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# Temple Beth Israel

The Center of Jewish Living on Longboat Key

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# Happy Passover!

## VIRTUAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

- **FIRST SEDER** – Saturday, March 27 at 6 pm ET  
*First Seder Evening Service via ZOOM*
- **FIRST DAY** – Sunday, March 28 at 10 am ET  
*First Day of Passover Service via ZOOM*
- **SEVENTH DAY** – Saturday, April 3 at 10 am ET  
*Shabbat morning & Yizkor Service via ZOOM*

**Check the weekly E-Blast for updates & more information on how to join services!**

***Wishing you joy and many blessings at Passover and throughout the year!***

## TBI Virtual Service Times

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10a.m.  
Available on Facebook & YouTube



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

The mission of **TBI** is to be *"The Center of Jewish Living on Longboat Key"*. We are here to bring our entire Jewish community together, to connect with all our members and others through religious services and through compelling programming. We do that through a wide range of cultural and educational programs and by means of our religious services.

Nonetheless, we realize we have to offer even more engaging opportunities for folks to want to come here and participate. To that end we have formed a new Programming Committee with highly motivated members who will soon be announcing a series of new thought-provoking and entertaining events. Please stay tuned.

Soon we hope we will reach our goal of reopening when members achieve a 75 - 80 percent vaccination level and positivity rates fall below medical advisory recommendations.

At that time, besides looking forward to in-Temple services with choir and a celebratory Grand Reopening event, we will also be able to again sponsor our at-large, community-wide events like our choir concert, our 92Y programs, and our annual West Coast Black Theater program, among others, and of course our wonderful formal Annual Gala.

We do all this not only for ourselves but to continue to build more dynamic relationships with the entire Jewish community to encourage new members to join us. It is an ongoing endeavor.

An essential part of our mission is also supporting the operations of the Temple. Not only keeping up, but additionally making substantial improvements to our infrastructure.

We accomplish all the above thanks to you.

Stay well and stay safe.

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

Let me invite all of you to join me in a **Zoom Seder** from our house on Saturday evening, **March 27th at 6:00 p.m.** We will do something similar to what we did last year. However sad it is that we can't be together in person at a congregational Seder, we will do our best to keep our community together virtually.

I have given serious thought to our return to the building. We will begin with a soft opening and then have our grand opening. The grand opening will be a *hannukat ha-bayit* – dedication, or re-dedication of the Temple.

Other plans are in the works. Some of you have responded very positively to the idea of having an adult bar and bat mitzvah class. This would be open primarily to those of you who didn't have the opportunity to be called to the Torah as a bar or bar mitzvah at the traditional age. It is never too late. I have done this before. I found that the members of the class bonded together and continued to have a sense of being a special sub-group in the congregation. The goal would be a Shabbat morning service where everyone would participate. We would certainly have a party afterwards. I am confident that the class would vote unanimously that in lieu of gifts contributions be made to the endowment fund.

It is hard to believe that by the time you start to read this *Bulletin* we will have been out of the building for a year. It has been a difficult year. We have had many losses where the deceased were unable to have normal funerals and their survivors were deprived of shivas and other standard forms of consolation. I have offered families that suffered a loss the opportunity to have a memorial service or celebration of life once we have safely reentered the building. Not everyone will take me up on this offer individually, but I am seriously considering a community memorial service for all we have lost to give us a chance to mourn together.

We must not end on a sad note. Let us celebrate that we are still able to have services, classes and cocktail hours even if they are virtual. My personal thanks to the entire Temple staff, to my family, and to all of you for your support.

**Rabbi Stephen L. Sniderman**

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

In the midst of the pandemic, the task of preparing the Temple's budget for the new fiscal year that starts in June of 2021 turns out to be complicated. The challenges in presenting you with a viable budget at the Annual Meeting on March 21st, depend largely on the validity of the assumptions we make regarding the return to a degree of normalcy. I urge you to plan on attending the meeting to learn the details.

Undoubtedly, we will soon look back with a sense of relief on this most challenging period in the history of our Temple. It is with that optimistic outlook that we approach next year. We have overcome all the odds associated with security, safety and finances, only to emerge stronger and eager to participate in our renewal and rededication to our Temple family.

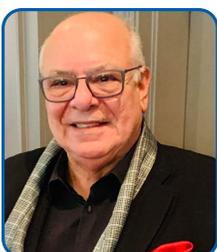
Because our Center for Jewish Living on Longboat Key requires funds over and above the ones collected through membership dues, many of you have stepped up this year with that same spirit of generosity. You came forth with important contributions. We have succeeded in securing additional sources of funding through grants and contributions. We wish to acknowledge the continuous support of two non-profit organizations: The Community Foundation of Sarasota County and The Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee. Year after year they have stepped forward to support the many programs we offer.

This coming year we will rejoice in our tradition of the Annual Gala. We will gather to honor our spirit of resiliency and our care for one another. As friends and fellow congregants, every one of us will strive to show our gratitude and admiration to the leadership that guided us through the pandemic. The yearly Gala is our biggest fundraiser and this coming year, with your help, we can break all previous philanthropy records. In conjunction, [Rabbi Sniderman](#) will mark our return to the sanctuary with a rededication service.

We miss our Choir! This year we hope to offer a [Florence Katz Choir Concert](#). We miss our concerts! This year we will plan on a Jazz Concert, a Classical Music Concert, and a Cantorial Presentation in addition to our traditional programs such as: 92Y, Miniversity, Scholar in Residence and Kallah Scholar.

Plan on attending the Leadership Shabbat Dinner, upon our return to normalcy. We have expanded our honors to include the Leadership Circle, The LIFE & LEGACY Society and major donors in the Rabbi's, President's and Patron's Circles. Many of you, because of your generosity, will find your names listed in more than one category. As a member of the Leadership Circle or the Legacy Society you will be cordially invited to attend, free of charge. Please take the time to read every name listed in this *Bulletin* under The LIFE & LEGACY Program, The Leadership Circle and the many precious donors who continue to support our Temple. This year they have demonstrated a leap of faith and set an example to all of us.

Despite our lockdown, we have maintained a warm and welcoming atmosphere with our wonderful spiritual leader, [Rabbi Sniderman](#). I have no doubt that with a renewed sense of vitality, we will produce the variety of events that will attract more potential members to [Temple Beth Israel](#).



[Isaac Azerad](#), Executive Director of Temple Beth Israel

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

By the time you read this, it will be close to one year since we had to discontinue services in our Temple because of Covid-19. It was necessary in order to protect our members, staff, and potential members from coming down with this deadly virus. Although we were closed for our services, programs and special events, we were very fortunate in being able to Zoom our religious services and many of our excellent programs. We are thankful for the assistance given to us by **Isaac Azerad, Rabbi and Corinne Sniderman, Spencer Sniderman, Ann Stephenson-Moe**, and **KeiReea Sulhi** for making our virtual experiences a pleasurable one during this pandemic. Also, we want to thank our very dedicated staff, consisting of **Jen, Shana, Robin, Terry** and **Ann Moe**, who have been working so diligently through their new work schedules here and at home. **Rabbi Sniderman** is extremely busy at the Temple and at home via Zoom presentations.

Since we weren't able to conduct services in our Sanctuary or have programs or events within our Social Hall, we were able to complete many important projects for the betterment of our congregants. When we are confident that we can reopen our Temple again, after our congregants are able to receive their vaccinations for the Covid-19, you will notice the many improvements that were made both inside and outside of our Temple for your benefit.

The following projects were completed in February:

1. Repaired or replaced all of our sidewalks and one driveway entrance.
2. The installation of four high-pole floodlights to provide more light in front of our Temple and leading to and from our two parking areas. This was also done for better security coverage and for your personal safety.
3. Necessary repairs were made to all of our five bathrooms along with the addition of automatic water faucets.
4. Important Sanctuary ceiling repairs were made for safety, followed by repainting and improved lighting.

We have received the results of a comprehensive, physical and security risk inspection by Jeffrey Solomon, the Community Security Director of the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization of the Jewish Community in North America. Our Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee is a member of this very important organization. The SCN helps us to develop plans to assist us in forming procedures to follow during different threats to our safety. They offer us vulnerability assessments, and help to coordinate training along with education for the security team and our members of the Temple. We look forward to a long relationship with Jeffrey Solomon and the SCN.

Besides the SCN report on our present security preparedness, we had other inspections by the Sarasota-Manatee Sheriff's Department, De Hart Security Co., and our own LBK Police Department. By being part of SCN, we are now able to receive warnings and updates from Homeland Security and the FBI, about possible threats in our area or surrounding areas. We know that we must continue to stay up-to-date in our efforts to maintain the best possible security for our Temple along with its members and staff. Security is a dynamic process, and our security team at **TBI** must make adjustments, which need to be consistent with any changes that could or might occur within our Temple environment. When you come to **TBI**, you should have a feeling of being safe, and secure from adverse conditions. We have implemented a large number of security measures, to help mitigate invasive or destructive acts against our Temple, along with its members and staff.

**Allan Goldfarb, Vice President of Administration**



**The installation of the new high pole floodlights, providing more light in front of our Temple and leading to the parking areas.**

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## **MEN'S CLUB**

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The Men's Club greatly appreciated **Isaac Azerad's** talk about his early life and his most interesting journey from Egypt to Longboat Key. His Men's Club talk on Sunday, February 21 was greatly enjoyed by all.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

We will have the pleasure of hearing from **Al Treidel** who has spent many years studying Presidents of the United States and their Jewish connections. He will discuss how various presidents dealt with issues pertaining to Jews. To access this program please register with the Temple office by calling **941.383.3428**, or emailing [info@tbi-lbk.org](mailto:info@tbi-lbk.org). There is no charge for this program.

As always, all Men's Club programs are open to both men and women. If anybody has suggestions for topics or speakers please contact me.

You all received a membership application. Please fill it out and send it along with your application to the Temple. Do not be bashful; if you do not have the application just send your check along with a note to the Temple office. Dues are \$40. Thank you for your participation.

We look forward to being with everyone in the very near future. Stay well and stay safe.

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

## BETH ISRAEL WOMEN'S CLUB REPORT

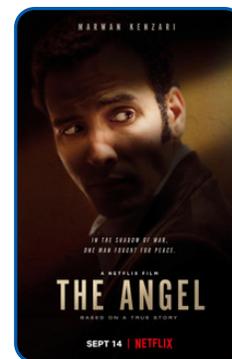
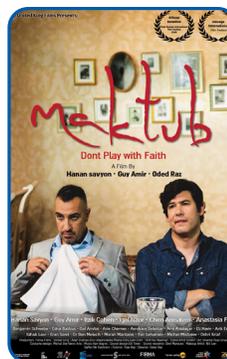
Beth Israel Women has continued to offer our very popular 'Movie Mondays' discussions on Zoom. In February, we discussed "*Maktub*", an Israeli film, both a morality play and comedy about two low-level criminals who are inspired to grant the prayers of people who left messages in the Kotel or Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. **Rabbi and Corrine Sniderman** led an active discussion.

On **Monday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.**, we will have a discussion on "*The Angel*," an Israeli-American spy-thriller. It is an adaptation of the non-fiction book *The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel* written by Uri Bar-Joseph. It tells the true story of Ashraf Marwan, a high-ranking Egyptian official and husband of Gamal Abdel Nasser's daughter, who became an agent with Mossad and helped achieve peace between the two countries. The movie is available on Netflix. If you would like to join the discussion, first watch the movie on your own. Then RSVP to **Kelli Veit** at: [kkveit@bellsouth.net](mailto:kkveit@bellsouth.net) and she will email the Zoom link to you a few days before the discussion.

We have completed the second phase of our Mitzvah Project through Sarasota Jewish Family and Children's Services, helping families in great need in our community. Coordinated by **Robin Green**, we have provided gift cards for food, school supplies and clothes for a family of six with four children who have been in great financial need due to the COVID pandemic.

We wish all of our fellow congregants and families stay safe and healthy.

**Nancy Cohen and Sylvia Pastor, Co-Presidents**



## BOOKS AND BROWN BAGS

The next meeting of Books and Brown Bags will be held on **Monday, March 8, at 1:00 p.m.** with a discussion of *The Yellow Bird Sings* by Jennifer Rosner. The book is a well written first novel describing a mother's efforts to save her young daughter and herself while hiding from the Nazis. A facilitator is needed; volunteers should notify either **Gloria Sabin** or **Tena Tessler**. Many thanks to **Arlene Levy** who volunteered to be the facilitator for the book last month and also to **Kelli Veit** who's in charge of "Zooming" the discussion.

Join in and enjoy the lively comments each month.

**Gloria Sabin, Chairperson and Tina Tessler, Co-Chairperson, BIW Book Club**



## THE NEW COLUMBARIUM FOR TBI

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that our second 48-niche “Columbarium II “ in our “Garden“ at Palms Memorial Park in Sarasota is almost complete. The new structure and the patio between it and the existing Columbarium contain a large underground vault for the burial of our old and now-unused, religious books and other religious items. An announcement of the ceremony to bury these items that Rabbi Sniderman will conduct will be made soon.

Individual private vaults, called “Niches,” for the remains of those who choose cremation, are \$2,500. A niche can accommodate the remains of two people. Our regular burial plots are now \$3,700 per plot. We have also expanded our cemetery capacities by the purchase of 50 additional plots contiguous to our Garden.

The pricing above is for Members only. Whether you are considering pre-planning, or have an immediate need, we can handle either. Please call the Temple office and someone from the Cemetery Committee will immediately contact you.

Naming opportunities for our new Columbarium, the meditation bench and patio area are available should you wish to honor a loved one or create a lasting remembrance of your family name (e.g. the “John Smith Columbarium” or the “John Smith Family Meditation Garden”).

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

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

On February 5th, **Karen Gary** and the team of **Judy Tobias, Deborah Nyman, Barbara Pressman, Maxine Spitzer** and **Carole Cohen**, all wonderful women, gathered in the **TBI** parking lot and unloaded dozens of bags of groceries for Second Chance, Last Opportunity (SCLO). All were happily astounded and gratified by the number of cars driving up. “They just keep coming!” the women exclaimed. They were not finished until the last car was unloaded. Several women drove the groceries to the SCLO headquarters before they completed the task! Special kudos to **Karen Gary** for creating, organizing and publicizing this event.

**Carole Shaw, Maxine Spitzer** and **Judy Tobias** contribute by making and bringing sandwiches weekly and **Arlene Skversky** is constantly delivering needed items.

Second Chance Last Opportunity is a community-based organization offering life management skill classes to at-risk teens and their low-income and/or homeless families. SCLO offers counseling, health education, youth programs, food distributions, and shelter referrals, all with a dose of tough love, if appropriate. The Flanzer Philanthropic Foundation matches monetary donations.

Thank you to all who gave your time and effort to help others in our community. You make a positive difference in the lives of others.

The next grocery drop-off will be on **Friday, March 19**. Watch for the emails from **TBI**.

**Karen Gary and Alice Blueglass, Co-chairpersons, Social Action Committee**

## LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

As we still struggle through the days of the pandemic, it is encouraging and gratifying to see that so many of you have been able to think of our Temple and its needs. It cannot be overstated that your contributions help to bring the activities and programs that enrich us and educate us.

A profound thank you is meant for all Leadership Circle contributors who have helped us be all that we can be, even in these times of difficulties and adjustments in our lives.

*Memberships received after this publication's distribution will be listed in next month's issue.*

Phyllis & Eliot Arnovitz	Jan & Melvin Goldsmith	Richard Olin
Patricia & Norton Baron	Susan & David Gorin	Dr. Sandra Packard & Lew Moyer
Barbara & Edwin Biron	Ruth Gorton	Sylvia & Irwin Pastor
Marvin Black & Annette (z"l) Black	Robin Green & Jay Greenblatt	Paula Post
Alice & Murray Blueglass	Joyce & Dr. Jon Gudeman	Barbara Pressman
Barbara Blumfield	Debby & Gerald Hamburg	Margot & Jack Robinson
Sue & Michael Boorstein	Joel Hamovit	Amy & Peter Roth
Wendy & Ross Born	Dr. Audrey Heimler	Marjorie & William Sandy
Deborah Cohen	Stephen Helpern	Karen & Willard Saperston
Judge Edward Cohen	Sue Jacobson	Molly Schechter & Harold Ronson
Beatrice & Ralph Einstein	Doris Kaplan	Lois & Alan Schottenstein
Nancy & Rabbi M.B. Eisenstat	Maggie Kaplen & Leon Sokol	Sharon Schreiber
Joel Feidelman	Sy Klionsky	Estelle & Dr. Burton Silbert
Walter Frank & Gale Hacker	Sandra & Ben Krause	Mary Ann & Ted Simon
Sharon & Herman Frankel	Ruth Kreindler	Carole Shaw & Stuart Sinai
Nancy & David Freund	Marion Levine	Carole & Dr. Ira Singer
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Christa & Frank Fineshriber	Bonney & Len Libman	Donna & Edward Sobel
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Ann & Dr. Sheldon Glickman	Betty & Judge Marvin Morse	Tena & Dr. Howard Tessler
Shelley & Sy Goldblatt	Marilyn Naditch	Kelli & Howard Veit
Miriam & Allan Goldfarb	Sue & Bob Nusbaum	Robert Vigder
		Lolli Zarin & Paul Francis

Alice Blueglass and Barbara Pressman, Leadership Circle Co-Chairpersons

## LIFE & LEGACY HONORS PROGRAM

The TBI LIFE & LEGACY Society Committee is happy to announce that our congregation has met all of the Jewish Federation's targets for TBI for the program for the current year. As a result, we will be receiving a cash grant from the Federation and the Grinspoon Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.

At the present time, 47 members of our congregation are participants in the program. The estimated value of current and afterlife donations of these participants to our Endowment Fund exceeds \$880,000. These funds will help to ensure the financial viability of the congregation in future years.

The only requirement to participate in the program is a signed Letter of Intent. No current contribution is required, only an intent to provide an afterlife, or current, contribution in an amount of one's own choosing. For more information, contact [Isaac Azerad](#) at the Temple Office.

[Bob Vigder](#), LIFE & LEGACY Committee Chairperson

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A welcome to our newest members, [Amy and Alan Shaffer](#), who hail from Washington, D.C. They, along with [Abe and Andi Morris](#), and [Judy Posner](#), were introduced and shared a bit of information about themselves at cocktail hour on January 29th, where we honored new members and veteran members of TBI. [Suzanne Lutkoff](#), [Harold Ronson](#), [Christa Fineshriber](#), [Richard Olin](#) and others reminisced about [Temple Beth Israel](#) before our building was constructed.

We also heard from guest speaker, Jeremy Lisitza, Director of Innovation and Volunteer Engagement at the Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee. He shared information about the upcoming Mort Skirboll Jewish Film Festival with input from [Susan Newmark](#) and [Gloria Feibus](#) who serve on the committee. The JFF is co-chaired this year by TBI member [Bunny Skirboll](#), a Torch Sponsor of the festival which has been named in memory of Mort through his legacy gift going forward.

[Gloria Feibus](#) and [Maxine Tauber](#), as well as [Joanne Goldwater](#), who assist in recording and disseminating information met again on February 17 at Bayfront Park for lunch with their "singles" group. All were invited to bring lunch and join them. Covid-19 safety precautions were taken.

Under [Marion Levine's](#) leadership, Friday night Shabbat dinners picked up curbside at TBI and Marina Jack's have become an opportunity to connect in person and wish each other, *Good Shabbos*. Thank you to [Tina Tessler](#), [Connie Schwartz](#), [Jo Ann Goldwater](#), [Sandy Packard](#), [Lew Moyer](#), [Sylvia and Irwin Pastor](#) for their help. These Shabbat dinners give us a much needed chance to see each other.

[Karen Gary](#), Co-Chairperson Membership Committee



*“Providing Jewish communities with proven tools and training to help them secure their long-term financial goals is absolutely vital. Through the LIFE & LEGACY® program, I’m hopeful that we will be able to help sustain vibrant communities that allow future generations to enjoy our rich Jewish culture and heritage.”*

- Harold Grinspoon

**The Following Legacy Donors have ensured that future generations will enjoy Temple Beth Israel and a Jewish presence on Longboat Key:**

Isaac Azerad  
 Alice Blueglass  
 H. Murray Blueglass  
 Barbara Blumfield  
 David (z”l) & Maggie Brenner  
 Gloria Feibus  
 Joel Feidelman

Frank & Christa Fineshriber  
 Walter & Marlena (z”l) Frank  
 Elise & James Galinsky  
*In memory of Dr. Cecelia Liebow and Helen & Louis Galinsky.*

Dr. Philip & Suzan Gaynes  
*In honor of Jill & David Gaynes and Leslie Beckman-Gaynes. In memory of Seth Gaynes and Solomon Gaynes.*

Shelley & Sy Goldblatt  
 Miriam & Allan Goldfarb  
 Elana & Earl (z”l) Gordon

Susan & David Gorin  
 Bernice Gourse (z”l)

Robin Green  
*In memory of my husband Kermit ‘Kit’ Green who loved life and was a caring man. He is very missed by his family and many friends.*

Jay Greenblatt  
 Norman (z”l) & Barbara Gross  
 Dr. Audrey Heimler

Sue Jacobson  
 Maggie Kaplen

Sy Klionsky  
 Benjamin & Sandra Krause

Richard & Nessa Levine  
 Marion & Dr. Bernard (z”l) Levine  
 Bonney & Len Libman

*In honor of our delightful dozen.*  
 Suzanne Lutkoff  
*In memory of David M. Lutkoff. He loved TBI in many ways including serving as president of the Men’s Club.*

Donald & Judith (z”l) Markstein  
 Judge Marvin & Betty Morse  
 Lewis Moyer

Sharon Oper (z”l)  
 Dr. Sandra Packard  
*In Honor of Dr. Martin T. Packard’s (z”l) love & commitment to the study of Judaism and the support of Israel.*

Irwin & Judith Parmet  
 Barbara Pressman & Robert Berns (z”l)  
 Helen Rauch (z”l)

Peter & Amy Roth  
 Gloria Sabin

Marjorie Sandy  
 William Sandy  
 Suzanne Berk Schuster  
*In honor of Terry Berk, my much loved brother.*

Carole Shaw & Stuart Sinai  
 Sidney & Theresa Sinick (z”l)  
 Rabbi Stephen & Corinne Sniderman

Marilyn Taub  
 Marjorie L. Tick (z”l)  
 Robert & Judy (z”l) Vigder  
*In Honor and Loving Memory of Florence Katz*  
 Mel Weisel & Fran Mann (z”l)

**1 BILLION DOLLARS** pledged nationwide in support of our Jewish Communities across the United States and Canada!



*Honor a Loved One!*

**NEW! LIFE & LEGACY Honor Society:**

The Temple is happy to announce the establishment of a new program to enable members of the congregation to provide a perpetual tribute in honor of a loved one, or another person of their choice. The honor will be in the form of a **LIFE & LEGACY** gift made in the honor of the person designated.

Temple Beth Israel is proud to participate in this national effort to ensure our Jewish heritage continues for future generations!



**For more information about LIFE & LEGACY program please contact:**

Isaac Azerad, Executive Director  
 Office: (941) 383-3428  
 iazerad@tbi-lbk.org

## RITUAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

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Shalom,

Tuesday, February 10th, during an Executive Committee Meeting, the topic of the very successful Friday Night Virtual Cocktail Hour and Jewish Journey, came up for discussion. The program, in effect since the early days of the pandemic, has attracted upwards of 50-60 people, via Zoom, every Friday night. It is supposed to run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It has given Temple members an opportunity to meet and hear about the Jewish Journey of other Temple members. However, the program usually extends its time by 30-40 minutes. Friday night services, are supposed to begin at 7:00 p.m. This does not enable anyone attending the virtual cocktail hour, to have dinner before services begin.

We are changing the starting time for services to 7:30 p.m. beginning February 19. We will continue with this new starting time on Friday nights. Saturday morning services will continue to start at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Most sincerely,

**H. Murray Blueglass**, Chairperson, TBI Ritual Committee

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## SANCTUARY SEAT PLAQUES

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Sanctuary seat plaques may still be purchased for a \$500 contribution to the Facilities Fund, a much needed cause in our Temple. With the exception of the minor \$25 cost for purchasing and engraving the brass plaque, all the funds donated go to the Facilities Fund and you will receive a letter telling you the amount of your contribution for tax deduction purposes. You may purchase as many seat plaques as you wish until they are all sold.

To donate and select a seat(s) for your plaque(s), you may contact the **TBI** office or me (**248.568.9206**) or (**packard@oakland.edu**). Once **TBI** has your check and we have met so you can select your seats, I will order the plaque(s) and have them attached to your seat(s) of choice - ready to greet you when we all return to the synagogue.

**Sandy Packard**, Vice President Development

## MY JEWISH JOURNEY: Shirley Fein



### *My Spiritual Journey To Reform Judaism*

My introduction and conversion to Reform Judaism from a diluted, pseudo-Orthodoxy began at Rosh Hashanah Services in Mount Nebo Temple, N.Y.C., in September of 1954. At that time, I was a single working girl living in Manhattan. I was dating a very nice Jewish fellow who mentioned to his parents that my family lived in Connecticut and I would be alone for the High Holidays. They opened their hearts and not only invited me to join them at Mount Nebo for Services, but to also share their holiday meals as well. I was a stranger in their midst, and yet they welcomed me; a mitzvah of the highest caliber.

While growing up on the family farm with my parents, three brothers and paternal grandpa Joseph, my knowledge of Judaism was scant. Yet, I knew that I was Jewish, primarily because my Father made daily speeches to my brothers and me attesting to this fact. I can hear him now, "You are Jewish, you are special and you are different." He was trying so hard to live as a Jew in a non-Jewish area. Orthodox Judaism was the route that he chose. He did not know any other way.

My family and all their Jewish friends bent and molded Judaism into a shape that they could live with; a shape that accommodated only men and boys. No women were allowed in their spiritual world. My knowledge of Judaism extended from the kitchen where I helped my Mother prepare the holiday meals to setting the table for the Friday evening Sabbath dinner. My Mother acknowledged her Jewishness by performing the rituals-lighting of the Shabbos Candles every Friday night before our special dinner of gefilte fish, chicken soup, roast chicken and honey cake for dessert. She also made sure that the men and boys in our home had clean, starched, white shirts to wear when they went to Services.

My three brothers all were Bar Mitzvahed and knew enough of ritual and Hebrew to pray with their elders in the one room Shul (Synagogue) that my Father and six other Jewish families built in the early 1930's. I am sure that they learned their prayers by repetition, albeit, without full understanding. Yet, they were valued because they would be available for a minyan (quorum of ten males). Here in this primitive house of worship, with no heat or plumbing, the miniscule congregation practiced Orthodoxy, each in their own way. There was no Rabbi. Lay people took turns to read the prayers, and above all, no English was uttered at any time during the Service. On occasion, when I would attend High Holiday Services with the entire family, I would stare out of a window and count the birds that sat on the limbs of a birch tree that my Father planted when he helped to build this tiny house of worship.

## MY JEWISH JOURNEY CONT.: Shirley Fein

I was denied a Jewish education because I was a girl. Girls get married and their place was in the home and in the nursery. In our tiny Synagogue, Anshe Israel, a wooden building (now an historical monument), I was truly a stranger. I did not understand what was going on. I did not know the meaning and importance of the Torah, as well as all the other sacred writings and symbols. I was devoid of spirituality. I did not know how to pray. At that time in my life, I did not know that Reform Judaism or Conservative Judaism existed.

Now, here I was sitting in Mount Nebo Synagogue with my friend and his parents. I looked around and discovered many wonderful situations. First, I noticed that all the men and women were sitting together. How wonderful! I was not expected to sit at the rear door with the women as I had been made to do back in Connecticut long ago. My second observation was notable as well. I could read the prayers in English and follow the Services. I did not have to stare out of the window and look for birds to come. A form of meditation seemed to flow through my person. I could understand and make sense out of all that I was hearing. I was part of a larger group. I belonged here.

My third observation was the excitement and surprise regarding the Rabbi's sermon. Before this day, I had never heard a sermon. Immediately, I was drawn into this discovery in an intellectual way. Even though I no longer remember the contents of that wonderful sermon, I do remember the expertise of the Rabbi and his apparent skills and great knowledge. I felt like a sponge soaking up all that I could from this amazing sermonic speech.

The music of the service was my fourth observation. The beautiful melodies and voices filled me with pleasure and joy that I remember to this day. The history of our people was becoming a reality to me. But, I knew that I had much to learn and it would take a long time.

These four major observations became the fundamental foundation in the transforming encounter upon which I have expanded and developed as a Reform Jew. Even though my roots were Jewish, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of 1954 were the turning points in my personal journey to religious fulfillment.

I was married for 54 years to that nice Jewish fellow that took me to High Holiday Service at Mount Nebo with his parents many years ago. When we moved to New Jersey in 1961, we became members of Temple Sinai in Tenafly, N.J., where both of us enjoyed our Board positions with new friends. During our married life, we traveled to many foreign lands and enjoyed Judaism in many different locations. We experienced Passover in Sydney, Australia; Rosh Hashanah in Tokyo, Japan; Yom Kippur in Casablanca; Chanukah in Turkey; and Sabbath Services in South Africa. Wherever we travelled we always connected with the House of Israel. How fortunate we were.

In 1989, we retired to Longboat Key and found [Temple Beth Israel](#), where my journey to Reform Judaism found a permanent home. It is good to be here!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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**David & Nancy Freund** celebrating 35 years on Mar. 16th

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 Jack Goldsmith  
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 Anne Koshin  
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 Louis Massik  
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 Kate Ronson  
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 Mary Stark  
 Reuben Turner  
 Edith Weiskopf  
 Edna Weiss

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 Joseph Solomon  
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 Harry Wilder

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 Zoya Klempner  
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 Meyer Millner  
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**So sorry for your loss! It's so hard  
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**Feel better soon.**

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# SARASOTA LUXURY REAL ESTATE REPORT

## Should the Increased Market Activity in Sarasota Worry You?



Ella Mirman's winning art entry for 2021  
"Embracing Our Differences" exhibit at Bayfront Park

This month I want to highlight the 2021 juried exhibit of "Embracing our Differences" in Sarasota's Bayfront Park. This annual international art show consists of 50 billboard-sized works of art, each accompanied by an inspirational quote. This year there were 15,912 entries pouring in from 128 countries and 48 states. We are proud to share that our daughter Ella's piece "Journey to Self-Love" is part of it!

There is clearly a lot of activity in our real estate market. This additional demand has increased prices and reduced total inventory. However, don't let the headlines lead you to think that we are running out of properties.

While inventory levels will take some time to rise- there are new properties that come to market daily for the following three reasons:

### 1) Multiple Property Syndrome

Sarasota has a lot of people with MPS (Multiple Property Syndrome). Symptoms include owning three or more properties. Some owners have just a local collection while others have a collection here along with in different parts of the US and in many cases other countries.

Historically, life stages have driven these choices- such as building a family, getting a vacation home, becoming an empty nester, retirement, etc. Yet as

new paradigms for living, working and retiring emerge, buyers and sellers are rethinking what they want and where they want it.

For many with MPS, after several years of acquisitions, the past 12 months has given pause to building collections and refocused energies of simplifying. One way to free up time and make life a bit easier is to have less real estate. This will bring more inventory.

### 2) The Transition to "BRAND NEW"

Another phenomenon has been occurring in Sarasota heavily in the last 3-5 years. I often speak about the transition to "Brand New" which has been a compelling impetus to change.

In their October 2020 development report, the City of Sarasota reported:

▶ 980 residential units in development ▶ 1231 units under construction ▶ 163 units completed in the last 12 months

So literally "new" options have recently arrived and many more are on the way. The city report does not account for development projects in Sarasota County or in-fill redevelopment on a lot by lot basis- that is when a functionally obsolete house is torn down to build a new one.

It takes time to transition from current to new so there is lag effect of when the "old" comes on the market but this too adds to our inventory.

### 3) "Aged Out" Properties

In our area in particular families started vacationing and owning here in the 50s and 60s. Two generations later, there are some families for whom Sarasota no longer meets their needs (crazy). These underutilized properties that have been passed on or could be passed on add a substantial piece to our market. A segment of this group is called aged-out.

It is easy to understand- especially on a great winter weather day, with newer work and communication paradigms emerging, the very inexpensive cost of money, and the increase of net worth- why the demand is strong.

If you understand our market dynamics and more importantly what and why you are buying- jump in the water is great. However, don't just buy because of your FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) because tomorrow, next week, and next month more options will become available.

*If you are ready to sell, buy or engage in MPS therapy please give me a call.*

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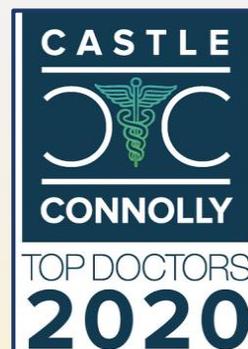
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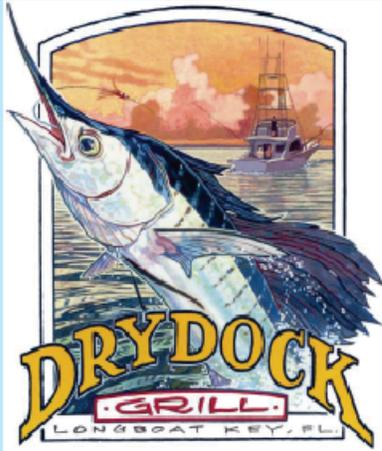


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	1 <b>BIW Board Meeting 11:00 via ZOOM</b>	2 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM	3	4	5 <b>Program Mtg 1:30PM</b> Shabbat Meals 3pm @ TBI ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Shabbat Service 7:30 PM ON ZOOM	6 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM LIVE ON ZOOM
7	8 <b>Books &amp; Brown Bags via ZOOM 12:45pm</b>	9 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM <b>Exec. Committee Mtg 2:00 PM</b>	10	11	12 Shabbat Meals 3pm @ TBI ZOOM Social Hour 5:00 PM Friday Shabbat Service 7:30 PM LIVE ON ZOOM	13 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM LIVE ON ZOOM
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28 <b>PASSOVER (First Day) 10am ZOOM SERVICE</b>	29 <b>PASSOVER (Day 2)</b>	30 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM <b>PASSOVER (Day 3)</b>	31 <b>PASSOVER (Day 4)</b>	<b>PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL AND AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY. Please see the weekly E-Blasts for updates.</b>		

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## PURIM

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In the past, we have always had a wonderful cocktail party to celebrate Purim complete with a Megillah reading, horns, noise makers, funny skits, great cocktail food, and some fun costumes. However, the best was the hamantash made by our own **Arlene Krum**.

This year, however, because of the Pandemic, we were unable to have our normal festivities. Arlene has graciously made our hamantash for more years than known. This year, those who ordered a Shabbat dinner for February 26, also received Arlene's delicious hamantash.

Many thanks to her for her fabulous treat!

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## EDITORS' NOTES

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Writers welcome! The deadline for submission of announcements and articles is the 10th of the preceding month for publication. All submissions should be forwarded as Microsoft Word email attachments to **packard@oakland.edu**.

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