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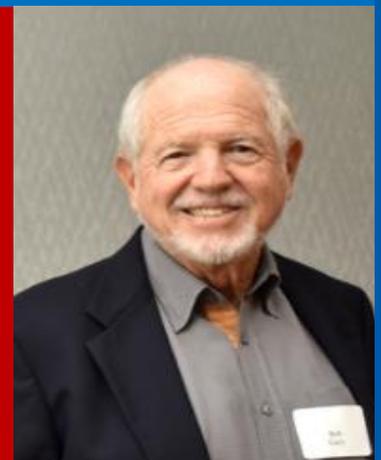
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MEN'S CLUB VIRTUAL EVENT

The
2020
Election
And How It Will
Affect Us

Presented By:

Bob Gary



Elections always have consequences. However, the 2020 election may very well determine the future course of the nation. Join guest speaker **BOB GARY** in a freewheeling discussion of where we go, post the 2020 election. The future is before us and what better time to speculate on how we as a nation are going to inevitably change. Even after the election we will still be in the grip of a worldwide pandemic, which will have an impact on the political landscape. Join this Men's Club discussion, where we will grapple with the big questions of our time. Come and bring your crystal ball!
(FREE/ OPEN TO COMMUNITY! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

Sunday, November 15, 2020
10:00 AM ET
ZOOM Online Conference
FREE! OPEN TO COMMUNITY!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS
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Call: (941) 383-3428
Email: tbi-office@tbi-lbk.org

TBI Virtual Service Times

Fridays at 7p.m. and Saturdays at 10a.m.
Available on Facebook & YouTube



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

On Rosh Hashanah morning, I addressed our broad coalition of diverse degrees of belief. I was striving to find words that describe why we show up in such numbers on the High Holy Days.

To my words, several people have since offered such words as “sentiment,” “melancholy,” “guilt.” I don’t like the last one because I don’t think it’s guilt that compels, urges us, to be with one another in the synagogue, even if it’s just once or twice a year.

I think we as Jews want to be with others on those special days, representing our ancient, thousands of years’ generational and genetic connections; people we identify with, whose history we identify with; people who we may not even know, that we’re immediately comfortable with, where we are accepted wherever and whenever we walk into a Jewish House of Worship. And I think that’s true especially on the High Holy Days. We feel drawn to be there and when the service is over, and we depart, we literally feel the satisfaction, comfort, pleasure and the fulfillment of just having been there - that we did the right thing again this year.

Maybe this coming back each year is our inherent, endogenous Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) kicking in. But in any event we keep coming back because we want - we need - to experience that innate feeling that we’ve done what we are supposed to do - you’ve checked in, you’ve remembered your existential connections with the past and the future.

That connection reminds me of Mr. Spock of Star Trek. As intellectual, non-spiritual and unemotional as he seemed to be, every few years he had an obsessive, emotionally overwhelming, irresistible urge to return to his planet and reconnect with his people, an endogenous yearning that had to be satisfied. Obviously a Jewish writer also with OCD created Mr. Spock.

Again, whatever it is that brings all together is good. For many of us it is one of the highlights of our year. Should you have thoughts why we come together in such numbers at the High Holy Days I’d like to know them. And keep in mind, and be also very assured, we would also like to see you at least a few times a year at a regular Shabbat Friday evening or Saturday morning service. Just drop by. You’d be very welcome.

Stay safe, stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Sinai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stuart Sinai, President



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Each week I await with great anticipation our Friday afternoon “cocktail hour” when members of the congregation share with us their Jewish journey. We have among us many interesting and accomplished people, many of whom are very modest or at least reluctant to talk about themselves. We have given them the opportunities to share with us. We have given ourselves the opportunity to learn and understand more about our fellow congregants and thereby feel closer as a community.

Practically all of us come from elsewhere. It is not as if we are a congregation of members who grew up together and whose grandparents knew each other. I had that experience in Pennsylvania and in Maryland. So it is not just the

Rabbi who wants to know more about you. Your fellow congregants feel the same way.

Covid 19 has forced us to do the right thing and be socially distant. We have found new ways to be a community and have community gatherings. We take advantage of Zoom especially during our cocktail hours. We are going one step further. We are asking those who share their Jewish journey to write up their notes so we can publish the stories in the *Bulletin*.

I haven't done my Jewish journey presentation yet, but our editor asked if I would share some of my story in advance for this issue of the *Bulletin*. I struggled with what to share or what to select. I have often heard myself say “When I write my memoirs....” I doubt I ever will. But there are a lot of unusual experiences that this or any other Rabbi could talk about. I decided to go in a different direction. Elsewhere in this *Bulletin* I share some vignettes of my Jewish childhood, family background and education – all before October 16th 1969. That was the day I wrote a letter to the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati asking what I had to do to apply to the rabbinical school. No, I didn't always want to be a Rabbi.

We get together via Zoom. This has been an unbelievably successful program. Don't be shy. Offer to share your Jewish journey with us.

Rabbi Stephen L. Sniderman

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

November marks the halfway point in our fiscal year that started June 1, 2020. It is our tradition to present a budget to you at the Annual Meeting at the end of March. This meeting allows us to present you with a financial picture of where we stand as a congregation. The world today moves faster than the rhythm of a fiscal year. The pandemic and the vital signs of our economy, the political climate and the uncertainty that permeates every aspect of our lives, dictate that we take a deep breath and reassess our financial position, knowing that the initial budget was prepared with all the assumptions of a pre-pandemic world.

Before you read any further, you should know that the Temple's finances are solid. The accumulated wisdom of previous administrations and the extraordinary efforts of your current leadership find us in a comfortable position capable of surmounting the current isolation, and then some. Over the years, we have accrued reserves capable of sustaining us in times of financial stress.

More than our financial strength, our most valuable commodity is your embrace of the Temple family. In an unprecedented show of solidarity, you came through with early and increased financial commitment to your Temple. You sent in your dues payments early, you increased your Leadership Circle participation and joined the LIFE & LEGACY society in numbers. Many have come forth with additional donations as a sign of appreciation for your Rabbi, your leadership and the extended family that is your Temple. Other agencies were forthcoming with financial support as a sign of their confidence in our programming and operation. The Community Foundation of Sarasota County gifted \$15,000 this year and pledged \$55,000 for the next five years, in order for our Temple to continue the important programs that we have come to appreciate. The Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee came forth with several packages totaling more than \$16,000. We are fortunate to have qualified for the Payroll Protection Plan, offered by the Small Business Administration, with an immediate influx of funds.

The transformation to a virtual world has not left us wanting. **Rabbi Stephen, Corinne and Spencer Sniderman**, aided by many participants, offered us a unique and wonderful experience during the High Holidays. The services online garnered over three hundred views each. All went without a hitch at a time when many congregations around the country experienced difficulties.

Our themed cocktail hours on Friday nights have grown in popularity and in depth of appreciation for our fellow members. Presenters tell us their Jewish Journey; we delight in their accomplishments and revel in the details of their life. We find kinship in the shared experience.

Friday night Shabbat dinners-to-go are a great success. **Marion Levine** is ever-Innovating and finding new ways for us to connect. What better way than with a shared meal!

The permanent record of our lives during the pandemic will preserve a snapshot of the spirit of resilience of this forty-one-year-old congregation for future generations. I can imagine a celebration, many years from now, showing some of the videos we have archived and feeling proud of what we have accomplished.



Isaac Azerad
Executive Director

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TBI's administration is working hard to ensure the safety and well being of our congregation. Although perfect security can never be achieved, we strive to take maximum measures to mitigate any and all threats. Our Temple is adequately protected with sprinklers, alarms, sensors, voice activated commands, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, exits, exit lighting, security, backup systems, strobe emergency lights, special locking mechanisms, cameras and monitoring, panic buttons, special lockdown procedures, and special codes. Plus, our Temple has an in-house security team that is in continuous contact with our LBK Police Department and our Federation Security team. We have been inspected by the Sarasota-Manatee Sheriff's Dept., our LBK Police Dept. and advised by the FBI, Homeland Security, Naval Intelligence, and by members of the IDF. Also, our LBK Police Dept. can be seen during the day and evening hours observing our two parking lots and our Temple.

Since our Temple was built 41 years ago, we regularly monitor our fire safety equipment, and make the necessary improvements. We recently completed an overhaul of our pumping system that supplies water to our sprinkler system. We installed an improved water pumping system to insure that we have the proper prescribed operating pressure to insure a constant and steady flow of water in case of an emergency.

We have a number of projects that will be undertaken during the remainder of 2020 and continuing through 2021. The majority of these projects involve your security and safety.

The following are some of the projects that have been approved by our Board of Trustees:

1. Upgrading our flex ductwork in our Sanctuary along with reinsulating and resealing our sixteen radial diffusers. All of our ductwork will also be thoroughly cleaned and later fogged with chlorine dioxide.
2. The placement of a 153 linear foot, two rail railing of welded steel extending from our new emergency sidewalk leading from our Sanctuary to our front sidewalk.
3. Complete the final phase of our sidewalk project, which will include the repair and replacement of many sidewalk sections, along with improvements to our entranceways and exits of our two parking lots.
4. Installation of additional security cameras to cover our two parking areas. This will allow for better monitoring of vehicles coming and going from our lots, along with the individuals that are in them.
5. Refurbish our high back Bimah chairs, as the veneer on some of them needs to be repaired.
6. Repaint our library after having improved the overall lighting of this room.
7. Increase the amount of exterior lighting around the front of our synagogue and also leading to and from our parking areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT CONT.

Additional projects that are currently being discussed for approval include:

1. Construction of an additional exit in our Sanctuary on the right side near our Bimah, along with an emergency sidewalk, that will lead directly to our front sidewalk and would have a protective two rail railing.
2. Repairing cracks in the ceiling of our Sanctuary.
3. Repainting the ceiling and the walls of our Sanctuary.
4. The removal of additional Australian Pine trees located on our two parcels of land.
5. Replacing the current lighting in the Social Hall to achieve the following: improved lighting, longer life bulbs, and a savings of approximately 30% in our lighting expenses for this large area.

Allan Goldfarb, Vice President of Administration

MEN'S CLUB

As we start the new year, we are beginning to make some plans for this year's activities. Of course, they will not be in person. We do look forward to those happy times when we can once again enjoy lox and bagels for breakfast together.

November 15, 2020 10:00 a.m. - Election Analysis by Bob Gary

Our programming will start online in November with a talk and discussion with Bob Gary discussing the results of the November Presidential election and what effect it will have upon us. Look for Zoom information in the early November e-blast.

December 13, 2020 10:00 a.m. - Do You Need an Investment Advisor? by Walter Frank

Walter has just published a book of the same name. He has been in the brokerage business for over 40 years. We look forward to his talk. If the Temple is still closed, the program will be presented by Zoom and the log on information will be in an early December e-blast.

January 10, 2021 10:00 a.m. - Covid-19 and Sports by Stewart Tauber

You know, has extensive experience with professional sports teams. If the Temple is still closed, the program will be online via Zoom. Log on information will be in a **TBI** e-blast in early January.

We look forward to having both men and women with us as everybody will be interested in these topics. You will soon receive a membership application. Please fill it out and send it along with your check for \$40 in the self-enclosed envelope.

We look forward to being with everyone in the very near future. In the meantime, stay safe.

Lewis Moyer, Men's Club President

BETH ISRAEL WOMEN'S CLUB REPORT

Another month of social distancing, but the BIW Board has been meeting virtually and trying to create activities which would involve our membership.

We are going to have a monthly Movie Monday. We will recommend a film to watch and follow it up with a review and discussion.

This month, our movie is on Netflix. *Septembers of Shiraz* with Adrien Brody and Salma Hayek. It is based on a true event in Iran during the Ayatollah's regime. A review will be Zoomed by **Rabbi Sniderman** and discussion and questions will follow. We hope to get our BIW members to participate. Discussion will be held at **1:00 p.m. on November 16**.

Those who would like to participate should watch the movie in their own time before the Rabbi's review. The movie is available on Netflix and Hulu, or the Sarasota library. To be included in the discussion, be sure to RSVP to **Kelli Veit** at: kkveit@bellsouth.net Then, Kelli will email a confirmation and the zoom link for the discussion to you.

Next month there will be another movie recommendation. We welcome your ideas to keep us connected.

We wish you good health..

Nancy Cohen & Sylvia Pastor, BIW Co-Presidents

BOOKS & BROWN BAGS

The BIW Book Club will begin the 2020-2021 season with **Corrinne Sniderman** as the facilitator for *Feast Your Eyes* by Myla Goldberg on **Monday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m.** **Kelli Veit** will be in charge of the Zooming.

This is the story of a female photographer and her relationship with her daughter as she achieves fame in her profession. This discussion will be "Zoomed" as will the remaining five book discussions.

December 9 at 1:00 p.m. will highlight *Citka's Journey* by Heather Morris that explores a young woman's journey to Siberia. A facilitator is needed for this and the subsequent books.

Although the temple library is not open, all the books can be obtained at the public libraries, online and at bookstores. Instructions regarding attending the book review will be emailed preceding the meeting.

Gloria Sabin, Chairperson
Tena Tessler, Co-Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Membership Committee members include: **Marion Levine, Karen Gary** Co-Chairperson, **Susan Newmark** Co-Chairperson, **Isaac Azerad, David Gorin, Lew Moyer, Carole Cohen, Maxine Tauber, Sylvia Pastor, Phyllis Lieberman, Gloria Feibus, Lisa Mirman, Bob Vigder, Esther Emmerman.**

We are meeting on Zoom regularly even though some of us are in Ohio, New Jersey, Chicago, as well as Florida. Our Survey, which David Gorin created, informed us of the talent and rich backgrounds of our **TBI** members and we are looking to tap that talent for future programming both during this pandemic and soon after when we can, hopefully, see each other in person.

This Committee collaborated with the Social Action Committee to collect food for SECOND CHANCE on Erev Yom Kippur and we thank you all for your generous food contributions. Each of our Temple members who live at Sarasota Bay Club received a small gift of honey to usher in a sweet year. We wanted them to know how much we appreciate their support and involvement in the Temple.

We wish you a Sweet, Healthy and Happy New Year.

Karen Gary, Membership Committee Co-Chairperson

A NEW COLUMBARIUM FOR TBI

The Cemetery committee is pleased to announce that after lengthy negotiation, **TBI** has purchased and construction has begun on a second 48-niche Columbarium at Palms Memorial Park in Sarasota. Our first one has been sold out for 10 years.

Niches will be \$2,500. However, a pre-construction sale price of \$2,100.00 will be available until December 31, 2020.

We have also purchased 50 additional plots. The present pricing is \$3,200, per plot. Pricing will increase to \$3,700, starting December 31st, 2020.

This pricing is available for Members only. If you are in need of burial arrangements, we urge that you take advantage of these opportunities. Please call the office and someone from the Cemetery Committee will contact you.

Stuart Sinai & Dr. Howard Tessler, Cemetery Committee Co-Chairpersons

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Last month, we began a different focus for our monthly article. We are spotlighting the members in our congregation who have made, and continue to make a positive difference in our community, from Meals on Wheels to tutoring in schools, and from serving on the Friends of the Library Board to making sandwiches for Second Chance, Last Opportunity.

We want to hear from you about the important and maybe unsung contributions you have made for the people in our city. Please call or email me with your story.

This month, we feature **Paul and Arlene Skversky**. They are among the newer members in **TBI**, but already have made an impact by bringing to our attention some of the neediest families in our town.

Paul Skversky tells us, "Over the years, I have worked on numerous projects in the community. Arlene and I have been Make -A- Wish granters for over 15 years, bringing wishes to ill children. I have been part of the "Rocking Readers" program at E.E. Booker Elementary School. Working with the children has been incredibly rewarding, especially when you see a child's face beam at the "discovery" of a word now understood. I have also been part of the Friends of the Selby Library Board of Trustees. For several years I was involved with the LBK Fire Department and Tennis Center in promoting CPR classes. Over 2,000 people have taken this life saving course. After many years in business, it has been a blessing to be able to give something back to our beautiful community."

Arlene Skversky tells us her story of social action at work: "Where do I begin? Shabbat dinners with my maternal grandparents every Friday night from my earliest memories, meant big hugs and bigger kisses from my Bubbe, and then being led to the blue sudokah box to put a quarter in it - for Israel or those in need. Also, stories of my paternal Zaida who never made much money during the Depression while running a grocery store and let everyone pay when able, though most were never able.

Those memories of helping and giving were always with me. So as an elementary school teacher, it was only natural for me to become a Brownie and then Girl Scout leader for our two girls growing up. Later, I began a non-profit organization to fight against child sexual abuse. It was never profitable enough to pay much of a salary, but we were able to work with children and professionals around the country. All of this was made possible by Federal Grants, and Paul, (my husband) being successful and supporting us all, and I mean everyone.

Finally landing in LBK, I became a Guardian Ad Litem for a few years, until they fired me because I argued against a child going home to her family and her offender. I lost. So did she. For the last several years, I have been a "Rockin Reader" at Emma E. Booker Elementary School, providing extra reading time with children. To fill a need at a Food Pantry for Second Chance Last Opportunity, a crisis center in Newtown, I volunteered to take part in their mission. I began helping people in need, by rebuilding the strength of parents so they can better care for their children. Families must be replenished and cared for, in order to help themselves. Thank you all for sharing in this important effort with our Food Drive in September.

In my non-existent spare time and thanks to the encouragement of **Murray Blueglass**, I have been the Democratic Precinct Captain on LBK. This has been my fourth Presidential election. Anyone interested in my job? "I've learned that we all have it within us to do good for others while feeling good about yourself. Not hard, just take the step."

Alice Blueglass, Social Action Chairperson

SHABBAT DINNERS

Shabbat Dinners will continue through November with a special Thanksgiving Feast included.

Many of our members are returning now and have asked us to please continue this service to our members. They have heard good reports about the food and conraderie that these meals have brought.

We have many regulars who can be identified by their cars as they drive up for pick up. We are so grateful for the patronage.

You will note that we made a change in caterers for three weeks of October for a change of menus and to give other caterers an opportunity to provide food to us. We will return to Brooklyn Caterers for November and will notify you what comes for December.

I wish to thank all our volunteers who help check in people and place the food in their vehicles:
Lew Moyer, Sylvia and Irwin Pastor, Sandy Packard, Judy Posner, Evans Tilles. Anyone willing to help for 45 minutes on Friday afternoons, please call the office and volunteer.

Happy Eating!

Marion Levine, Vice President for Special Projects and Membership

Susan Benjamin & Cantor Jay O'Brien

will perform an extraordinary, multi-media program, bringing everyone together through the transformative power of art and musical theater. From the 1920's to the present, Jewish musical theater composers and lyricists have addressed societal and human relations issues, encouraging empathy through their work. This presentation combines elements of several musical biographies, all centered on a significant theme.

A champagne-dessert reception will follow the program, with a chance to meet the performers.

When: Sunday, February 14, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Location: Temple Beth Israel

567 Bay Isles Road Longboat Key, FL 34228

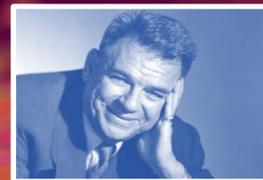
**Cost: \$40 Members of TBI & LBK Education Center
\$50 non-members**

NOTE: No payment is due at the time of registration in case this concert has to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We will reserve your spot and contact you one week prior for payment or any updates.

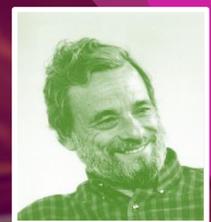
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LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Dear Members,

In the past month, at the time of the High Holidays, we all saw leadership of a different type. It was the sight of members of our congregation stepping up to help our Sarasota community by donating groceries, and, in some cases, financial contributions. We saw members of our congregation spend their time hauling food bags into cars to be delivered to the organization in need, to give comfort to others.

Now, we ask that all who can help, join the Leadership Circle which helps OUR organization, **TBI**, in varied ways. Special programs, enriching activities, and many “extra” additions can embellish the quality of the life at **TBI**. We are so fortunate that we can help others less fortunate. We can also help each other by donations to the Leadership Circle.

Please call the Temple to contribute and help us be all that we can be.

Thank you to all those members listed below, for your caring, generous commitment to our Temple. Donations received after the date for publication, will be listed in the next month’s edition.

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Alice Blueglass & Barbara Pressman, Leadership Circle Co-Chairs

LIFE & LEGACY

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties has provided an update on the results, to date, of the community's participation in the Life & Legacy Program. The results confirm that the ten community organizations participating in the program have supported, and are continuing to enthusiastically support the program.

To date, 629 members of the community have signed Letters of Intent to provide after life legacy gifts to their organizations. The estimated value of these gifts is \$19,000,000. Of these gifts, 69% have been legally formalized and \$2,321,873 has already been realized.

Participation of **TBI's** members in the program has met the Federation's objectives to date. However, much greater participation is needed in order to build the value of our Endowment Fund to a level that will ensure the financial viability of the congregation in the years to come.

For information about how you can join the 51 members of our congregation who are already committed to the program, contact **Isaac Azerad** at the Temple office.

Bob Vigder, Life & Legacy Committee Chair

Pledged Members

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- Harold Grinspoon

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For more information about
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by Amanda Greenblatt

Choir Fund

In appreciation and in honor of Cantor Robert Marinoff and the Choir singing during the High Holy Day services!

Temple Beth Israel Choir

by Marty Katz

In memory of my good friend & neighbor. I wish I'd known her when she was singing in the choir.

Josh Engman & Family

by Jo Ann Goldwater

In memory of Ruth Engman.

Josh Engman & Family

Suzy Engman Weber

& Family

Temple Beth Israel

by Judy Glass

by Dr. Howard & Tena Tessler by

James & Elise Galinsky

by Phyllis Ploener

In memory of Ruth, a dear friend and a wonderful lady.

Suzy Engman Weber

& Family

by Barbara Blumfield

May his memory be for a blessing! There are no words one can say to ease your pain. We pray in time you find peace and comfort from your painful, early loss.

The Stone Family

by Carole Shaw & Stuart Sinai

Thank you for your help & caring, you are a special friend.

Jan Ellison

by Shirley Fein

Endowment Fund

In honor of the births of my two great-grandchildren, Russell Wyatt Heimler and Rylie Pearl Galianni, born 24 hours apart.

Temple Beth Israel Choir

by Audrey Heimler

In memory of Judy Sacks, sister of David Gorin. May her memory be a blessing.

David Gorin

by Sherry Phillips

Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts. Sending love, Mark & Ellen.

David & Susan Gorin

by Ellen & Mark DiZio

Facilities Fund

Happy Birthday!

Elise Galinsky

Rabbi Stephen Sniderman

Gloria Feibus

Spencer Sniderman

by Allan & Miriam Goldfarb

General Fund

In appreciation of the High Holy Day services!

Temple Beth Israel

by Willard & Karen Saperston

by Sara Sinaiko

In appreciation of the wonderful Rosh Hashanah services. We are thankful to all who planned, produced, and participated in making it happen. Best regards for a happy and healthy New Year!

Rabbi Sniderman et al

by Peter & Amy Roth

In honor of the High Holy Days, and in memory of Mildred & George Rosenberger.

Temple Beth Israel

by Steve & Loretta

Rosenberger

by Dr. Allan & Lynn

Rosenberger

In honor of your recent engagement to Dr. Scott Hanauer.

Jessica Kleeman

by Toby Lee Gilfix

In memory of Ruth Engman.

Josh Engman & Family

Dr. & Mrs. Harlan

by Stan & Annette Isaacson

by Terry & Arnold Belker

In memory of your sister, Judy.

David Gorin

by Sue Jacobson

On the loss of your dear sister, and our cousin, Judy Sacks.

David Gorin

by Robert Epstein

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

We were delighted to "attend" the beautiful Rosh Hashanah service with you...albeit miles apart. May you celebrate 5781 in wonderful health & with countless blessings. Shanah Tova, we love you!

Stuart & Gail Barzman

by Jerald & Terri Katz Kasimov

In honor of the engagement of Sara Freund, daughter of Nancy & David Freund.

Nancy & David Freund

by Skip & Bonnie Wilder

With my deepest sympathy to the family.

Josh Engman & Family

by Evelyn Koshner

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOV 2: Benjamin Krause, Paul Levine,
Martin H. Ross

NOV 3: Bonnie Chisling

NOV 4: Marvin Dubin, Charlotte Massik

NOV 5: Stephen Turner

NOV 6: Sophie Pollack

NOV 7: Phyllis Arnovitz, Irwin Eisenfeld,
Roberta Steiner

NOV 8: Donna Sobel, Marilyn S. Weinstein

NOV 9: Mark Beck, Allan Goldfarb

NOV 10: Michael DiPietro, Beverly Stone

NOV 12: Sheila Weiser

NOV 13: Jean DeLynn, Evelyn Koshner

NOV 17: Frank Fineshriber, Sue Jacobson
Suzanne Schuster

NOV 18: Joyce Gudeman, Ellen Leef-Sherrow

NOV 19: Jacob Pollack

NOV 20: Shelley Goldberg, Anne Virag

NOV 21: Rabbi Howard Simon, Rona Simon

NOV 26: Stuart Barzman, Susan Levine
Paul Skversky

NOV 27: Robert Vigder

NOV 28: Cheryl Taub

NOV 29: Grace Goldberg

NOV 30: H. Murray Blueglass, Dr. Kenneth Newmark

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOV 2

Arlene & Paul Skversky, celebrating 52 years

NOV 5

Sanford & Shelley Goldberg, celebrating 60 years

NOV 8

Thomas & Riva Hecht, celebrating 15 years

NOV 10

Sam & Rosolyn Brott, celebrating 74 years

NOV 22

Ronald & Arlene Krum, celebrating 64 years

NOV 27

Nelson & Barbara Mishkin, celebrating 54 years

NOVEMBER YAHRZEIT RECITALS

NOV 6

Edwin Black
 Rose Boorstein
 Ann Boyle
 Louis Galinsky
 Adeline Gerson
 Arnold Heimler
 Ruth Koppel
 Matilda Meyers
 Robert Nusbaum
 Phillip Pielet
 Helen Robinson
 Lee Rosenberg
 Allen Soble
 Charles Smith
 Lawrence Weiskopf
 Celia Wolman

NOV 13

Albert Balk
 Rose Boorstein
 Bonnie Coker
 Sherman Cooper
 Dorothy Dreyer
 Ellen Gellert
 Paul Glickman
 Shirley Herman
 Bentsion Klempner
 Dr. Bernard Klionsky
 Betty Lieberman
 Samuel Loshak
 Kenneth Newman
 Felecia Newman
 Ann Olin
 Samuel Pastor
 Lisa Rabinovitz
 Morton Salk
 Jeanne Wilder
 Maurrie Wiseman

NOV 20

Yetta Aronsohn
 Maryann Betagole
 Harry Emmerman
 Gabriel Gelber
 Morris Goldfarb
 Sophie Libman
 Frances Lieb
 Richard Magnet
 Paula Marx
 Nicholas Orlic
 Dr. Saul Silvermintz
 Judith Vigder
 Pauline Wallach
 Roz Weiner

NOV 27

Jacob Berson
 Ruth Dubin
 Rebecca Fishman
 Maya Kaufman
 Carole Klionsky
 Lena Levine
 Samuel Levite
 Adeline Salomon
 Clara Schuster
 David Sinai
 Pearl Rootberg Tessler

NOVEMBER YAHRZEIT DONATIONS

In Memory of

Esther Gudeman
 Rhoda Freeman
 David Hamovit
 Robert Bruce Harr
 Richard Heimler
 Henry Kelman

Donated by

Dr. Jon Gudeman
 Gloria Sabin
 Joel Hamovit
 Florence & Milton Harr
 Dr. Audrey Heimler
 Kelli Veit

In Memory of

Betty Lieberman
 Lilyan Rosenberg
 Seymour Roth
 Dina Salle
 Esther Salle

Donated by

Joyce Gudeman
 Judith Glass
 Janice Ellison
 Lee Ann & Jerome Salle
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2022 Temple Israel Trip

TBI is Going to Israel!

Join Us for the Next Step on your Jewish Journey!

Terrific Response to the September Announcement! Reserve your Spot Today!

When will the trip happen? 2022. The earliest dates will be between late April to mid-May or the latest will be mid-September through October. Remember, we are talking 2022 – that's 16-17 months from now or 20-21 months.

Who's going on this trip? For the most comfortable and easy travel in Israel, each group will be comprised of up to 20 people. The first group is already 50% reserved. The number of reservations received by November 30 will determine the number of groups. It is anticipated that this will be primarily an older adult trip and the daily itinerary and pace of activity will meet the needs of that audience. We also anticipate that many travelers will be first time visitors to Israel or have not been to Israel in recent years.

Do Travelers have to be members of TBI? TBI members and their immediate family, including significant others and adult children & grandchildren, are welcome. Friends who are not members are welcome upon payment of first year's TBI membership fee.

What does the itinerary look like? At this time, we are planning a 12 to 14-day itinerary that will include a comprehensive tour from the northern most points to Eilat in the southernmost point, and all the major cities and sites in between. We are planning at least one Shabbat in Jerusalem and a Shabbat visit to TBI's sister congregation Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv. We also expect to meet with Israeli historians, political figures and leaders in Israel's technology, arts, and medical fields. Israel has become an International performer on the gourmet and wine scene and we plan to have an opportunity to partake of this option. The itinerary will be determined in part by the interests of those making trip reservations by November 30.

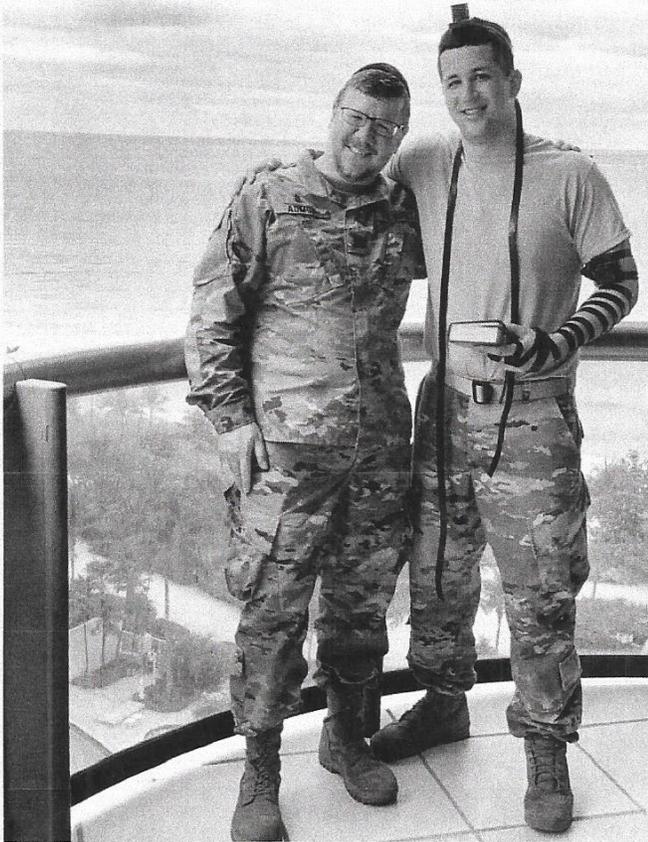
Any idea what the cost will be? Not including airfare, and depending on the number of hotel nights and on the level of accommodations and meals included, the land portion of the trip to be about \$4500 per person including 11-13 nights of hotels, most meals, all ground transportation, professional guides, etc.

What do we do next if we are interested in going to Israel with TBI? To reserve your seat on the bus in Israel, please make a \$100 per person, **fully refundable** deposit today! **Please complete the short reservation form found at the back of this issue** and send it to Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, FL 34228, along with a check payable to TBI (memo Israel 2022) or with your credit card information.



The Enlisted Standpoint

By A1C Noah Sinai



Being a young, enlisted, Jewish, military member has come with a whole set of struggles, from leadership not understanding religious accommodation to fighting for Basic Allowance for Subsistence at a dining facility that mainly served pork. However, what I have learned is that the support in the Jewish military community far outweighs the struggle.

When I joined the military, I came in already knowing Ch, Captain Levy Pekar. Anytime I needed anything, whether it be a Jewish need or personal advice, I knew I could count on him. Thankfully, before I left for Basic Military Training (BMT), Captain Pekar got me in touch with Ch, Captain Rappeport. This expanded my support system in the military before I was even at BMT. As a young airman, let alone a recruit, it is scarce to have the full support of two captains. I was fortunate for this.

Furthermore, at BMT, I continued to expand the members I knew in the community. I met airmen who I still speak to

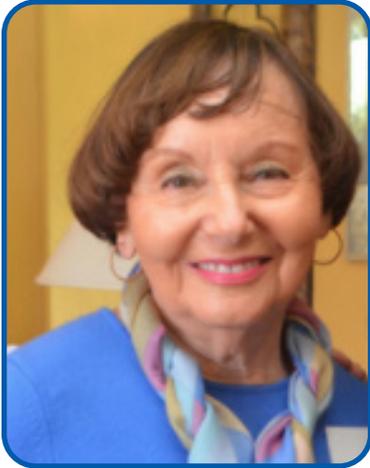
today, over two years later. We are all able to still communicate and share our experiences in our career field and discuss being Jewish at our respective bases. Having these connections today helps us all learn about other career fields and how they work.

After BMT and Tech School, I headed to Osan AB, Republic of Korea. There I was fortunate to have Ch, Major Gary Davidson. He immediately welcomed me into the fantastic community he has built there and made me feel like I had a family there when I knew very few people and was 6,526 miles away from home. Having this support made life on the ROK much easier. I had a mentor to go to for any advice I needed, whether it be professional or religious. Additionally, with the help of Rabbi Davidson, I was able to speak about being Jewish in the military to a wide range of military members at a Wing level event. Having this opportunity as an Airman First Class at the time was something I would have never been able to have without the support of the Jewish Community at Osan.

Most recently, I was fortunate enough to become a multi-base lay leader as a Senior Airman and to attend Aleph's annual conference. At this conference, I was able to meet more Jewish Department of Defense members and continue to expand the support I have received from the community. I received my first set of tefillin; I met other lay leaders like Captain Shmuel Bushwick, Captain Henry Baron, and 1LT Alexis Samloff, who were able to discuss how they work as lay leaders and what they do for their communities with me. With the knowledge gained, I was ready to head back to RAF Lakenheath and establish the Jewish community between Lakenheath and Mildenhall.

Overall, the Jewish military community has been a true blessing for me. I have met so many incredible people (many of whom I did not list in this article) and have learned so much about Judaism, myself, and the military. For any other young enlisted members, I encourage you to learn from and engage in the community, become a lay leader, and practice; however, best fits you. The best advice I can give is to let your leadership know as early as possible about any conflicts, whether it is keeping Kosher, having an upcoming holiday, or explaining Shabbos. If you ever need help, reach out, the members of this community are always there for each other.





MY JEWISH JOURNEY

Dr. Audrey Heimler

On a Sunday in March 1969, I was sitting at my kitchen table on Long Island reading a New York Times Magazine article about a March of Dimes Symposium during which Dr. Virginia Apgar described the field of genetics progressing from a laboratory science to clinical medicine. She predicted a need for a new professional, a Genetic Counselor, trained at the Master's degree level in medical genetics and psychological counseling to provide services to families with genetic disease. With a background in college of psychology and biology, I knew at once that I wanted to be a genetic counselor. It was 16 years since I had graduated from college, I didn't know if I could do the academic work or if this profession would become a reality, and I was raising four sons – the oldest was 11 and the youngest not yet two. I would figure it out. I went straight to my desk, and wrote letters to everyone mentioned in the article – Dr. Apgar, three medical geneticists and Dr. Melissa Richter, biology professor at Sarah Lawrence College. I asked to be informed if such a degree program was to become available.

The only reply came from Dr. Richter saying that she would keep me informed. I figured it would never happen. One month later I received another letter asking me to send my college transcript. This was followed by an appointment for an interview with the college president. In September 1969, I entered a classroom at Sarah Lawrence College, one of eight students in the first class in the world working towards a Master of Science Degree in Genetic Counseling.

Life at home was a scramble. Juggling baby-sitters, my mother and friends, I managed never to miss a class during the two year program. Arnold pitched in without being asked and each one of the boys did their scheduled chores. Towards the end of the first school year on a Friday afternoon, I was sitting with my class during a medical genetics course given at Albert Einstein Medical Center in the Bronx. About 2 p.m. I raised my hand to ask if I could leave early. The professor asked if I felt ill. I said I needed to go home because my oldest son was to be Bar Mitzvah the next day. Incredulous, he replied, "What are you doing in class today?"

At graduation in 1971, my class was described as guinea pigs and pioneers. Interviewing for a position was groundbreaking. Jobs had to be created. The first question in each interview was, "What is a Genetic Counselor?" I described a professional who helped patients confront a variety of inherited conditions and understand their risks, who explained genetics in plain language and provided support through a web of emotional, ethical and legal issues. I had three interviews and 3 job offers. I went to work at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and later moved on to Long Island Jewish Medical Center as Head Genetic Counselor.

I began to lead a double professional life as a founding member and first president of the National Society of Genetic Counselors, Founder and Chair of the Jane Engleberg Memorial Fellowship, the most prestigious in my field, Board Member of the American Board of Medical Genetics, endowment of the annual Audrey Heimler Special Projects Award, recipient of the Natalie Weissberger Paul National Achievement Award, mentor and supervisor of students in the Sarah Lawrence Human Genetics Program, Assistant Professor at Stony Brook Medical School, author of several papers in medical journals, particularly on Huntington disease, and author of the first report of what became known as Heimler syndrome. In May, 2019, I was selected by the University of South Florida to receive an Honorary Degree as Doctor of Public Health. There are now over 5,000 board certified practicing genetic counselors.



MY JEWISH JOURNEY

Dr. Lois Barson

In November 2010, I attended the dedication of the new building for the National Museum of American Jewish History on Independence Mall in Philadelphia. I spent the rest of that day inside, starting with the exhibit of the first Jewish settlers in 1653. Hours later I emerged with a deep sense of dual belonging, not just for me, but for our people. Growing up I was taught that this country was a melting pot; but I saw that it is more of a stew, as taught to me by educator friends in the city's Black community. A stew mixes flavors, but keeps the chunks to savor. Thinking about my life as a Jewish Journey rather than the usual chronological biography, or list of activities and accomplishments was intriguing in this moment in time.

Growing Up:

I am the first of four children and second generation Jewish American. We lived in a small town north of Boston. Dad was born there. Mom was an import (blind date) from greater Boston. My great grandmother and one grandmother spoke only Yiddish, but never were we encouraged to learn. It was their secret language. We had a fruit and produce store in which we all worked as we came of age and soon understood that escape from the white apron would best be achieved with a college education.

My friends and neighbors were of many ethnicities including Syrian and Lebanese. There were fewer Jewish students in my schools than fingers on my hand. I loved math, did well and thought about studying engineering, but as a girl, received no real encouragement.

My parents always made time to support our school and Jewish community activities and we followed their example. By participating in the broader community at my Temple (NIFTY) and JCC, I discovered a world beyond the restrictions of my small town and the city. I was the first President of the JCC's B'nai B'rith Girls group and served on the New England Regional Board. The weekend of JFK's assassination I was at a new member leadership training retreat on the North Shore. While there were updates to the participants, we, the exec Board, were responsible for keeping an even keel on the program and redesigning our three Shabbat services to include meaningful references to the immediate tragic time.

Mom sent me to Girl Scout camps, broadening my friendships across communities and teaching me real camping skills. It was also affordable. Again, being Jewish was never a negative. I was accepted. My last few summers in high school were at the State Council's camp on the Vineyard and I learned to sail (poorly). I have a dim memory of being invited to go to a Friday night Shabbat service somewhere on the island, in the basement rec room of a large house. The speaker was Elie Wiesel.

In college I learned of a Federation Camp just north of NYC where I was hired as waterfront staff. It was a whole new world: everyone was Jewish, kosher food, rabbis inspecting the dishes and silverware before each meal. By mid-August half the dining room tables were set with plastic utensils since incorrect milk/meat silverware found on a table pre-meal by the rabbis was taken to be buried until the following June. Shabbat was observed strictly and services conducted from the small amphitheater stage as we sat on the mountainside overlooking the lake - 300 of us. I understood then what it is to be able to worship wherever we are. It is the community worship, not the place that is important. A bonus was that the camp was coed. My folks were delighted that I had a Jewish boyfriend and even more so because he would be miles away when we went back to school.

My goals changed in college, in part because I encountered a professor who targeted the few Jewish students, tearing our work apart in ways not done to others. I took my problem to the Dean who said to deal with my advisor. Well, the prof was my advisor. I pushed on. After my 101 in Soc., I decided it would be my major, thinking of a career as a JCC program director. Choosing education as one of my minors would enable me to work my way through grad school. I did not intend education to become my career, but it was to be.

MY JEWISH JOURNEY Dr. Lois Barson - Cont.

Leaving The Nest:

I moved to Philadelphia in 1969, where, like the song, a whole new world awaited. Philadelphia was four times as large as Boston with, at this time period, huge racial and ethnic divisions. For four years I lived in center city, able to walk to museums, City Hall, the Academy of music and the Jewish Y. My goal was to be financially self-sufficient, start graduate school and have a good time.

Philadelphia was the 5th largest school district in the country with close to 300,000 students. I was assigned to a well-run elementary school in West Philadelphia with an enrollment larger than my high school. Class size was 37. Over the previous decade of racial unrest in the city (and elsewhere in the country) the neighborhood had transformed from Italian and Jewish to working and middle class Black. Throughout the city, staff and administration was still about 80% white and noticeably Jewish. To my astonishment, schools closed for the High Holidays every year, mostly because there were not enough substitute teachers to cover, although there were hundreds of Jewish students, too.

I spent the summer of 1971 traveling Europe with a knapsack, Arthur Frommer and a friend. The most fun was my birthday in Amsterdam. The most meaningful was my awakening to the horror and significance of WWII. My companion was not Jewish, but she, too, wanted to learn and so we visited synagogues in every city as well as the churches and museums, the Ann Frank House, the Museum of Danish Resistance and Dachau where I lost it, so to speak. I looked anew at the cities in Western Europe and took in the rebuilt portions with eyes only a post war baby could. This was the only time I ever kept a diary.

Establishing An Adult Life:

The next summer, 1972, while training with the School District for the first of what would be a baker's dozen assignment changes, I met my husband, who was directing the program. For 33 years we shared our careers, sometimes working together in the District, and supporting the local, state and regional mathematics associations as presenters and as organizers for the annual conventions. We had the unique opportunity to present at National Council of Teachers of Mathematics most years which enabled us to visit many cities in the US and Canada.

For most of my 30 year career in Philadelphia, and my additional adjunct college work, I happily combined my love of math, my sociology knowledge and my leadership skills. My personal educational experience was working with and learning about the African American/Black community in this very historical city. I loved it. Every three years I went back to school for another degree. I had 13 assignments in 30 years and the reputation for being the kiss of death to any program with special funding.

Alan was a founding member of Educators B'nai B'rith, one of many organizations in the district established to jointly keep the politicians honest in school district hiring and promotions and, with ADL, to protect Jewish staff if necessary. We also supported the activities of B'nai B'rith community wide and Hillel at the colleges in the Philadelphia Area. I served on the Penn Hillel Board for a short time.

We bought our LBK condo in 2000 after we both were free of full-time work, homesteaded in 2004, sold our house in PA in 2005, and rented an apartment for the shoulder seasons while we consulted and did some adjunct work. We had a shore house for the summers and I was still enjoying our consulting and my adjunct positions, now moved to daytime which we planned on keeping for a few more years. Not in the plan was Alan's illness and death at the end of 2005. In the robotic aftermath, I found TBI.

For several winters I attended Friday services and went home. I became very active in my condo association and discovered some Jewish neighbors, ventured out to theater and concerts again and dove into classes at the Ed Center, the Art Center and some Federation events. In 2008, I finally joined TBI. I chaired the Social Action Committee while on the Board and served as a Board member and Treasurer of BIW.

About 5 years ago Alice Blueglass steered me to the Raymond Taylor center where I volunteer as a math tutor for Booker Middle schoolers once a week. Bob Chalfin, of blessed memory, introduced me to Meals on Wheels which I totally enjoy.

With TBI I have found a community of comfortable size, intellectual challenge, community concern and the joy of being more engaged with my faith than my beginnings might have predicted.



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Join us for first **VIRTUAL** 92Y season! Due to the current Covid-19 Health Crisis, we are offering our pre-recorded 92Y programming online with a LIVE follow-up group discussion via ZOOM at 7:30 PM! This is open to the entire community, free of charge! **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and can be done by visiting our website at www.tbi-lbk.org, emailing shana@tbi-lbk.org or by calling (941) 383-3428.

**FREE
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Wed. November 18 – 6:00 PM



It's All In Your Head: Live!

Join Seth Rogen and a panel of celebrity all-stars for this one-of-a-kind brain adventure—a chance to know your brain better than it knows you. Based on the revolutionary brain brand, It's All In Your Head, this 90-minute experience will blow your mind: a collision of your brain on comedy, your brain on music, and your brain on food, all in keeping with Hilarity for Charity's (HFC) mission to raise awareness, inspire change, and accelerate progress in Alzheimer's care. **Seth Rogen, Martha Stewart, Jane Krakowski**, and their guests will go brain-to-brain with renowned neuroscientist **Dr. Heather Berlin** on all types of brainy topics. Heads up on plenty of smart surprises! (rec. 2/29/20)

Wed. December 2 – 6:00 PM



Praying with Our Hearts, Hands & Feet

Join the conversation between **Rabbi Peter Rubinstein** and **Imam Al-Hajj Talib 'Abdur-Rashid** of The Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood Inc - two friends, and brothers from different neighborhoods as they search together for a way forward according to the values of their faith traditions. Rabbi Rubinstein and Imam Talib are both members of the *A Partnership of Faith in New York City* for over 25 years. A Partnership of Faith, including the senior clergy of the city's religious institutions, was founded to speak out on important issues of injustice and to act as a calming influence in the city in times of struggle. (rec. 6/18/20)

Wed. December 16 – 6:00 PM



The Plot Against America

David Simon's chilling adaptation of the Philip Roth masterpiece, *The Plot Against America*, follows the plight of a working-class Jewish family after Charles Lindbergh wins the Presidency and turns the country toward isolationism, xenophobia, and fascism.

Simon and cast members (**John Turturro, Morgan Spector, Philip Roth, Winona Ryder**) sit for a conversation after a screening of the first hour of the six-part miniseries. The conversation is moderated by NPR's **Peter Sagal**. (rec. 3/6/20)

Wed. October 21	P.W. Singer with General (Ret.) David Petraeus – 'The Future is Now'
Wed. November 4	Wes Moore with Willie Geist- 'Protesting for Change'
Wed. November 18	Seth Rogen, Martha Stewart, Jane Krakowski & Friends – 'It's All In Your Head: Live!'
Wed. December 2	Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein and Imam Dr. Al-Hajj Talib – 'Praying with Our Hearts, Hands & Feet'
Wed. December 16	David Simon & cast in conversation with Peter Sagal – 'The Plot Against America'
Wed. January 6	Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur in conversation with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein – 'Directly From France'
Wed. January 20	Rabbi Peter Rubinstein and Reverend Jacques Andre DeGraff – 'Building Bridges'
Wed. February 3	Neil DeGrasse Tyson with Bill Nye – 'COSMOS: Possible Worlds'
Wed. February 17	Barry Sonnenfeld with Jerry Seinfeld – 'Call Your Mother'



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2020 Fall Virtual Speaker Series

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SERIES TOPIC:

**Supporting Children
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TBI is pleased to announce a unique new series of speakers addressing issues of interest to all parents and grandparents beginning on **October 19** and continuing the virtual presentations through February 2021.

If you are parenting your own children or enjoying your grandchildren and want to know more about their growth and development, you won't want to miss these outstanding speakers and important topics that are designed to help you in **Supporting Children and Grandchildren Through Their School Days and Beyond**.

The series is open to the SRQ community and to your adult children wherever they may be.

To register for the series, please contact the Temple office at (941) 383-3428 or email tbi-office@tbi-lbk.org. There is no fee to attend.

Dr. William (Bill) Pfohl, Psy.D., NCSP
Psychology Professor Emeritus at WKU



When: Monday, November 16, 2020

Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM EST via ZOOM

Discussion Topic: Recognizing the Signs of Distress: Depression, Bullying, Use of Drugs & Alcohol. Covid-19 has added extra stress to our lives. How does this disease impact me and those around me? What are the signs to look for and monitor?

Bill Pfohl is a Professor of Psychology at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He has trained school psychologists for 30 years. Bill obtained his bachelor and master's degree in school psychology from St. Bonaventure University in upstate New York. He received his Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree from Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey – Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology in 1979. He is a licensed psychologist in Kentucky, and a certified school psychologist in New York, New Jersey, and Kentucky. He is a Charter, Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) sponsored by NASP.

Upcoming Guest Speakers



Dr. Angela Mann, Ph.D., BCBA, NCSP,
Associate Professor at UNF

When: Monday, December 14, 2020
Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM EST via ZOOM

Discussion Topic: How School-based Mental Health Services Support Students in This Time of COVID

Dr. Mann's work centers upon issues of equity for youth with mental or behavioral health concerns.

Richard Lieberman, MA, LEP, NCSP

When: Monday, January 11, 2021
Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM EST via ZOOM

Discussion Topic: Addressing Loss: Suicide and the Death of a Loved One

Dr. Todd Savage, Ph.D., NCSP

When: Monday, February 15, 2021
Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM EST via ZOOM

Discussion Topic: The ABC's of Gender Diversity: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ+)



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**NEXT MONTH:
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Q3 2020: Sarasota Real Estate Sales and Longboat Key's ICONIC St Regis Resort



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John Astor, an inventor and entrepreneur, developed the original St. Regis in New York in 1904. He named it for a 17th century monk who was well known for providing great hospitality to travelers. Now the next in the St. Regis collection- one of only 46 around the world- is due to be completed here in late 2023.

The Q3 Sales Numbers and Their Bearing on The St. Regis

So, will our community be ready for a property of this stature? I want to take a look at this quarter's numbers for some insight into what's going on in our market.

There have been HUGE gains in our market when comparing the 3rd quarter of 2019 to the same period in 2020. Part of the gain is a result of pent up demand with transactions being deferred 1-3 months due to the pause in our market this past spring. Another part of the growth is that Sarasota offers the remote worker, the 2nd home buyer, and the earlier-than-anticipated retiree the ability to start enjoying life immediately especially in today's climate.

Let's review the numbers and put them in context:

- ▶ **Total sales have increased 21.7% from the Q3 of 2019 to the Q3 of 2020.** For the 3rd quarter of 2020 the median price was \$288,898, a gain of 9%. To provide a wider context, 86.77% of our market is under \$500,000.
- ▶ **The distressed market tumbled 44.6%.** This great news. However, we don't know if this is a function of a stoppage in foreclosure proceedings or if values rose enough to bring more equity to homeowners and thus getting them above water.
- ▶ The statistic I find most intriguing is the **luxury market** (properties listed for \$1M or more) which has been really phenomenal for last several quarters. **It increased by 108%. That is more than double!**

It is this last indicator which makes me believe that the St. Regis- with its marquee location and phenomenal setting- will do very, very well. In fact, of the 69 residences, over half of the units are already sold. Our market still has very few, truly distinctive developments with settings that can't be replicated.

So, if you want to be part of this great beachfront community, then it is time to ACT! The property will be completed in late 2023. When you are ready for a virtual or in-person presentation about the lifestyle you will enjoy here please give me a call and we will arrange it immediately.

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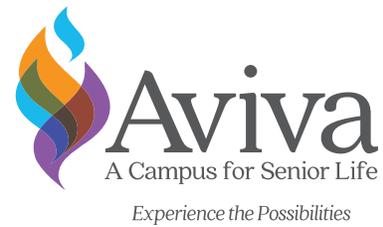
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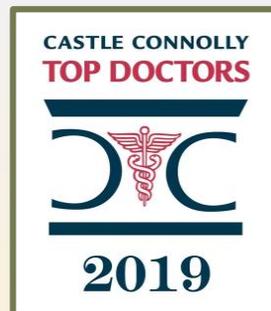
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WRITERS WELCOME

You may have noticed that this year's *Bulletins* are smaller than usual. When I began to edit this publication, we were limited to 20 pages of content (including ads) for cost reasons. Over the years, however, **Barbara Pressman** and **Allan Goldfarb** have done a yeoman's job of expanding our paid ads which allowed for larger *Bulletin* issues.

In fact, the ads pay for the total costs of the *Bulletin* and the *TBI Directory*, plus provide extra for the **TBI** annual operating budget.

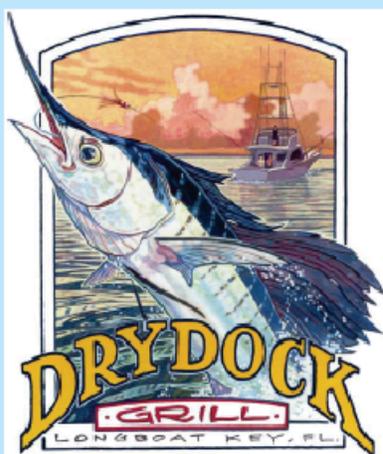
With extra funding and an expanded Temple program of activities, the *Bulletin* grew to 44 pages. However, this year due **TBI's** reduced activity due to the pandemic, there is much less to report on in the **Bulletin**. Since obstacles often produce opportunity for new direction, the *Bulletin* has begun to publish **TBI** member's personal stories. Please consider adding yours!

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Please consider writing about your experiences and life by writing a page, or two, or three and sending it to packard@oakland.edu or lynnieburton@gmail.com.

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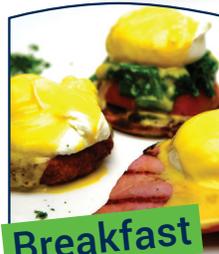


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 BIW Board Meeting via ZOOM 11am ET	3 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM	4 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 11/6 92Y – Moore/Geist 6pm FOLLOW-UP ZOOM DISCUSSION at 7:30PM	5	6 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	7 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)
8	9 Books & Brown Bags 1:00 pm via ZOOM – "Feast Your Eyes"	10 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM Exec. Committee Mtg 2:00 PM	11 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 11/13 MINIVERSITY 2PM via ZOOM Eisenstat Veterans Day	12	13 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	14 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)
15 Men's Club ZOOM 10AM with Bob Gary – 'The Election & How it will effect us'	16 Speaker Series: Dr. Bill Pfohl - 7:30PM via ZOOM	17 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM	18 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 11/20 92Y – Rogen/Stewart 6pm FOLLOW-UP ZOOM DISCUSSION at 7:30PM	19	20 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	21 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)
22	23	24 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM Board Trustee Mtg 2:00 PM	25 MINIVERSITY 2PM via ZOOM Eisenstat	26 Thanksgiving Day Temple Office Closed	27 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM (Tentative) Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook) Temple Office Closed	28 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)
29	30	PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL AND AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY. Please see the weekly E-Blasts				

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The following are letters I have from Israel King who was my great-great-grandfather; my mother’s-mother’s-mother’s father. Israel King was from somewhere in Russian Poland and died in London, England. The letters were written to Evelyn Stock Ludwig - my mother’s mother, born in London, England, died in Toronto, Canada: A letter dated September 16, 1921: Written in Hebrew “L’shana Tova.” The rest of the letter is in proper, grammatical English! A letter dated July 14, 1922: Congratulating my grandmother on the birth of her second child. In Hebrew: “L’chaim” and in transliteration “Mazel Toff.” Again, the main body of the text is in English!

An early Passover memory:

My father came into my bedroom carrying a Haggadah. He told me we were going to his parent’s home for the Seder and that I’d be asking the Fier Kashes (Yiddish for Four Questions). I was either eight or nine at the time. My father wanted to make sure I’d do a good job. He asked me to look over his shoulder as he read the Four Questions to me and then had me read everything back to him. I must have done OK. I don’t remember learning how to read Hebrew or English for that matter. At the Seder itself my two grandfathers had to greet each other and ask after each other in Russian, both trying to show off that they knew the language. My father’s mother called me aside and said in perfect English that they were both making so many errors that it was ridiculous.

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The *Bulletin* has been blessed with many individuals who would read and find the errors in submitted articles before we went to press. Their skills make for a very polished *Bulletin*. This year we add gratefully

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