure housing relatively near the hospital.

If you (or anyone you know) might consider allowing her to use your home during this period please contact Rabbi Katz. It is difficult enough to face serious illness without also having to confront a challenging health situation far from home as well.

Reservation Coupon

Lunch with the Rabbi
Starts Monday
November 8th
12 noon

- Sign me up for the series. ____ @ \$35(members)
- Sign me up for the series. ____ @ \$40(non-members)
- Please reserve ____ @ \$10 for the November 8 Lunch

Send To: Temple Beth Israel Men's Club
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RABBI KATZ'S MONDAY MORNING SEMINAR RETURNS OCTOBER 4

at 11:00 a.m.

Each session covers a range of stimulating topics
including Israel, Jewish culture, spirituality,
law, history and politics, etc



Monday October 18 at 4:00 p.m.

“THE OUTSIDE CHANCE OF MAXIMILLIAN GLICK”

is one of the most charming and touching Jewish films that most Jews have never heard of. Fortunately, this exquisitely written and directed cinematic gem about the coming of age of a 13-year-old Jewish youth in a small Canadian town in the 1970s will be shown at the Temple on Monday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m. Many of film's themes such as interfaith relationships and the role of religious observance remain quite relevant today.

