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TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA

The 2010 Temple Beth Israel Gala
Sunday, January 10 at 6 PM
Michael's On East

New! The First Annual TBI Gala Awards

New! Professional ballroom dance performance

New! An exciting raffle with a grand prize of a party for 40 at Michael's Wine Cellar — and more !

New! Incredible door prizes and NO AUCTION!!!

Plus your favorites . . an elegant dinner by Phil Mancini, gentleman partners to dance with and an altogether enjoyable evening with your Temple family.

The First Annual TBI Gala Awards for extraordinary contributions to the congregation

Ruth Engman

Maye Lavinson

Joe Miller

Richard Olin

Service Award to our "Quintessential Quartet"

Sandie Cutler-Cohen
Rising Star Award*

*Extraordinary contribution by a member of five years or less

JOIN US TO HONOR THESE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTORS AT OUR BETTER-THAN-EVER GALA ON JANUARY 10.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all know the story...Chanukah - not one of our most important holidays - we've probably made more of it through the years so our children and now our grandchildren and greatgrandchildren have something to celebrate at this particular time of the year, which can be difficult for them.

But, does Chanukah not speak to the very core of us? It is a story of great battles, unwavering tenacity, faith and miracles. And isn't that what we are all about? As we look at the beautiful faces of our little ones as the Chanukah candles are lit and think of our incredibly tenuous history, one must wonder...

We have always been a proud people who glorify education, family and tikkun olam. We are the people of the Book who act with measured reason whenever situations may arise. We value life. We do not glorify war - but what the Maccabees accomplished was, indeed, a miracle.

And so here we are, able to come together in our beautiful sanctuary, with the privilege to pray, to learn, to enjoy one another, to reach out to those less fortunate. Let us ask ourselves: after all our people have been through just to survive, are we not a miracle? And if so, do we not have an obligation to ensure that this miracle called the Jewish people continues for all our tomorrows?

Donald and I wish you the very best for this holiday season.

Elaine Weill

Elaine Weill, President

The Gala

JANUARY
10, 2010

THAT VERY
SPECIAL NIGHT

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP REACHES ONE HUNDRED

When Sharon and Herman Frankel recently joined the Leadership Circle at the Silver level, that brought participation by Temple members to one hundred.

The recogntion plaque is being crafted. There is still time until December 10th to join and be recognized on the plaque at the Gold ($1500), Silver ($1,000) or Bronze ($500) level. The close to $60,000 that has been raised makes a huge difference in the level of services our Temple delivers.

Because the plaque honors the calendar year ahead - 2010 - and because delivery of the plaque is not pinned down to a date certain, and then it must be installed, the date of the celebration luncheon is currently being kept open. Thanks to all who have participated. **Bill Sandy**

AUDIO VISUAL ENHANCED AT TBI

An exciting enhancement will soon be available to Temple Beth Israel: an expansion of our capability to show video and satellite broadcasts in BOTH the Social Hall and the Sanctuary at the same time.

This is driven by the increasing popularity of the 92nd St. Y programming through the new partnership of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and the Rabbi Sanford Saperstein Memorial Fund. Not only will we be able to offer more seating, we will have much less preparation work in setting up all the chairs in the Social Hall unless needed.

The installation will consist of a portable rolling cart that will hold the projector, a large portable screen that will stand on the bimah, and a new set of electronic controls for better managing presentations. We will be able to show content from the 92nd St. Y satellite receiver; DVD; VCR; Internet; and simultaneously if desired.

In addition, new ceiling speakers will be installed in the Social Hall to improve the quality of the audio.

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENINGS 8:00 PM
SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 AM

Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz will conduct Services
with Music Director,
Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe
and our Temple Choir

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY....

LITTLE, BUT SO LUMINOUS

The story of Hanukkah is not mentioned in the Hebrew Bible. Rather, the triumph over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 BCE is found in the books of First and Second Maccabees. These books belong to the Apocrypha, a collection of texts that, for reasons we don't always know, were not included in the canon of the Hebrew Bible.

Interestingly, the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days is not even found in the books of the Maccabees. We come across it much later as a legend recorded in the Talmud. Due to Hanukkah's lack of Biblical canonical status it is, theologically, regarded as a minor holiday in Jewish tradition.

However, as we all know, Jewish children don't find anything minor about the Festival of Lights. I certainly recall how much I looked forward to its eight special nights as a youngster. Dreidels were spun on everything from the dining table to the kitchen floor to my father's shoulder. Chocolate gelt and latkes were devoured immediately on sight.

In our home the presents increased in value as we moved towards the holiday's last night. I delighted in learning that my parents had indeed received the many hints I'd dropped regarding what gifts I'd like to receive those last evenings.

But beyond all the spinning dreidels, gelt, and even gifts, what made Hanukkah so enchanting were the lights. My family took time to pause to admire their simple beauty. Casting our eyes on the luminous little candles brought a gratifying sense of calm, strength, and hope.

As the Hanukkah lights glowed, we looked into each others eyes and felt enveloped by precious bonds of relation. Gazing on this outward expression of faith kindled an inward consciousness of thanksgiving. No matter what else may have been happening in the world, we recognized just how many blessing we still enjoyed. When this happens, Hanukkah surely becomes a major holiday.

Hanukkah means "dedication." The lighting of the candles reminds us of the unfaltering religious dedication that originally inspired the observance of the festival. Peter Yarrow wrote in his stirring Hanukkah anthem, *Light One Candle*, "Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years, Don't let the light go out, Let it shine through our love and our tears."

Indeed, don't let the light go out. Let it continue to shine through our Jewish pride and convictions.

Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz

92nd St. Y Telecasts

The last in the fall series of satellite telecasts from the 92nd St. Y will feature two knowledgeable and prominent speakers, Professor Vali Nasr and former New York Mayor Ed Koch.

The first telecast featuring Professor Nasr will take place on December 7, 2009, at 8:15 PM. He will argue that the great battle for the soul of the Middle East will be fought not over religion but over business and capitalism. He is professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Mayor Koch will appear via DVD with New York Times reporter Joseph Berger on December 14, 2009, at 8:15 PM in a free flowing discussion of current events relating to the Jewish world and beyond.

These telecasts are made possible by grants from the Rabbi Sanford Saperstein Fund and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and are open to the public.

Doris White

VETERAN'S SHABBAT

If you missed our Veteran's Shabbat Service on Friday, November 20th, you missed a very compelling, moving and emotional program.

Our veterans entered the Sanctuary proudly carrying the American Flag that added to the solemnity of the Service conducted by Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz. Those that were taking part in the service proceeded to the Bimha where they shared ritual readings, their memories and impressive experiences.

Our wonderful choir, under the direction of **Dr. Ann Stephenson-Moe,** set the tone for the evening with appropriate military music representing all branches of the U.S. Military Services. We all sang with gusto and reinforced our heartfelt feelings and loyalty to our great country.

Alvin Grossman introduced **David Stone**, Post Commander of Disabled American Veterans Post 97 who in turn presented a certificate of Merit to our President, Elaine Weill, for Temple Beth Israel's generosity in providing donations to help hospitalized and confined veterans with the basic necessities that the government does not offer to them.

We thank **Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz, Kathy Brooks** and **Harold Ronson** for their dedication in preparing this evening's outstanding program.

Shirley Fein

BETH ISRAEL WOMEN

Our first open meeting of the year was attended by fifty-six women, including some of our new members. We were so happy to welcome them to our fold. Thank you all for joining our ranks to have some fun and help us make a difference.

We were all moved by Susan Morin's program. Her company "Yummy Stuff" began as a way to help children and their families develop everyday habits of healthy eating. Upon discovering the tremendous need in our community, her mission now includes a sincere effort to help alleviate the hunger experienced by too many children in our larger community. We are going to try and see what BIW can do to help.

Some upcoming dates for you to mark on your calendar are as follows. We would ask that you PLEASE make your reservations and send a check, if needed, well ahead of time so that we have an accurate count for set-up and do not have to collect monies at the door. THANK YOU.

Our annual HANUKKAH DINNER to be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

Our PAID UP LUNCHEON including a program from Rabbi Katz will be held on Monday, December 21, 2009.

Our annual FASHION SHOW with fashions by Saks Fifth Avenue will be held at Michael's On East on Monday, January 25, 2010.

The INTER-CITY SISTERHOOD TEA will be hosted this year by Temple Emanuel on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Our guest speaker will be Marsha Servitt who will speak on the historical accomplishments of Jewish women in Florida.

Please save Friday evening, March 12, 2010 for our SISTERHOOD SHABBAT. It promises to be a very special service by some very special women.., us!

GAME DAY, GAME DAY! This ever popular event will be held this year on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Sheila Zinder

BOOKS AND BROWN BAG

The second meeting of The Books and Brown Bag Lunch Bunch will be held on Monday, December 14. Facilitator Gloria Sabin will discuss the book *Emma Lazarus* by Esther Schor. This is a BIW-sponsored program and those attending should be BIW members. Participants can bring lunch; coffee and dessert will be available starting at 12:30pm.

Gloria Sabin and Linda Berliner, Co-Chairs

WOMEN ON OUR OWN

WOOO GOING INTO OUR 12TH YEAR

Twelve years ago Women On Our Own (WOOO) was started by a group of Temple members who had experienced the loss of a mate after many years. This is a very difficult time for many women, and it was decided to reach out and get to know one another better.

This gradually led to the formation of WOOO, which has been a wonderful success and has brought many of us together. WOOO soon became integrated into the Temple family. We have participated in all of our Temple activities and have at the same time enjoyed our own agenda through the years.

We urge women alone to join us and share together. Those of you who may not know about us are urged to call and make yourselves known by referring to the Temple Directory. **Maye Lavinson, President**

Ruth Lerner, VP, Dorrace Zucker, Treasurer

VINTAGE WHINE TO APPEAR AT CHANUKAH DINNER

The talented local improv group, Vintage Whine, will perform at Temple Beth Israel's Hanukkah dinner on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Following a festive meal, featuring brisket, latkes and more, members of the group will use the Hanukkah story as the launching brand for their special entertaining brand of humor. Reservations may be made by calling the Temple at 383-3428 by December 10. The cost is $20.00 for Temple members and their guests.

SUPER LUNCH WITH THE RABBI

Our second lunch on Monday December 14th at 12:30 will not only deals with a hot topic "Iran Today Poses Many Dangers. What should Israel Do?, it also includes an additional treat. Topping off the usual corned beef or tuna fish sandwiches will be LATKES. We'll only have enough for 60 hungry noshers so get your reservations in early.

Lunch is open to 2009-10 paid-up Men's Club members. Please use the handy coupon to let us know:

- whether you are a member and plan to attend
- are a member and would like to sign up for this and future luncheons @ $28
- would like to join the Men's Club @ $40
- would like to both join the Men's Club and attend future luncheons @ $68

Donald Kayton

MEN'S CLUB

Over 140 Temple members and guests attended Shalom Again, the Klezmer Dinner Sunday, November 8. The traditional Eastern European joyous music prompted spontaneous dancing. This event has become the signature opening program of the Men's Club. Coming dates to note are:

- ***Movie Night "Walk on Water"***

Thursday, December 10, 7:00

In Hebrew and German with English subititles. No charge. Open to all. Read the writeup elsewhere in this Bulletin

- ***Lunch with the Rabbi***

Monday, December 14 at 12:30

For Men's Club members. Subject: "Iran Today Poses Many Dangers. What should Israel Do?"

- ***Samuel Norich, Publisher of the Jewish Forward***

Tuesday, January 19, 2:00 pm

Meet and hear Mr. Norich tell the Forward's story and continued role as **the** Jewish Newspaper in the U.S. Founded in 1897 and still publishing today in English and Yiddish. It once boasted a readership even greater than the New York Times. It served as a major connection as the Jewish immigrant population grew particularly in New York and other cities in the first half of the 20th Century. The presentation is followed by a reception with Mr. Norich.
Temple members, $15. Non-members $20.

- ***Men's Club Opera Night***

Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm

Mark your calendar now for this always sold-out performance by the Sarasota Opera Players back for it seventh year. Its continuing by-demand return tells the whole story.

- ***Classical Jewish Music from Biblical Times to the Present***

Sunday, March 14, 3:00 pm

Paul Green, accomplished clarinetist, faculty member of Florida Atlantic University demonstrates this music through video, recorded archives as well as live performance by him and his accompanist of Jewish Music from the Renaissance, classical eras as well as contemporary classical Jewish music. Followed by a wine and cheese reception with Paul Green.

- ***The First Basket, A Jewish Basketball Documentary***

Sunday, April 11, 2:00 pm

An entertaining and surprising account of the early days of Basketball. David Vyorst, its producer and director, will add his comments and insights. He uses archival information and using the rich history of Jewish participation in basketball starting with the immigrants on New York's lower East Side and now its continued growth in Israel.

Donald Kayton, President, Men's Club

HOORAY!
TBI DINES RETURNS JANUARY 20

More than 75 Temple members participated in last year's first TBI Dines program. Due to that success, another TBI Dines will be held Wednesday evening January 20. The event is designed to provide a fun and enjoyable way for Beth Israel members to get to know each other better by gathering in private homes to share a sumptuous meal and warm fellowship.

The gatherings will include from 6-10 people each. Some participants are requested to serve as hosts for the evening. Each host will receive a list of attendees and a short guide explaining the goals of the dinner. The meal will be pot-luck with hosts asking guests to bring an appetizer, dessert, side dish, beverages, etc.

We hope that at least 8-10 Beth Israel members will serve as hosts. Guests will be matched with a host once they have registered for the program. When registering, you will be asked about dietary needs, allergies, pets, etc.

Whether single or a couple, all TBI members are invited to participate in this *hamish* and stimulating dinner parties. Several new friendships were fostered as a consequence of TBI Dines.

If you would like to be a host or to attend a dinner please call the office, 393-3428, by Monday, December 28. We look forward to another wonderful evening of members enjoying each others company.

NOTICE TO ALL TBI ACTIVE MEMBERS

The Ritual Committee of TBI is an important standing committee that deals with the ritual of our shabbat and holiday services.

The Committee wishes to broaden its representation of the congregation on ritual matters by expanding its membership. Any member interested in being on the Committee should call the Temple office or me (383-8565) to discuss the matter confidentially. We appreciate your interest and willingness to participate more fully especially if you have some constructive ideas about ritual practice.

We are especially interested in the ideas of those members who attend Friday evening services. We hope to hear from you and thanks for your interest in this important Temple function.

Dr. Jerome C. Rosenthal. Chair, Ritual Committee

LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS ARE LIKE NEW FRIENDS

Don't you enjoy making new friends, especially when those new folks in your life have fascinating backgrounds, stories of adventures in far off places? Well, the new books our library continually brings into our collection are like those new friends. And you don't have to wait for a special invitation or introduction. The Temple Library is *always* ope*n* when the Temple is open. The door isn't locked. Just come in, turn on the light and browse the books. Temple Members take out books by signing the card in the back pocket and putting the card into the drop box on the desk. If staff isn't there, and you have a question or suggestion, put a note on the desk and someone will get back to you. We have a lot of wonderful books that are for your instruction and enjoyment.

This month is so filled with holiday celebrations and family gatherings. To make your spare moments extra fulfilling, I call your attention to new books that have vivid stories:

Rashi's Daughters, Book III by Maggi Anton. The final book in the epic historical trilogy about the lives and loves of the great Talmudic scholar Rashi's three daughters.

The Fruit of Her Hands by Michelle Cameron. A 13th Century woman is raised and educated like a son by her widowed father.

Day After Night by Anita Diamont. The author of The Red Tent creates a cast of four young women, who escape to Israel from Nazi Europe.

If You Awaken Love, by Emuna Elona Set in Israel between the Six Days War and the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, it's the moving story of a girl's love- hate relationships with the men in her life..

All Other Nights by Dara Horn. The author of The World to Come weaves a tale of adventure, taking place during the Civil War, featuring conflicts between Jews of the North and South

Sonata for Miriam, by Linda Olsson. Composer Adam Anker embarks on a journey to uncover his family's past, taking him from New Zealand to Krakow, Poland, and ending in Sweden.

Defector by Daniel Silva. The ninth book in the popular series about Israeli art restorer and spy, Gabriel Allon, who comes out of retirement to take on a former KGB agent.

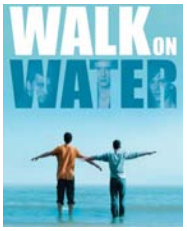
A Mad Desire to Dance, by Elie Wiesel. The author, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, tells the story of a man whose life is shaped by the horrors of the 20th century.

In January, when we turn the calendar pages to more serious structured activities, I will discuss other brand new volumes that stretch the mind.

Marjorie Sandy, Librarian

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00 PM

Movie Night



Walk on Water –In English although there is some Hebrew and German (with English subtitles).

A top assassin in the Mossad is given the mission to befriend the adult grandchildren of an aging Nazi war criminal who might still be alive. The target's grandson and granddaughter inadvertently help him uncover his own troubled history and face his demons while they discover the ugly truth their family has hidden from them for decades.

What begins as a straightforward mission is suddenly escalated in intensity and complexity – thrusting three very different people into a thrilling triangle of murder, friendship and fate. Can a new generation forgive the sins of the past?

TIDBITS

♦ Mazel Tov to **Nancy and Rabbi Michael Eisenstat** on their son's (Larry Eisenstat) marriage.

♦ What was only a rumor about enhancing the Temple's audio-visual system and extending it into the Sanctuary suddenly became a fact and its broad potential applications had become simply awe inspiring All of this is thanks to the Rabbi Sanford Saperstein Fund and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and, of course, the efforts of **Rich Olin.**

This development was aided by **Norman Reiter, June Stern, Gerard Daniel and Scott Anderson** of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. Thanks to all.

♦ **Dave Solomon** reports that the season's first meeting of Chavurah Gimmel was hosted by **Miriam and Herb Waltzer**. The program was a songfest with each member bringing in his or her favorite song The selections varied from "You Are My Sunshine" to "Hava Nagila." **Rebecca Hill,** soloist in our choir, did her best to keep them on tune, and **Russell Kennedy** was a fantastic pianist. The songfest was followed by a "make-it-yourself sundae."

Tzedakah is a Blessing

Francine & Stanley Adelman
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Many thanks to those who contributed to the Kol Nidre Appeal

TIKKUN TOUR VISITS MANATEE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Water is our most vital natural resource. That's why its availability, safety, and treatment have become increasingly important issues both locally and around the world.

All water treatment facilities are not the same. The H20 we drink in Florida is treated differently than the water found elsewhere in the United States. To learn more about the state of our water, a special tour of the water treatment facility serving Longboat Key has been arranged for Beth Israel members on Wednesday morning, January 6.

We will discover where our water comes from, its quality, treatment and future. Rabbi Katz will also offer insights about the significant role water has played in Jewish tradition and history.

This program is another in a series of Tikkun Tours sponsored by the Temple's Social Action Committee. While the morning promises to be fascinating, space is limited. Please communicate your interest in participating in the tour by contacting the office no later than December 21. The tour will last from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Just last month the *New York Times* featured a front page article (that also appeared in the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*) about the growing issue of water and waste treatment.

Membership

We have met, reviewed, suggested, made lists, asked for ideas and now we will put into action the words we spoke. New members are crucial to our congregation. By placing our emphasis on three or four ideas with help from all our members, we can have an exciting and productive year.

- Our dues information will be more informative on our member application form.
- Our committee will be welcoming guests to our synagogue.
- Our events such as a new member dinner and Shabbat service is being planned.
- Theme Shabbat services are in the planning stages.
- And our information table in the lobby will be reorganized.
- Any other crucial information will be taken into serious consideration.

If we don't say hello to you, please say hello to us.
Thank you,
Membership Committee: **Nancy Skadron, Susan Morin, Lois Barson and Phyllis Ploener**

NEW MEMBERS

New members are crucial to our congregation. By placing emphasis on three or four ideas with help from all our members, we can hope for an experience that will be exciting and productive in the months to come.

Improvements will be made in various functions, including dues information on the Member Application Form. Our committee will regularly welcome guests to our Temple and will work to identify and integrate new members into our Temple family.

Currently in the planning stages are a "New Member" Shabbat and under consideration a new members dinner. Input from Temple members is welcome.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our congregation:

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3435 Winding Oaks Dr.
Longboat Key 34228
383-6307.

Nancy Skadron, Chair,
Membership Committee
Susan Morin, Lois Barson, Phyllis Ploener

WELCOME

HOW CAN I HELP THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND IS SIMPLE:

CASH OR STOCK. Gifts of cash or stock to our endowment in memory or honor of a loved one are popular ways to help. Gifts of stock can be made easily by calling Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice at 941.486.4600.

WILL OR TRUST. Naming our endowment fund in a will is a wonderful way to be remembered. Or, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice staff is available to help with gift planning tools. Gifts such as charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities provide you with a lifetime income. Charitable lead trusts are designed to provide income payments to our endowment fund.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY. A charitable gift annuity is a contract between the donor and Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice that provides the donor(s) and/or other named beneficiaries with a guaranteed income at a competitive rate of return. After their lifetime(s) the gift annuity establishes a permanent charitable fund at the Foundation to benefit causes or organizations the donors have chosen. The gift annuity is backed by the Foundation's assets.

LIFE INSURANCE. Insurance policies enable virtually everyone to make a gift. You may choose to give a paid-up policy, buy a new policy or buy insurance to replace a charitable request.

IRA OR QUALIFIED PLAN AND REAL PROPERTY WITH LIFETIME USE. Let the professional staff of Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice discuss with you assets that can provide for you during your lifetime and furnish a substantial gift to our organization's endowment fund later.

Norman Reiter

ACCLAIMED DOCUMENTARY TO BE SHOWN AT TEMPLE

Praying in her Own Voice, an award winning film depicting the courageous struggle of Jewish women to openly practice their faith at the Western Wall will have an exclusive screening at the Temple on Tuesday evening December 29 at 7:00 p.m. In telling the story of the "Women of the Wall" movement over the last twenty-five years, this powerful hour-long documentary represents an outcry against religious coercion and denial of women's rights. "In the 21st century," said the film's Director Yael Katzir, "when most women are lawyers, neurosurgeons, and Prime Ministers, it is not clear why there must be a divorce between their roles in the temporal world and their duties in the spiritual realm." There is no cost for members. The cost for for non-members is $7.00.

Just last month, Israeli police arrested arrested a women who was praying at the Wstern Wall simply because she had wrapped herself in a tallit. A few days before this incident, Israel's most prominent Sephardi religious leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, said women in the feminist movement are "stupid" and act the way they do out of a selfish desire for equality, not "for heavens' sake."

IS A JEWISH WOMEN'S MAGAZINE REALLY NAMED AFTER A DEMON?

At the December 21 BIW Sisterhood Lunch, Rabbi Katz will share the fascinating, racy, and downright scary story of Lilith. Some say she was Adam's first wife, before Eve came on the scene.

Lilith is portrayed in Hebrew sources as a dangerous seductress and also very clever. She is regarded as the incarnation of lust that leads men astray. She is also seen as witch-like, capable of ghastly murder. What is this feminine figure doing in Jewish tradition? Why was a women's magazine named after her? Find out at the BIW lunch.

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2	Donald & Elaine Weill	20	Si & Mary Ann Bernstein	26	Harvey Mendelow
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Our Perpetual Yahrzeits are in order of the date of death.
To be read on each of the following Fridays:

In Memoriam
Lucien Levy

December 4, 2009
Harold Albert
David Steinberg
Mildred Bernard
Sam Grundfest
Theodore Birnkrant
Mercedes Katz
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John Solomon
Florence Balfour
Louis Heit
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Dorothy Setlow
Hinda Pressman
Harry Gutterman
Sara Schuller
Edward Stein
Rose Stern

December 11, 2009
Anna V. Adelman
Eli Davidson
Anne Cohen
William Daniel
Abraham Edelstein
Albert Robinson
Shirley Zimmer
Alfred Gleeksman
Sarah Glickman
Albert Poler
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Irma Green
Lawrence Kaplan
Yetta Weitzman
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Jacob Markovitz
Joan Leslie Munzer
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Susan Gal-Ed
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Minnie Ross
Constance Kaiser
Alex S. Schoenbaum
Herbert Silman
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Regina Zimmerman

December 18, 2009
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Mabel Grundfest
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Anne Shapiro
William Pannier
Ruth Firsty
Alan Saks
Michael A. Sabin
Dora Lenow
David Stevens

December 25, 2009
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Asaf Benderly
Goldie Bernstein
Hilliard Cronson
Jason Dropkin
Moritz Katz
Berti Katz
Sam Krantz
Abe Cranman
Rose Salk
Morris Israeloff
Jacob Krum
Lenore Krum
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WED. DEC. 16TH

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USE THESE FORMS TO PLACE AN ORDER AND MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ITEMS AND EVENTS APPEARING IN THIS MONTH'S BULLETIN

EACH EVENT MUST HAVE A SEPARATE CHECK

Lunch With The Rabbi

Monday, December 14
12:30 PM

To: Temple Beth Israel Men's Club, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

Please save me a seat at Lunch with the Rabbi **(reservations are required).**

- ❑ I am a member and would like to sign up for this and future luncheons @ $28
- ❑ I would like to join the Men's Club @ $40
- ❑ I would like to both join the Men's Club and attend future luncheons @ $68

Name_____ Tel #_____

Chanukah Dinner

Wednesday, December 16
6:00 PM

To: Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

Please sign me up for the Chanukah Dinner **(reservations are required).**

- ❑ Cost for members and their guests $20.00

No of seats _____ Amount enclosed $_____

Name_____ Tel #_____

BIW Luncheon

Monday, December 21
12:00 PM

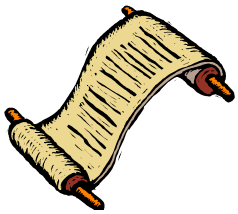
To: Beth Israel Women, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

- ❑ I am a member. Please reserve my seat at the Paid-Up BIW Luncheon.
- ❑ Sign me up for BIW Membership for $40.00 and reserve me a seat.

There is no charge for paid-up members. Reservations are required.

Name_____ Tel#_____

Take Part in a Shabbat Service



Accept An Honor

Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

I would like to participate in Shabbat Services by accepting an honor(s) as

- ❑ Gelilah (dress the Torah)
- ❑ Hagbahah (raise the Torah)
- ❑ Ark Opener/Closer
- ❑ Gabbai (assist Rabbi at Torah service)
- ❑ Aliyah (recite Torah Blessings)*
- ❑ Haftorah (read Haftorah portion)

I/we would like to have the honor on ** Saturday (month and date)

_____

I am willing to accept an honor. Please call me for a time.

Name(s) _____ Tel. # _____

* We will need your and both parents' Hebrew names. ** Please allow at least two weeks notice.