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# Temple Beth Israel

The Center of Jewish Living on Longboat Key

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## October Festival Services

**Shabbat Morning & Sukkot Service**  
Saturday, October 3, 2020  
10:00 a.m. EDT  
(This is a virtual service and will be available on YouTube & Rabbi Sniderman's Facebook Page)

**Shabbat Morning & Simchat Torah Service & Yizkor**  
Saturday, October 10, 2020  
10:00 a.m. EDT  
(This is a virtual service and will be available on YouTube & Rabbi Sniderman's Facebook Page)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

You all know that our principal goal during this pandemic is to the extent we can - ensuring that we do nothing that might affect adversely our members' health and safety. Nothing is more important than preventing the transmission of the coronavirus. In that regard, we hope you enjoyed our very beautiful and meaningful online High Holy Day services. I believe under the circumstances we did quite splendidly.

But next our concerns encompass the goal of ensuring the continuity and financial health of this Longboat Key iconic Jewish institution - **Temple Beth Israel**. We've been here for 40 years and with your help plan to be here for many more.

As our psychiatrists and philosophers have told us, it is not WHAT we face that defines us, but HOW we react to it, HOW we overcome and move on. We and future members need **TBI** to be here long after this pandemic has been abated. Let's not give up the fight for the continuity which is so important to so many. Do we give into the present condition/situation or stand up to it? I know you also want **Temple Beth Israel** to be here for years to come and we sincerely ask that you not pause or end your membership. Stay with us. We can only overcome if we stay together.

We look forward to the resumption of direct, personal, in-person interaction and services in our building as soon as possible. We need to be here strong as ever when that time comes. Please do not abandon us during this time.

Stay safe stay vigilant.

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

As Yom Kippur ends and we break our fast, historically it has been our obligation that very night to begin the building of the sukkah. Yom Kippur is on the 10th of Tishrei, and Sukkot is on the 15th, so we don't have much time. Tishrei is a month full of festivals. A week after Sukkot is Simchat Torah.

Sukkot won't be the same for us this year. I am not just talking about the pandemic. **David Aura** has retired and is no longer with us to help build our sukkah. (Any healthy volunteers?) David was with us for 25 years. He knew where everything was and how everything worked. The transition will be a challenge. Do you know where the parts for the sukkah were stored? Do you know what tools we need? What ever happened to the instruction book that came with the sukkah? Therefore we won't be having a sukkah at the Temple this year. We will miss David. His devotion to our congregation meant a lot to me. I have a clear picture of David at the High Holiday services all dressed up for the occasion. I can see him in my mind at the back of the sanctuary at the end of a service almost singing along with the congregation. We wish him well.

We will have a Sukkot morning service on Saturday, October 3rd and a Simchat Torah morning service with Yizkor on Saturday the 10th. These services will be virtual. We may have during the week of Sukkot remote lulav and etrog ceremonies. We are also considering transforming the lanai at our house into something resembling a sukkah.

Throughout our history we have been creative and innovative. Two innovations at **Temple Beth Israel** in response to the pandemic have been very successful. I am speaking about our Friday afternoon Happy Hour and our new catered meal program. May these programs continue after we are back to normal.

Meanwhile, take care and be careful.

**Rabbi Stephen L. Sniderman**

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Good news is always welcome! I'd like to share with you the following press-release from The Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Included is a paragraph about our Temple which I authored (3rd paragraph) at the request of the Community Foundation.

**SARASOTA, FL – Temple Beth Israel** of Longboat Key has been awarded a multi-year grant of \$55,000 from the Charlotte P. Graver Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. The funding will help connect the community through scholarship and learning opportunities by supporting a scholar-in-residence for six years as well as provide online learning opportunities through 92nd Street Y, a nonprofit community and cultural center that encourages people of all ages, races, faiths, and backgrounds to connect through culture, arts, entertainment and conversation.

**“Temple Beth Israel** has a tradition of placing high value on scholarly discourse by encouraging the community at large to participate, once a year and free of charge, in an extensive study over a three-day weekend with a world class Jewish Scholar,” said **Isaac Azerad, Executive Director of Temple Beth Israel**. “Additionally, and for several years, we had the privilege of building a solid following to our 92Y program, at times gathering as much as 380 people in our sanctuary. Those programs are gifted to the community at great expense. Once more, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County has come in support of this noble effort.”

The foundation and temple were brought together through a mutual relationship with local philanthropist Charlotte Graver (1928-2015), a longtime resident of Longboat Key and active member of the area Jewish community. Upon moving to Sarasota from New York, Graver joined **Temple Beth Israel** as a regular member and eventually served as Treasurer of Jewish Family & Children’s Services of the Suncoast in the early 2000s. Beginning in 2005, Graver created several funds with the Community Foundation with the purpose of strengthening causes related to elder care, Jewish family services, cancer research, the arts, and community health care.

The 92Y program is available, free of charge, to the entire community. The first session will take place virtually on October 21 and will continue until February 17. There will be nine presentations, each followed by a zoom discussion. From January 29-31, 2021, **Temple Beth Israel** will invite Dr. Andrew Rehfeld as its Scholar in Residence. Dr. Rehfeld serves as the tenth President of the Hebrew Union College Institute of Religion, and is a former Associate Professor of Political Science at Washington University (200 to 2019) and president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Saint Louis (2012-2019). Pre-registration to both programs is required at [www.tbi-lbk.org](http://www.tbi-lbk.org).

Since its establishment as a Field of Interest fund in 2008, the Charlotte P. Graver Fund has provided nearly \$700,000 through 43 grants supporting local medical programs, Jewish organizations, and human services. In addition to Temple Beth Israel, former grantees include The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Jewish Family & Children’s Services of the Suncoast, and Season of Sharing.

“Legacies like Charlotte’s create long-lasting opportunities for people,” said Roxie Jerde, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. “Like so many generous individuals, Charlotte Graver believed in the power of giving to others to strengthen and our community, both in her lifetime and in the future. It is our privilege to steward her vision and be a partner with Temple Beth Israel in this endeavor to benefit others with her timeless gifts.”

Graver passed away in November 2015 at the age of 87 years old. She is survived by her two daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was a former homemaker, guidance counselor, and self-taught stock investor.

Since 1979, **Temple Beth Israel** of Longboat Key has connected members of the Jewish faith with meaningful services and fellowship to foster a spiritual life. As our community navigates the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, **Temple Beth Israel** is providing weekly virtual activities to its congregants and visitors via its Youtube channel and Facebook. To learn more, visit <https://tbi-lbk.org/>.

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**About the Community Foundation of Sarasota County:** *The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of \$418 million in more than 1,500 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$21.5 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. Since its founding, the Community Foundation has been able to grant more than \$274 million to area nonprofit organizations to our community thanks to the generosity of charitable individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit [www.CFSarasota.org](http://www.CFSarasota.org) or call (941) 955-3000.*



**Isaac Azerad**  
Executive Director

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

“ In a Time of COVID-19, From My Perspective”

Many physicians during our pandemic are concerned that Covid-19 will cause people to become chronic insomniacs. Already, many individuals have become depressed and showing signs of hypertension. It is extremely important to have a positive outlook in order to help maintain our overall good health during this period of Covid-19. We are all concerned about the effects of this serious viral condition, and if it will personally affect us. We must hope and pray that the Covid-19 will be contained with upcoming vaccines. In the meantime, we must continue to wear our masks, practice good social distancing, along with the use of sanitizers. We must not forget that frequent hand washing with soap for at least twenty seconds will also help to protect us. Exercising and having a positive outlook are so important for us in order to help contribute to our overall well-being and good health during this pandemic.

Sometimes, it becomes difficult for us to be in a positive mood when we begin to think about the effects that the Covid-19 could have on us, our loved ones and friends. Therefore, we must persevere and seek to achieve a positive frame of mind, since our physical and mental makeup helps to determine our ability to maintain our

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT CONT.

strength during this time of uncertainty. We must stop and think about how we can help ourselves achieve a more positive outlook. We need to be involved in activities which will stimulate us and keep us focused on areas that evoke both happiness and enjoyment.

The easiest and least complicated of our activities can bring us fulfillment and joy, which is essential for our pleasure and self-confidence. Staying in touch more regularly with our children and grandchildren via Zoom, YouTube, or Facebook, can really enlighten our days and place smiles of happiness on our faces and theirs too. Hearing good news about our loved ones and friends will always give us that sense of enjoyment and help to keep us in a positive mood.

When problems arise and we feel uncomfortable, we must gravitate away from these thoughts in order to keep our minds clear and sharp. By doing so, we can then feel confident that we are capable of facing problems and solving them in a more relaxed fashion. When we have encountered numerous problems in the past, we have somehow managed to overcome them by mitigating negative feelings and thus were capable of solving problematic situations. We all have stress, especially now with the Covid-19 being so prevalent. We need to remember how important it is to find as many ways as possible to reduce our stress levels through our positive efforts and through working and speaking with others to gain their insights into similar situations. It is essential to keep up our confidence in ways that are comfortable for us, to converse with our family members, good friends and others and to listen to their feelings. By doing so we can gain important feedback, valuable ideas, and possible suggestions that we can use to make more objective and worthwhile decisions. Through listening, reading, research, etc., we can learn new ways to help guide us as we seek answers to our questions.

We should never take for granted our being able to live on Longboat Key. Our beautiful tropical flora emanates throughout, along with tropical birds flying or gently walking along our pathways, or on the beaches. We enjoy looking at the sturdy and majestic palm trees as they sway back and forth having been touched by a gust of wind. We enjoy going into the Gulf for fun and relaxation, along with swimming some laps in our pools. Also, many of us enjoy fishing or just cruising along soaking up the fresh air and sites along the way. To be gliding along on the water is like being in another world, where one doesn't have to be concerned with his or her problems. Having a sense of total freedom is so beneficial to one's overall health and for keeping one's mind free and relaxed. Just the fact that we live in this paradise can help reinforce our positive feelings, which are so important and essential for keeping us in a better frame of mind.

**Allan Goldfarb**

Vice President of Administration

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## MEN'S CLUB

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

Our programming will start, on line, in November with a talk and discussion with Bob Gary regarding the November election and what effect it will have upon us. That will take place at 10:00 a.m. on November 15.

In December we will have a talk and discussion from Walter Frank who has just published a book entitled, *Do You Need An Investment Adviser*. Walter has been a stock broker for over 40 years. We look forward to his talk. This will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday December 13.

We look forward to having both men and women with us as everybody will be interested in these topics. There will be e-blasts from the Temple office which will give specific information on how to access these programs on Facebook and You Tube.

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. Each year the Men's Club donates \$5000 to the Temple operating fund. Your dues will help us meet this obligation this unusual year as our online programs will generate no income.

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

**Lewis Moyer**, Men's Club President

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## BETH ISRAEL WOMEN'S CLUB REPORT

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Well, here we are, another month has passed with little change. We hope everyone had a peaceful and healthy New Year.

There still are no plans to reopen our Temple, but the Board of BIW is trying to come up with some community outreach programs. We miss our monthly luncheons with guest speakers and Shabbat dinners where we were able to keep in touch and catch up with fellow congregants. Hopefully, we'll be doing that again soon.

Don't forget that dues are due. We rely on your continued support. Stay well and keep the faith.

**Nancy Cohen & Sylvia Pastor**, BIW Co-Presidents

## BOOKS & BROWN BAGS

In an attempt to provide a sense of normalcy in this surreal world we are currently living in, the BIW sponsored book group will be “meeting” via Zoom on Monday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Feast Your Eyes* by Myla Goldberg. At this time, there is no leader, so any and all volunteers will be gratefully acknowledged.

Eat your lunch if you wish and bring your thoughts and ideas to the meeting.

**Gloria Sabin, Chairperson & Tena Tessler, Co-Chairperson**

## BRIDGE

Fall Season is upon us. A group has been playing Duplicate Bridge on Fridays all summer. Jeff Nunes organizes the game. Also Jeff has been offering a series of lessons.

Starting in early October there will be a new series of lessons on Monday mornings. Jeff has a new format and I believe it will be very beneficial. You will be playing 10 -12 hands of Bridge Base online and then he will invite you to a Zoom session to review each hand. If you are interested please contact **Jeff Nunes** at **941.567.8078** or email him at **jeffcnunes@gmail.com**. He will explain his program and answer any questions you have.

Someday I hope to see the 100 or more players again at **Temple Beth Israel**.

**Marion Levine, Vice President Special Projects and Membership**

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our membership committee has been meeting monthly during the summer giving us a chance to enjoy each other and to generate ideas for the coming year.

**Gloria Feibus** has joined the membership committee and is a welcome addition. She comes brimming with experience and ideas.

**Judy Posner** recently joined the **TBI** family and we look forward to meeting Judy either virtually or in person and to working and playing with her.

Our committee member, **David Gorin**, created a member survey which was responded to by 137 of you. Your input is very much appreciated and yielded great information about your interests and wishes for this congregation. Three respondents, **Esther Emmerman**, **Joyce Gudeman** and **Phyllis Lieberman** won generously donated gift cards through a random drawing. This survey revealed, in part, the wealth of talent and experience that you as members have and we hope to tap these talents through programming after the High Holidays. Thank You, David!

**Karen Gary, Membership Committee Co-Chairperson**

*Welcome  
New Members*

**Harvey Goldstein  
Gale Hacker  
Judy Posner**

## 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!

Our congregation is unique. We are different than those in Sarasota, Bradenton or Tampa-we are a senior congregation, of varying religious backgrounds and practices, from many different places all over the United States and abroad. We patronize culture and lifelong education and have many lifetime accomplishments. We donate our time and wealth to the benefit of others and for the most part we live at least part of the year away from our families. Most importantly, we come together to form a vibrant Jewish community and to support **Temple Beth Israel**.

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

**Sandra Packard** and **Lynn Burton**, Bulletin Co-Editors

## SANCTUARY SEAT PLAQUES

Though we can't yet enter our Sanctuary for services, **Temple Beth Israel** is still providing the opportunity for the purchase of engraved brass plaques to be placed on the sanctuary seat (s) of your choice. These plaques are one way we raise funds to support the continued maintenance and upgrade of our Temple facilities. The cost per plaque is \$500; \$475 of that cost goes directly into the facilities fund and \$25 to purchase an engraved plaque.

Plaques contain the full name of whomever you designate-only one name to a plaque- and you may select any seat that does not already have a plaque.

If you are interested, please contact me ([248-568-9206](tel:248-568-9206)) and I will arrange for you to view the seating chart so you can select your seat. I will then take care of all the arrangements and let you know when your plaque has been affixed to your selected seat.

Plaques are placed at the top of the seat, but they do not reserve the seat for only you to use. Nevertheless when someone sits in the seat that has a plaque with my late, beloved husband's name on it, I somehow feel they are adding to my remembrance of him. As a psychologist, he loved people.

**Sandra Packard**  
Vice President for Development

## SHABBAT & HIGH HOLY DAY DINNERS

If you have purchased dinners this past month and see a group of dedicated volunteers directing traffic, handing out dinners, wishing you Shabbat Shalom and L'Shana Tova, you must have purchased some food. Rain or shine, 90+ degree weather, we have been there to greet you. A huge thank you to **Sylvia Pastor**, **Lew Moyer** and **Sandra Packard** for withstanding the weather conditions and helping to make this a very successful project. Also many thanks to **Jen** for taking the calls and tabulating our weekly orders. Of course, thanks to Brooklyn Caterers for the quality and quantity of food they prepare and deliver.

We hope you have enjoyed our menus and we plan to continue. Sylvia as usual passes approval and makes menu suggestions.

We are planning a new menu starting October 2. There will be a four-week menu published via e-blast. We have taken suggestions from you and are always willing to hear your likes and dislikes. Please feel free to call me at **941.383.1812** or email me: **harbourkey@aol.com** with comments.

Looking forward to seeing you pull up for food.

L'Shana Tova. May you be blessed with good health, peace and good food in the coming year.

**Marion Levine**, Vice President for Special Projects and Membership



**Sylvia Pastor, Marion Levine, Lew Moyer and Sandy Packard** handing out the catered Shabbat Dinners.



Shabbat Shalom! **Norton & Patricia Baron** enjoy the To-Go Shabbat dinners.

## FROM THE FRAN MANN LIBRARY

I am sure that many of you are sorry the **TBI** library is not available to you during this time when the building is closed, and we are all stuck at home. This would be a perfect time to access our collection and catch up on reading. I have made suggestions of books to read in the weekly eblasts, and many of these books are available at the public libraries (either books or digital format), and of course they can be purchased from local bookstores and online vendors.

I expect that many **TBI** members have spent their time at home during this pandemic going through their collection of books and deciding what to do with them. I can say from previous years during my tenure as librarian, that there are a good number of books with Jewish themes that members have brought to the temple to add to the library collection. Unfortunately, we already have many of these books, or they are merely too old to be suitable. A few can be added to the SALE rack, but then I must move the remainder out of the library. I ask that you please give serious thought to any books that you would like to donate after we are open. Any books that we cannot use may be dropped off at Goodwill. If you do this, then I will not have to do it for you.

I wish you all health and happiness in 5781!

**Amy Roth**, Librarian

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee has a new focus during these times. We would like to bring to you the news of those among us who give their time, energy and efforts to community organizations and to our **TBI** congregants.

Each month, we would like to feature a few in our congregation who have given us permission to tell their story of outreach to the community. Whether it be Meals on Wheels, Turning Points, Second Chance, Last Opportunity, helping a neighbor, tutoring in classrooms and after school programs; many among us have valuable, heartwarming stories to tell.

If you would be willing to share your experiences, we will be delighted to publicize them here. Please email your "story" to me at [namablue0606@gmail.com](mailto:namablue0606@gmail.com). We want to be able to give a "shout out" to you who have done much to make a positive difference for others.

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Our first "stories" come from **Judge Ed Cohen**, **Barbara Pressman** and **Carole Shaw**.

**Judge Edward Cohen:** There are numerous organizations in our area that seek our assistance as volunteers. Among them the Literacy Council, the Jewish Federation, JFCS and many others. Over the years, I have worked for a number of these organizations and my favorite is Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels services both the needy and those unable to prepare their own meals. Hot meals are delivered to those folks, six days a week, usually by a pair of volunteers. My delivery partner has been-for some time now - **Barbara Pressman**. Recipients are mostly the same with occasional additions or loss of a person.

The satisfaction we receive is indescribable! Apart from the polite, "Thank You", we see the gratitude expressed in the words and in the eyes of those accepting the meal. It is often overwhelming. (Sometimes, it is also their only time to chat with a person.) Perhaps my words will encourage you to volunteer. I assure you, it will be rewarding.

**Carole Shaw:** Working with our **TBI** members has been a rewarding experience. I am on the Calling Committee that phones our congregants to make sure they are okay and if they need anything. I have gotten to know folks that I never would have had a chance to speak with.

Once a week, I make sandwiches for Second Chance Last Opportunity and they are delivered that evening. What an easy and rewarding thing it is for me to feel part of a group who "does something" for folks in need.

I look forward to joining **Lois Barson** to work with Meals on Wheels. I know that I will make new friends and also feel good about doing worthwhile deeds for others.

**Alice Blueglass**, Social Action Chairperson

## LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Dear TBI Members,

Thank you for being such a responsive, generous congregation who shows your support for the Temple in many ways. The Leadership Circle is one of those ways that bring assistance to our Temple and for the traditions and activities that we all enjoy and respect.

Leadership is demonstrated by various means. Leadership can be seen as activity, commitment, influence, resolution and recognition.

You have demonstrated these traits by stepping up and making a difference in our Temple's life.

Our video recorded services, among other important innovations during this unusual year, have been helped by your Leadership donations. We continue to provide activities and programs made possible by your help.

Thank you, once again, for taking the lead and helping **TBI** become a very special center for Jewish Life.

The following names are the most recent ones received by the deadline for this printing. Names received after this date will be published in the next issue.

**Patricia & Norton Baron**

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**Barbara Struth**

**Marilyn Taub**

**Tena & Dr. Howard Tessler**

**Kelli & Howard Veit**

**Robert Vigder**

**Alice Blueglass & Barbara Pressman**, Leadership Circle Co-Chairs

## LIFE & LEGACY

In contemplating participation in the **TBI Life & Legacy Program**, there are two primary questions that one should consider. First, what are the prospects of **Temple Beth Israel** retaining its position as “*The Center of Jewish Living on Longboat Key*” in future years? And, second, do you have a desire to help ensure the Temple’s future viability?

To help you formulate answers to these two questions, consider the following. First, due primarily to the aging of our congregants, the size of our congregation has been considerably reduced in recent years. It does appear, however, that our membership level has stabilized and will remain at its present level for the foreseeable future. The result, however, is that our financial support from dues and contributions will remain relatively constant while our operating costs will inevitably continue to rise. Viability, therefore, will be dependent on support of our operating costs from our Endowment Fund. It is, therefore, essential that steps be taken to build up the size of the assets in our Fund in future years.

The second question is a measure of the value that you have received from your membership in **TBI** and your desire to ensure that future Jewish residents of Longboat Key have access to the same values. If you feel that this objective is important to you, the answer is to become a participant in the Life & Legacy Program. Participation is as simple as providing a Letter of Intent to consign a portion of your afterlife estate to the **TBI Endowment Fund**. No current contribution is required and the method and size of the consignment is your choice.

For further information on the Program and how to become a participant, contact **Isaac Azerad** at the Temple Office.

**Bob Vigder**, Life and Legacy Committee Chair

## Pledged Members

Isaac Azerad	Dr. Audrey Heimler	Helen Rauch (z”l)
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Gloria Feibus	Marion & Dr. Bernard (z”l) Levine	Suzanne Schuster
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Jay Greenblatt	Barbara Pressman	
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- Harold Grinspoon

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

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**Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your dearest mother.**

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**OCT 3**

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**OCT 14**

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**OCT 16**

Sue & Michael Boorstein, celebrating 53 years

**OCT 25**

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The **Temple Beth Israel** family would like to extend congratulations to **Toby Lee Gilfix** on the engagement of her granddaughter **Jessica Brooke Kleeman** to **Dr. Scott Hanauer**. Miss Kleeman is the daughter of **David** and **Lisa Kleeman** of Owings Mills, Maryland. Dr. Hanauer is the son of **Dr. Ronald** and **Ellen Hanauer** of Livingston, New Jersey.

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### OCT 2

Esther Cohen  
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Sarah Gruskay  
Robert Harr  
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Shirley Keller  
Howard Lowsky  
Lilyan Rosenberg  
Alma Rosenbluth  
Myron J. Salle  
Elaine Klanfer Sidney  
Honora Singer  
Helen Thall  
Merrill Zinder

### OCT 9

Milton Levine  
Frances Mann-Weisel  
Ada Orne  
Elmer Pollack  
Ruth C. Salk  
Sidney Sinick  
Vivian C. Stein  
Morris Taub

### OCT 16

Jason Abbot  
Irving Edelman  
Willard Goodheim  
Albert Goodstein  
Lillian Kushner  
Tola Lieberman  
Carol Moyer  
James Rosenbluth  
Esther Salle  
Hannah Turner

### OCT 23

Milton Jacob  
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Arthur Lieb  
Joseph Liebstein  
Goldie Piolet  
David Pollack  
Seymour Roth  
Frances Sabin  
Louis Salk  
Dina Beth Salle  
Morton Snyder  
Jonas Soifer  
Lois Steiner  
Leonard Weinstein  
Lina Struth Wolf

### OCT 30

Dr. David Field  
Frances Gudeman  
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**The itinerary** for this (10) to (14) day trip will be available in the next two to three months. At that time, the cost, itinerary and travel plans will be announced.

**Next steps:** 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 Israel 2022 or with your credit card information.

**David Gorin, Israel Trip Committee Chairperson**





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**Wed. October 21 – 6:00 PM**



**“The Future Is Now!”**

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**Wed. November 4 – 6:00 PM**



**“Protesting For Change”**

When Freddie Gray was arrested for possessing an “illegal knife” in April 2015, and was a victim of police brutality. By the end of his trip in the police van, Gray was in a coma from which he would never recover. In the wake of a long history of economic inequality and racial injustice in Baltimore, this tragedy led to a week of protests and an uprising that set the entire city on edge, catching the nation’s attention. While attending Gray’s funeral, **Wes Moore** saw every strata of the city come together: grieving mothers; the city’s wealthy elite; activists; and the long-suffering citizens of Baltimore—all looking to comfort each other, but also looking for answers. (rec. 7/24/20)

**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)

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



This program is made possible through the generosity and support of: **CHARLOTTE P. GRAVER FUND AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY**  
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## MY JEWISH JOURNEY

### Marion Levine



My Jewish Journey began in 1935 when my parents and maternal grandparents settled in Boston, MA after fleeing Germany. We all lived near each other. I could walk to my grandparent's apartment and to my Uncle Herb and family until we moved from Brighton to Brookline.

As a member of four synagogues, I came from typical Reformed German Jews who practiced customs but were never involved in Temple activities. It wasn't until much later in life that I felt a need to belong to and be active in Temple Beth Israel.

My parents joined a very large and prestigious Reformed Synagogue, Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline. Most of the members were long time Bostonians, while at the time we were immigrants.

Friday nights were a ritual for my family. Even after I married and had children it was required that we appear at my parents' home for Shabbat Dinner. My Dad was an imposing man. While he was over 6' tall my Mother never made it past 5'1". Dad sang Kiddush from beginning to end with his deep voice and German accent. I found out later that many of the words I learned from memory listening to him were quite incorrect. I still see and hear him as I sing Kiddush now.

My Mother lived to be 3 months short of her 100th birthday and thus was a member at Ohabei Shalom for over 60 years. I fondly remember visiting her in Boston for the High Holidays after she got much older and sitting way up front turning the pages for her so she could keep up with the service.

Strangely enough other than High Holidays, Shabbat, Pesach, and Chanukah my family never talked about Judaism. I do not think my grandparents spent much time in a Synagogue here or in Germany. To them, Judaism meant observing customs in the home.

My second Synagogue experience was in Framingham, MA. Through my increased activity at Beth Am, I developed skills in the art business. Temple Art Shows as fund raisers were very in back then. I chaired the events for two years, which eventually led me to opening my own Art Gallery.

I relocated my family to Melville, NY, where I helped establish and build Temple Beth Torah, when at the time, services were held in a house. For the first time, I became much more involved in the religious elements of a temple community. My daughters attended religious school, and my son was Bar Mitzvahed. However, as a working mother, I had little time for anything outside of work, my children and my home, therefore my commitment to my faith faded.

Many years passed until I found a renewed energy for life revolving around the synagogue. Bernie had joined [Temple Beth Israel](#) before I arrived on the scene but was not very active. I was ready to honor my mother's wishes that I return to what she considered an important part of her later life and mine too.

So where could I fit in better than at [Temple Beth Israel](#). It has become my home. I have enjoyed every role I have held at the synagogue. I know our Shabbat dinners are so successful. Our Galas have been well attended and we are known as the place for Duplicate Bridge on Wednesdays and Fridays. I cannot wait for all this to come back again once COVID, this terrible virus, allows us to return to our building.

Our Membership has grown over the past few years and we are "*the Center for Jewish Life on Longboat Key*". Listening to and singing with the choir at Temple on Friday nights relaxes my soul. I love Shabbat Dinners, Sunday morning breakfasts, Board meetings and the warmth of all my friends. Even though this is probably my last Temple affiliation, it has most certainly been the most meaningful.

## 2020 Fall Virtual Speaker Series

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### **SERIES TOPIC:**

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

**Dr. Anne Lieberman, LCSW**, Temple Member & longtime psychotherapist will share information and stories, leaving time for any questions.



**When: Monday, October 19, 2020**

**Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT via ZOOM**

**Discussion Topic: *We Never Stop Parenting*:** From infant to toddler to graduation, marriage and beyond, the relationship(s) with our children are constantly changing.

Anne received her MA in Soviet Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MSW from New York University, where she served as an Adjunct Professor, supervising MSW students for 10 years. She received an advanced Certification in the Psychotherapy of the Disorders of the Self from The Masterson Institute in Manhattan and joined the faculty there. Anne worked for 25 years at the Jewish Family Service of North Jersey, where she was the Director of Clinical Services, and has a private practice from which she cannot seem to retire!

## Upcoming Guest Speakers



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

**When: Monday, November 16, 2020**

**Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM EST via ZOOM**

**Discussion Topic: Recognizing the Signs of Family and Personal Distress and What You Might Do About It.**

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?



**Dr. Angela Mann, Ph.D., BCBA, NCSPP**, Associate Professor 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.



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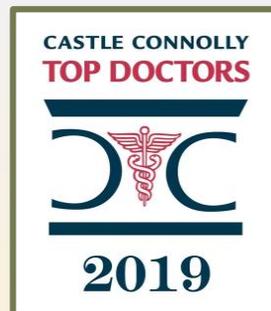
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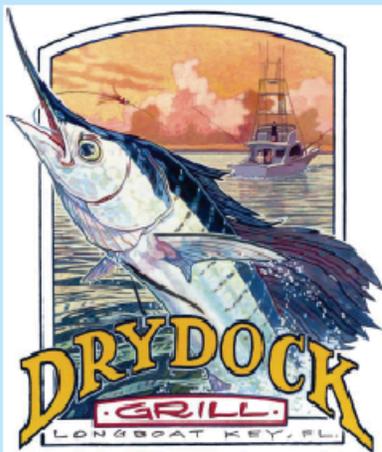
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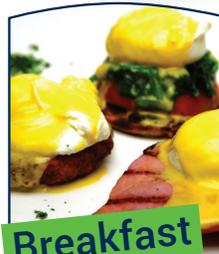


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL AND AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY. Please see the weekly e-blasts</b></p>			9/30 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 10/2	1	2 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat & Erev Sukkot Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	3 Shabbat & Morning Sukkot Service 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)		
		4	5 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM	6	7 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 10/9	8	9 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat & Erev Simchat Torah Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	10 Shabbat Morning Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service 10:00AM (YouTube & Facebook)
		11	12 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM Exec. Committee Mtg 2:00 PM	13	14 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 10/16	15	16 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	17 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)
		18	19 Speaker Series: Dr. Anne Lieberman 7:30 pm ZOOM	20 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM	21 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 10/23 92Y 6:00 PM with ZOOM discussion at 7:30 PM ET (Singer/Petrus)	22 Ritual Committee Mtg 10:30 - Noon	23 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	24 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)
		25	26 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM Board of Trustees Mtg 2:00 PM	27	28 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHABBAT DINNER FOR 10/30	29	30 ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 PM (YouTube & Facebook)	31 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM (YouTube & Facebook)

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# A REPORT FROM THE TBI ISRAEL COMMITTEE

## REFORM JUDAISM WINS 39 SEATS AT THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS: LEADS ALL AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

Earlier this year, many members of **Temple Beth Israel** joined with members of the Reform movement across the U.S. and participated in the election for U.S. delegates to the 38th World Zionist Congress (WZC), the international “parliament of the Jewish people”. The American Zionist Movement (AZM) administered the voting and has shared the ballot results and plans for the Zionist Congress.

A total of 123,575 votes were cast by American Jews from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. This is more than double the turnout of the prior vote (in 2015) and the highest number of ballots cast in a U.S. WZC election in three decades. The official results are below.

Fifteen slates, comprised of 1,800 delegate candidates, competed for the 152 American elected delegate seats. They represented the diverse political beliefs, religious denominations and cultural traditions of American Jewry. Those elected from the U.S. will join other delegates (and alternates) from Israel and from countries around the world at the WZC to make decisions regarding the four National Institutions that support Israel and World Jewry.

The number of delegates elected per slate, as listed below, was allocated based on the election results. The 38th World Zionist Congress has long been scheduled for October 20-22, 2020 in Jerusalem. However, given the current pandemic restrictions, the 2020 WZC sessions and deliberations will instead be conducted via a global virtual platform. The World Zionist Organization hopes to convene an additional worldwide in-person Zionist Congress gathering in Israel in Fall 2021 or during 2022.

<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>SEATS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>SEATS</b>
Vote Reform	31,483	39	Kol Yisrael	1,749	2
Orthodox Israel Coalition – Mizrachi	21,692	27	Dorshei Torah V'Tziyon	1,371	2
Eretz Hakodesh	20,045	25	Herut Zionists	1,154	1
MERCAZ USA	14,655	18	Vision	1,038	1
ZOA Coalition	10,312	13	Americans4Israel	856	1
American Forum for Israel	8,096	10	Israel Shelanu	769	1
Hatikvah	7,936	10	Ohavei Zion	374	0
Shas Olami	2,045	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>123,575</b>	<b>152</b>

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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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