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Happy Holy Days!

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

• S'lichot	8/28	7:30 pm
• Erev Rosh Hashanah	9/6	8:00 pm
• Rosh Hashanah	9/7	10:00 am
• Kol Nidre	9/15	8:00 pm
• Yom Kippur morning	9/16	10:00 am
Yom Kippur afternoon		3:00 pm
Yizkor followed by Neilah		4:00 pm
• Sukkot	9/21	10:00 am
• Simchat Torah	9/28	10:00 am

Check the weekly E-Blast for updates & more information on how to join services virtually! Email office@tbi-lbk.org to make sure you're on our email list.

Wishing you joy and many blessings throughout the New Year!

TBI Service Times

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10a.m.
Livestreaming available on Fridays



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Well finally we are open for business. Our highest priority was, and of course still is, to protect you, **Rabbi Sniderman**, and the entire staff from the danger brought about by the Covid-19 plague. Longboat Key reports 100 percent of its residents are vaccinated. We believe our congregants are near that figure.

Although we are now conducting services and many on-going activities in the Temple building, we are still being extremely cautious and requiring everyone attending services to be "masked".

The High Holiday Services are upon us and we ask that the guidelines published in this edition of the *Bulletin* be respected by all. A number of people have been working to make services flow smoothly. The Rabbi and our Executive Director, **Isaac Azerad**, Vice President **Allan Goldfarb**, and members **Elise Galinsky** and **Carole Shaw**, staff and many others have spent hours on countless details necessary to bring about our upcoming High Holiday services. When you see them remember to give them a special elbow touch.

Being together especially during the High Holidays gives us strength, connection and continuity for our entire people. We hope to see many of you during the High Holidays.

Carole and I wish you a very healthy and meaningful New Year.

Most Sincerely,

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

Stuart Sinai, Temple Beth Israel President



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Who would ever have imagined the last year and a half? We like to try to predict the future while we know we cannot control it. We plan. We make contingency plans in case it doesn't work out as expected. Still everything can turn around overnight.

There is a Jewish tradition that would qualify an expectation like "I will see you for lunch next week" with the words "with God's help" we are not completely in control, but we can exercise agency or power in the way we deal with what confronts us. All of us made serious choices in the past year and a half as we struggled with the right coping mechanisms and then refined and improved those methods.

On a family level, many of us, if not most of us, haven't had our normal in-person visits with children and grandchildren. Zoom gatherings are better than nothing, but they aren't the real thing.

On a congregational level, Zoom services aren't the real thing. We Rabbis weren't trained for this. We learned on the job. Who would ever have imagined a Zoom funeral or a Zoom shivah? Being part of a Zoom Shiva with 150 other people is better than nothing. In fact, family members and friends who were too far away to attend a regular shivah were able to be part of things. It was still strange.

I am writing this a month before Rosh Hashanah, literally on Rosh Hodesh Elul. Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, is a time of serious spiritual preparation for the High Holidays. As we resolve to make our lives and the world around us somewhat better, we nervously ask what we can expect, what can we reasonably work for in the coming year. We, at **Temple Beth Israel**, have already had two weeks of live, in-person, Friday night and Saturday morning services. May this continue, adding the words "with God's help."

We plan for the High Holidays in advance. The music is selected. The cues are listed. The honors are assigned. We have tried to assure our members that we will be as safe as possible. We exert control of the spread of the virus by wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Our air quality in the sanctuary has been upgraded.

What about us? Let us move beyond buildings and cue sheets. They may be in order, but are we in order? We have paid a high emotional and spiritual price over the past year and a half. We need to recuperate and rebuild. Our hope and our prayer is that we can continue to be together again, in-person, as the vibrant and loving community that we are.

My best wishes for a New Year, a good year, a healthy year.

Rabbi Stephen L. Sniderman

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The old Yiddish proverb, "We plan, God laughs" seems to apply to our daily lives in these uncertain times. We tell ourselves we must adapt to change, however ill-defined change is. We persevere even if it seems our plans may change direction at any time. We learn to laugh with God, and we forge ahead.

In past years September was the start of our planning activities in earnest. At this time last year, we were abuzz with setting up our programs for the post High Holiday's season. With excitement and anticipation, we planned numerous rich, educational, cultural, and artistic offerings that live up to our mission of being "*The Center of Jewish Living on Longboat Key*".

This year is no exception. We have an ambitious agenda augmented by a great number of programs and events brought to us by **Susan Goldfarb** and The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel. Our members become automatic Education Center members and enjoy the benefit of reduced tuition at more than 200 offerings. They also get early registration privileges to many of the programs that may sell out.

We have also allowed for contingencies made necessary by health and safety considerations. The tools and the circumstances of presenting our programs may be different, but the rich and varied texture of our offerings remains what we have come to expect from our programs.

So, if we cannot gather in person, the virtual offerings on Zoom and YouTube are the best substitutes. In the last few months, you might have joined in our Friday night social Zoom get-togethers before services...it was fun and informative, but most of all it gave us a chance to get to know each other a little better. This very successful event has become a lively and enjoyable gathering that has developed a strong following.

Our 92Y season promises to be a great success. We are hiring a host to introduce and moderate questions and answers after the viewing. We hope to view the programs on our large screen in the Sanctuary. Alternatively, the presentations will be enjoyed online and immediately followed by a live Zoom session moderated with questions and answers. The 92Y program is once more generously sponsored by The Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

We are proud to present a series of concerts, guaranteed to satisfy every taste in music, ranging from our very own Florence Katz Memorial Concert to a String Trio, a Klezmer band, The West Coast Black Theatre Troupe, Sol Eichner and Daniel Jordan, and The Jazz Club of Sarasota. They will perform in our sanctuary followed by meet the artists at a Champagne-dessert reception.

Our Education Center and **Temple Beth Israel** brings another wonderful event in 2022: "Jewish American Composers - A Force for Uniting America!" Susan Benjamin, musical biographer and performer and Cantor Jay O'Brien will demonstrate in this extraordinary, multi-media program how disparate groups, with various priorities, can be brought together through the transformative power of art-specifically the art of musical theater. From the 1920s to the present, Jewish musical theater composers and lyricists have addressed societal and human relations issues and have encouraged empathy for "the other" through their work. Oscar Hammerstein, Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, Alan Jay Lerner, Stephen Sondheim, Jerry Herman, and others will be featured. This presentation combines elements of several musical biographies, all centered on a significant theme. An opportunity to meet the presenters will follow the program at a champagne-dessert reception.

These programs are planned optimistically as in-person events and will be adapted, whenever possible to a virtual presentation depending on circumstances.

This is but a glimpse of what we are planning for the upcoming season. Please follow our e-blasts for additional announcements. We will keep planning as God laughs.



Isaac Azerad, Executive Director of Temple Beth Israel

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

It feels good to be able to attend services in our Temple again, after having been closed for sixteen months due to the pandemic.

However, now we find ourselves facing the new Covid variant, Delta, that requires us to wear masks once again. We've learned that even after being fully vaccinated, we can still contract the virus. Masks better protect us against getting the virus and passing it along to others, therefore, all members who attend services will be required to wear masks, practice social distancing, and properly sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the building. Masks will continue to be mandatory at all services and programs until further notice. We also highly recommend that all our members become vaccinated to protect themselves and fellow congregants.

We have worked diligently to compile a new schedule of programs for the 2021-22 season. Many of the new programs will be offered by the Education Center of TBI, under the direction of **Susan Goldfarb**. Along with Susan, we have **Charity Kurtyka** who is the Assistant Director, and **Carl Kurtyka** who oversees the A/V equipment and livestreaming of the Education Center programs.

The Education Center of TBI will offer 175 classes during this upcoming year. We expect around 500 attendees per week, beginning in October. With the addition of the Education Center of TBI, we will be the leading synagogue in our area to offer such an excellent variety of educational and entertainment courses. These classes will be presented and instructed by distinguished, professional educators. If you are interested in learning a new skill or participating in one of the many programs, we encourage you register for some of these excellent courses. **TBI** will also continue to offer all our previous and new programming, including 92Y, Miniversity, Kallah Scholar, Scholar-in-Residence, S.I.L.L (which will also now include the Music Monday presentations), our annual Gala, the Florence Katz Memorial Concert, West Coast Black Theatre, our BIW & Men's Club events, Shabbat dinners, film festivals, bus tours and more.

Isaac Azerad and I have implemented over 35 new security measures for the protection of our congregants, staff and visitors. All new installations have been checked and verified by the LBK, Manatee & Sarasota Police Departments, SCN (Secure Community Network) under the authority of Jeff Solomon - the Director of Security at the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation, and our private security company. Among these measures is an additional locking system for our main and rear doors, which enables us to go into complete lockdown within two seconds. We also have backups for some of our operations in the case of a hostile situation, and defense equipment, if it becomes necessary.

We are looking forward to an exciting and full year at our Temple.

Allan Goldfarb, Vice President of Administration

MEN'S CLUB

I want to welcome everyone back after the very trying summer. I hope all of you are well and are looking forward to this fall and our many activities at Temple.

The Men's Club had a wonderful summer season with two very successful events. The first was a delightful luncheon at Harry's on Longboat Key. The second was a marvelous dinner at Rosemary and Thyme in Sarasota. Next summer we hope to expand the program with more lunches and dinners.

As we get into fall our schedule is just beginning to formulate. As of today our first speaker will be realtor and Temple member **Lee Mirman**. It has been three years since Lee has met with us and much has gone on in the real estate market both on Longboat Key and Sarasota. **Our first fall breakfast meeting will be Sunday morning November 14 at 9:30 a.m.** Cost will be \$15. We will meet at the Temple.

Future entertainment will include a Klezmer group, The West Coast Black Theatre Troupe and many others. All of our events are open to and welcome men and women.

You will soon receive a **Temple Beth Israel** Men's club membership application. Please fill it out and return it to the office.

Lewis Moyer, Men's Club President

BETH ISRAEL WOMEN'S CLUB REPORT

Finally we can all be together! We are looking forward to resuming our luncheons, Shabbat and Chanukah dinners, Women's Passover Seder and Fashion Show.

For the kickoff we hope to see everyone at the upcoming "Happy Days Are Here Again" brunches sponsored by the Temple.

If you haven't done so yet, join and be part of these BIW events.

We want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Nancy Cohen and Sylvia Pastor, Co-Presidents

AN UPDATE ON THE EDUCATION CENTER AT TBI

The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel is making wonderful progress as my staff and I work out the details and logistics of increased infrastructure, office space, and room assignments. **Charity Kurtyka**, who will be our program administrator, and **Carl Kurtyka** (yes, they are related, they are married), our technical director, are hard at work putting everything together in time for the fall programs. Charity's office and reception area will be in the Fran Mann Library. She worked out the details with Allan and Isaac and it is quite amazing how together they have created the perfect space for her office equipment and an attractive area to receive and register students in person.

Meeting room 1 and meeting room 2, opposite the Fran Mann Library, have been put together and renamed Studio One. We are busy decorating it and working out A/V equipment and furniture placement. It will multifunction for Bridge, Mah Jongg, Canasta, painting, movie discussions, morning forums, iPad and iPhone classes, and many other courses. It will also serve us well for workshops on Saturdays which Rabbi Sniderman is generously allowing us to have in the afternoons after 1:00 p.m. He has been so welcoming and kind. Workshops will include Origami, magic, and a special afternoon devoted to loneliness in the senior population: one of four programs in a series sponsored by the Jewish Federation and brilliantly conceived by **Suzanne Schuster**. I will have more information about the series in subsequent columns.

The Choir Room, which **Ann Stephenson Moe** is so graciously sharing with us between choir practices and rehearsals, will be used for small, intimate classes like poetry, literature, writing workshops, meditation, book discussion groups, French, and health and well-being circles to name a few.

We will utilize Social Hall A for the annual Lecture Series (12 in all, a stellar group of significant speakers) as well as other popular programs that were offered at The Longboat Key Education Center that drew large numbers like Supreme Court, film festivals, music and art appreciation, and world politics. It will also be used for chair yoga, Qigong, functional fitness and balance and a fun new dance movement course created by Robert de Warren, international ballet director, choreographer, and designer. Additionally Social Hall A will be used for many of our concerts, theatrical productions, and for New Orleans jazz nights with Kid Dutch.

Isaac and I are sharing an office next to Studio One. I have taken the liberty to decorate my side (and his side too!) with my paintings and photos, flowers, and objets d'art. Isaac has been so accommodating! I feel very much at home. I am working with Isaac and Allan to create a refreshment area in the lobby where we will have coffee, water, and cookies for students between and after classes.

As you know the Temple has begun the process of re-opening to the public. I hope to open the Education Center Office in mid-October and start in-person programs in early November. Isaac is working with Allan to exercise up-to-the minute pandemic safety guidelines and protocols. We will provide Zoom options for many of our programs. Last minute, unpredictable changes may occur, but we will keep all our students informed.

Memberships have been steadily coming in, which is very encouraging. As you know Temple members are automatically members at either the Individual level (\$60) or the Couple level (\$85). Upgrades are available for more membership perks. Temple members can choose to deduct their free membership from the upgrade fee

AN UPDATE ON THE EDUCATION CENTER AT TBI cont.

or offer more support by generously waiving the complimentary membership and paying the full amount for the upgrade. The Supporting level at \$135 includes a total of six complimentary lectures in the Lecture Series. This alone is worth \$90, so I think many Temple members have decided to just donate the full \$135! Of course, we are very appreciative of this kind of generosity.

I hope to have the brochure ready to send to Temple members and Education Center members by mid-September. It will be chock full of impressive offerings, but it takes time to schedule 175 programs and over 100 teachers, lecturers, workshop leaders, and performers. Due to the myriad tasks involved with moving out of the Centre Shops and into the Temple I was unable to keep the schedule I had kept for over 25 years of having the brochure published and mailed to Longboat Key Education Center members the first week in August.

Imagine looking over and dealing with thousands of files that dated back to 1986! Carl and Charity were a tremendous help loading four huge bins for shredding, finding a charity to donate furniture, putting important files in storage, packing up equipment and paintings to bring to the Temple, and going to the dumpster daily with hundreds of bags of garbage over the six weeks it took to finally complete the move. The baby grand that I donated to the Temple was the easiest part of the move! Who knew!?

I would like to give a big Thank You to **Rabbi Sniderman, Isaac Azerad, Allan Goldfarb, Robin Miller, Shana Johnson, Jen Shaw, and Terry St. John** who have been so tremendously helpful and supportive. It feels like a family and I am filled with gratitude. I am very excited and optimistic about this new adventure. I was sad that I had to dissolve The Longboat Key Education Center due to Covid, after 35 successful years. But I am very happy to be at Temple Beth Israel, to continue to passionately do what I love to do, and to be embraced by Temple members and the community who are eager to sustain the Longboat Key Education Center's legacy of offering adult enrichment and lifelong learning; helping adults to keep their minds active and their spirits young by learning new things. With Isaac's insight and vision for reimagining the future at Temple Beth Israel, we will be the place to be on Longboat Key!

I can be reached at susanedcenter@tbi-lbk.org or **941-383-8222**.

Susan Goldfarb
Director, Education Center

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Dear Friends,

One of the positive aspects of this lingering pandemic, and there are positives, is that many of us have gotten to Zoom with others, and to learn about and admire our fellow congregants during **TBI's Friday Night Social Hour**. Another positive is that this difficult period of health concerns and financial hardships have so quickly brought out the generosity, kindness, and helpfulness of you, our **TBI** family. Many of us have spent time reflecting since we have a lot more time for that these days. It seems that you, our Leadership Circle contributors, have reflected about how to use funds toward creating time for living well and helping. The future months will, hopefully, be better when we can return to some form of normalcy and begin to enjoy being together. Hopefully, we will soon return to the special programs and activities that your Leadership contributions help to make possible.

Your contributions go toward enriching our activities at **TBI** which will benefit all. This is a wonderful form of giving. We thank you and honor your participation in the Leadership Circle. The following are the most up-to-date names received by the deadline for printing this issue.

Donations received after this deadline will be acknowledged in the next Bulletin:

Eliot & Phyllis Arnovitz, Norton & Patricia Baron, Edwin & Barbara Biron, Marvin & Annette (z"l) Black, Barbara Blumfield, Michael & Sue Boorstein, Ross & Wendy Born, John Bradbury, Deborah Cohen, Judge Edward D. Cohen, Herman & Sharon Frankel, Nancy & David Freund, Barry & Suzan Friedman, James & Elise Galinsky, Dr. Philip & Susan Gaynes, Dr. Philip & Patricia Gelber, Dr. Sheldon (z"l) and Ann Glickman, Sheila (z"l) and Seymour Goldblatt, Allan & Miriam Goldfarb, Susan & David Gorin, Jay Greenblatt & Robin Green, Barbara Gross, Dr. Jon & Joyce Gudeman, Dr. Audrey Heimler, Sue Jacobson, Doris Kaplan, Maggie Kaplen & Leon Sokol, Sy Kliensky, Benjamin & Sandra Krause, Ruth Kreindler, Richard & Nessa Levine, Lois Lowsky, Suzanne Lutkoff, Don Markstein, Marilyn Naiditch, Dr. Sandy Packard & Lew Moyer, Irwin & Sylvia Pastor, Barbara Pressman, Margot & Jack Robinson, Harold Ronson & Molly Schechter, Sharon Schreiber, Dr. Burton & Estelle Silbert, Stuart Sinai & Carole Shaw, Claire Smith, Edward & Donna Sobel, Robert & Maxine Spitzer, Barbara Struth, Marilyn Taub, Dr. Howard & Tena Tessler, Howard & Kelli Veit, Robert Vigder.

Stuart Sinai and Isaac Azerad, TBI Leadership Circle Team

LIFE & LEGACY HONORS PROGRAM

As the fifth year of our LIFE & LEGACY Program gets under way, there are now 55 members (20 percent) of our congregants who are participants in the Program. Based on the amount of their indicated legacy gift sizes, we project that the total value of these participants' future gifts to our Endowment Fund will be in excess of \$880,000.

While the total value of our current members' commitments is significant, and very much appreciated, it must be kept in mind that our goal, and our need, is for a much larger total commitment. It is expected that, in future years, approximately 20 percent of our annual operating funds will need to be provided by the Endowment Fund. To meet this need, the amount of our future legacy gifts will need to total approximately \$1,500,000.

Our goal for the current year is to increase the number of participants in the program to 100 congregants. All that is needed to become a participant is a Letter of Intent to provide an afterlife legacy gift. No current contribution is required and the size of the gift is at the total discretion of the participant. For information on how you can help provide for the future viability of **TBI** by participating in the Program, contact Isaac Azerad at the Temple office.

Bob Vigder, LIFE & LEGACY Committee Chairperson

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The need for food supplies has not diminished with the hot weather. The Second Chance, Last Opportunity (SCLO) organization is still supplying its neighborhood families with groceries and toiletries. You can help by filling up bags with non-perishable foods and arranging to drop them off by calling **Arlene Skversky (941-400-4311)** or **Mac Spitzer (941-387-0557)**.

These wonderfully helpful women will drive the groceries to the SCLO headquarters at 1933 Dr. Martin Luther King Way, as they have been for months, along with **Judy Tobias**, **Barbara Pressman** and many others. Please think about contributing food to our community members in need.

Karen Gary and Alice Blueglass, Co-Chairpersons, Social Action Committee

GIFT SHOP

Come and see our collection of Gary Rosenthal Judaica. Gary Rosenthal has closed his Studio and with the exception of the ribbon collection his other items will no longer be available.

If you are a lover or collector of Gary Rosenthal Judaica, shop now! Watch the October *Bulletin* for our new hours.

Tena Tessler, BIW



“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:

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In memory of our parents.
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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.
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In memory of my beloved son, Richard Adam Heimler
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 Marion & Dr. Bernard (z”l) Levine
In memory of Dr. Bernard Levine
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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.
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In honor of Terry Berk, my much loved brother.
 Carole Shaw & Stuart Sinai
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 Marilyn Taub
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In Honor and Loving Memory of Florence Katz
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Honor a Loved One!

LIFE & LEGACY Honor Society:

The Temple has establishment 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

SOCIAL ACTION AT RISE AND NYE'S

A delightful coffee and ice cream shop on State Street in downtown Sarasota is doing much more than serving gourmet treats to their customers.

At Rise & Nye's, there are wonderful happenings taking place! The employees, which include the servers and those working behind the scenes preparing the food and drinks, are women and men with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These people are involved in this meaningful occupation and have the opportunity to form friendships, improve their public speaking and communication skills, while learning how to advocate for themselves as they become productive wage earners who are self-reliant. Rise and Nye's is supported by individual contributions and through its non-profit foundation, Inclusion Revolution.

When you visit, you will enjoy delicious ice cream, coffee and tea. You will also have an opportunity to chat with the staff and learn about the dreams and aspirations of these Rise and Nye folks.

This idea is the brainchild of Beaver Shriver, a cousin of Sargent Shriver who was married to Eunice Kennedy. Beaver Shriver and his partner, Christian Nye, had a vision, but it took a village to make this a reality.



Since he was nine years old, Beaver Shriver has been focused on supporting people with disabilities. Along with his daily presence at Rise and Nye's, Beaver is also the co-founder of Shriver Education for the Arts, a non-profit that helps empower and employ artists with different abilities. Beaver has continued to serve those he calls "differently-abled" in the storied Shriver-Kennedy family tradition of serving others by giving his time and financial support to many organizations, especially those that champion for individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities such as Special Olympics, Best Buddies and Push2Inspire.

[Karen Gary](#), [Rabbi Peter Kasdan](#) and I met with Beaver and discussed ways that we, at [Temple Beth Israel](#), might bring awareness of, and support for, this charming café and those whose lives benefit from this life-changing educational experience. At some future time, [TBI](#) will hear a presentation by Beaver Shriver, followed by an Ice Cream Social, with desserts served by the employees at Rise and Nye's. This is a social action project we can all enjoy!

[Karen Gary and Alice Blueglass](#), Co-Chairpersons, TBI Social Action Committee
[Rabbi Peter Kasdan](#), Resource and Contributor

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

It's been an exciting and productive summer for the Long Range Planning Committee. We have been tasked with working out a set of procedures for enhancing, renovating and re-purposing the Temple physical plant over the next few years to meet the expanded needs of the congregation and the Education Center and refreshing the existing space.

At our June meeting we accepted responses from our multiple "Request for Proposals" from three architectural firms and a fund-raising firm which specializes in designing and executing capital campaigns for not-for-profit institutions.

Based on careful vetting, we agreed unanimously to move with the Solstice Planning and Architecture firm, here in Sarasota. The principal Jonathan Parks has many highly visible Sarasota projects in his portfolio, including the Rosemary Square project, the new Art Museum project, the Arts Ovation Hotel and both the Palm Avenue Garage and Restaurants and the St. Armands Garage. Mr. Parks has shifted his emphasis toward community enhancing projects and expressed excitement at the opportunity to help shape our future facilities.

At a luncheon meeting in July, the Temple moved forward and engaged Solstice for a feasibility study to incorporate the elements we requested in a series of preliminary design documents. We look forward to continuing this momentum with meetings scheduled for the summer with Solstice.

[Dr. Philip Gelber](#), Co-Chairperson Long Range Planning Committee

Memory Plaque Program

Now that we are at last returned to our sanctuary and we can enjoy being together in its wonderful warm and glowing environment, it is time once again to activate our Memory Plaque program. For a \$500 contribution to the [TBI Facilities Fund](#) (a much needed cause in our Temple), a brass plaque will be placed at the top back of a seat of your choosing (on a first come first served basis). The plaque will be inscribed with the name of your choice. You may purchase a plaque for yourself, to recognize the service of or honor another individual, or to remember a loved one. I am purchasing one in my beloved husband's name ([Dr. Martin Packard z"l](#)) both to honor his lifelong passion for Judaism and because his aunt and uncle, [Ann and Louis Bunis \(z"l\)](#), were founding members of TBI.

It is important to understand that a plaque on a seat does not reserve that seat for the purchaser of the plaque or anyone else. All seats within the sanctuary will remain open for seating unless the seats have placard on them saying "Reserved".

Through the *Bulletin* you have heard many messages about the need to refurbish our 40-year-old building. The Memory Plaque program is a wonderful way to help towards this goal and at the same time say "Thank you for your service", "I love you" or "In loving memory". With the exception of the minor cost (\$25) for purchasing and engraving the plaque, all the funds donated for a plaque will go to the Facilities Fund and you will receive a letter telling you the amount for tax deduction purposes. You may purchase as many seat plaques as you wish until they are all sold. You may even purchase an entire row at a reduced price.

To donate and select a seat for your plaque, contact [Sandy Packard](#) or the office and [Jen](#) will alert Sandy to contact you.

[Sandy Packard](#), Vice President Development

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

As part of our life cycle responsibility the **Temple Beth Israel** Memorial Garden was established in 1990 to serve the needs of its members and families. It is located in Sarasota 12.5 miles from the Temple. It is a tranquil and beautiful setting with hedges and trees surrounding the gravesites and two Columbarium's, one just recently completed. As you can see in the photo it is dignified and stately. Perpetual care is a feature of every purchase and ensures the cemetery is maintained to a very high standard.

The Jewish custom of purchasing burial sites during one's lifetime goes back to ancient times. There are a numbers of options and alternatives which have to be made, including financial benefits that might be lost. As a first step to advance planning more than half the gravesites and niches have been purchased by our members prior to need. This is a tremendous emotional financial burden taken off the shoulders of family during the time of emotional grief.



Our first Columbarium was sold out years ago. The recently constructed one has 48 niches, each one designed to protect the remains of one or two family members. The niches for the new Columbarium have been priced at \$2500 to induce your interest and will rise to at least \$3000 on December 1, 2021.

We urge members to call the office at **941-383-3428** for a referral to a Cemetery Committee member.

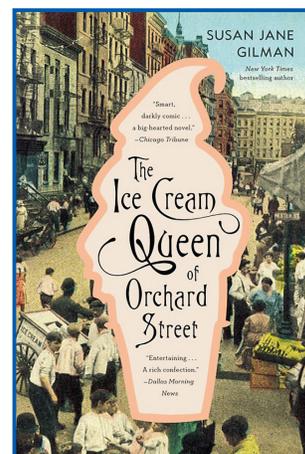
Dr. Howard Tessler and Stuart Sinai, Cemetery Committee

BOOKS AND BROWN BAGS

Books and Brown Bags will begin our new year with our first session on **November 8, 2021** in the Fran Mann library at 12:30 p.m. **Judy Glass** will be our facilitator for a discussion of *THE ICE CREAM QUEEN OF ORCHARD STREET*.

All members of BIW are welcome!

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



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When: Sunday, February 20, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

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Cost: \$40 TBI Members/Education Center Members
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Susan Benjamin & Cantor Jay O'Brien will perform an extraordinary, multi-media program, demonstrating how disparate groups can be brought together through the transformative power of art, specifically 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.



Contact the TBI office to reserve by Friday, Feb. 11th



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Pre-Opening Celebration for the first in-house services since the start of Covid.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



A big welcome to our newest members!

Barbara (Barbie) and **Lee Diznoff** hail from Charleston, West Virginia and recently became fulltime Longboat Key residents. Lee is a retired CPA and he enjoys golfing. Barbie is a retired teacher and loves the beach, biking and golf.

Barbara and **Marty Slagowitz** came to Longboat Key from Port Washington, N.Y. and Hilton Head, South Carolina. Marty owned a computer software business, Information Builders. They enjoy golf, Peleton, biking and knitting.

Debbie and **Stephen Winters** have previously lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Louisville, Kentucky. Stephen was born in New York City and Debbie in Havana, Cuba. Stephen is an M.D. Endocrinologist and Professor of Medicine and Debbie taught high school Spanish. Stephen plays guitar and they both enjoy travel, great restaurants and a variety of entertainment.

Gayle and **Michael Lewis** joined us in May. Michael is a retired Dentist and also a biotech inventor from Philadelphia. Gayle is from New York City originally and is a lawyer. They live with Pearl, their service dog.

Irwin and **Joelle Lowenstein** recently joined TBI after attending High Holiday Services at TBI for the past few years. They also belong to a temple in Atlanta, Georgia, where Irwin was President for three years. Irwin served on the board of the Atlanta Children and Family Services and enjoys golf and bridge. He is retired from the retail furniture business.

As we can see, the **TBI** community is so fortunate to have these new members as part of our congregation. I know that they will enrich us with their experience and talents.

As you all know, there has been a recent influx of new members to Longboat Key, downtown Sarasota and nearby communities. We ask you all to let friends and new neighbors who may be prospective members know about our congregation-its religious-spiritual offerings, as well as its cultural and educational offerings.

Please call one of our committee members if you know of individuals interested in meeting with us, taking a tour of **TBI**, and finding out more about our wonderful programs. We will do the rest! We are ambassadors for **TBI**.

We wish you a sweet and healthy New Year.



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WE'RE BACK! Join us as we kick-off the 2021 season, with a brand-new lineup of pre-recorded 92Y programming, presented in our Temple Sanctuary. We encourage pre-registration, as seating is limited. Please visit our website at www.tbi-lbk.org, send an email to office@tbi-lbk.org or call (941) 383-3428.

Doors open at 7:00 pm - \$10 per person - payable in advance or at the door (cash only)

NOTE - Due to the increased Covid-19 cases in our area, we will continue to enforce masks and social distancing.



Thurs. October 21 – 7:30 PM



Understanding the New Israeli Government: Prospects for Peace, and the Role for the U.S.

Conflict between Israelis and Palestinian along three fronts — Jerusalem; Gaza and within Israel proper fractured an already tenuous status quo. Meanwhile in a surprising turn in Israeli politics, a new government was formed — the first in a decade without Benjamin Netanyahu at its head. Join **Aaron David Miller, Khalil Shakiki, David Horowitz and Elise Labott**, four veteran analysts, practitioners and journalists as they assess these developments and weigh their consequences for the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, their impact on the region and relations with the Biden Administration. (rec. 6/28/21)

Thurs. November 4 – 7:30 PM



Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy

In June 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were led from their prison cells on Death Row and electrocuted. Battling political paranoia, anti-Semitism, misogyny, and her profound love and loyalty to her husband, she refused to incriminate him, despite government pressure. Much new evidence has surfaced since then including tragic prison letters sent over a three-year period, two of them in solitary confinement.

Join **Anne Sebba & Bill Goldstein** as they discuss the resonant story of what happens when a government motivated by fear tramples on the rights of its citizens. (rec. 6/15/21)

Thurs. November 18 – 7:30 PM



Confronting Hate in a Divisive Era

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, a seminal 20th century figure in interfaith and race relations around the world, was deeply involved in the historic Vatican II Council, which promulgated a landmark encyclical on Catholic-Jewish relations. As our nation—and world—is ever more refracted by intolerance and its tragic aftermath, this introspection is timely and relevant. **Rabbi Peter Rubinstein, Dr. Georgette Bennett, Dr. Reverend Katharine Henderson, and Daisy Khan** discuss how we continue these efforts and gain a better understanding of what it means to confront hate in a divisive era. (rec. 10/20/20)

Thurs. October 21 'Understanding the New Israeli Government: Prospects for Peace'

Thurs. November 4 'Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy'

Thurs. November 18 'Confronting Hate in a Divisive Era'

Thurs. December 2 'Saving Justice: James Comey in Conversation w/ Dan Abrams'

Thurs. December 16 'Celebrating the Life & Legacy of Debbie Friedman: An Evening of Conversation & Storytelling'

Thurs. January 6 'Threats Facing Israel in a Changing Middle East w/Naftali Bennet and Dan Senor'

Wed. January 19 'Roadblocks to Peace: Einat Wilf and Adi Schwartz in Conversation with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein'

Wed. February 2 'Challenges now & in the Future: A Time for Reflection and Hope'

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With love, Sylvia & Irwin.

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WOW! Thanks for a great picnic! We loved it and YOU!

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Congratulations on the birth of your newest grandchild, Axsell... what a nice Mother's Day!

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SEPT 16, **Dr. Philip & Patricia Gelber** *celebrating 49 years*

SEPT 29, **Lee & Lisa Mirman** *celebrating 19 years*

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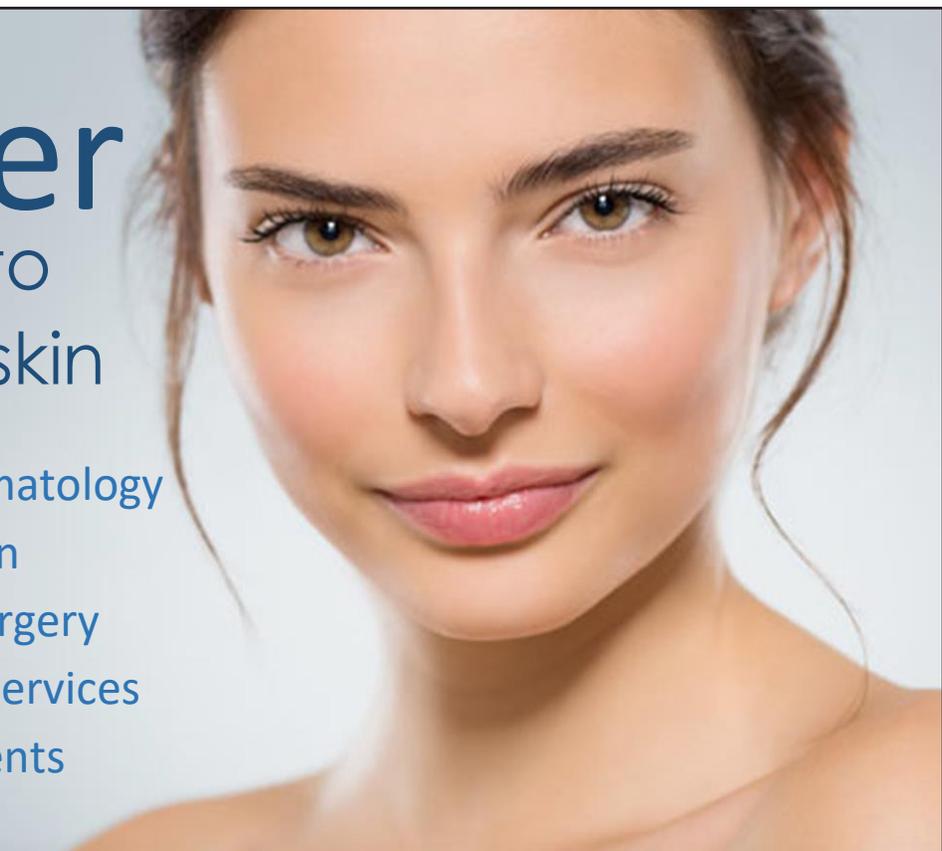


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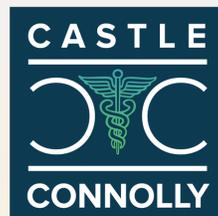
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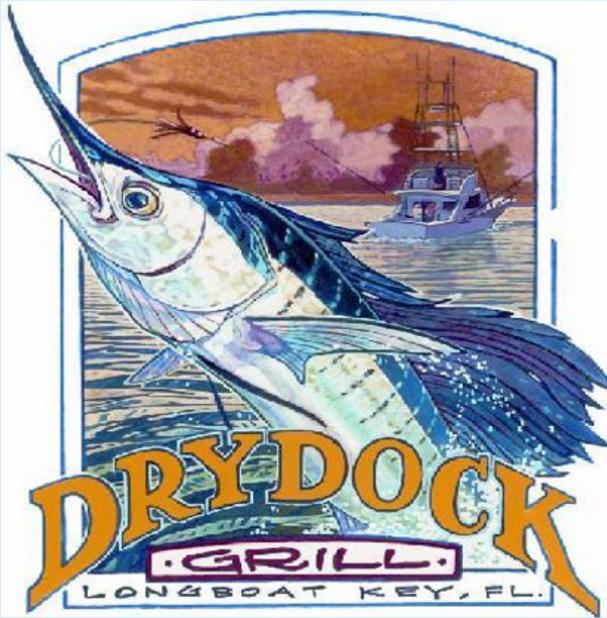
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To establish such an honor, the donor must provide an afterlife LIFE & LEGACY Gift Confirmation, or a current qualifying gift to the Endowment Fund, in an amount of \$10,000 or more. The name of the designee would then be enrolled as a member of the LIFE & LEGACY Honors Society. The names of all such honorees, together with the names of the respective donors, will be permanently and prominently displayed in the Temple and in the Temple's weekly electronic and print bulletins and annual directories.

Any current members of the LIFE & LEGACY Society who have already provided a qualifying Gift Confirmation, or a current qualifying gift to the Endowment Fund, are invited to submit the name of a designated honoree for inclusion in the LIFE & LEGACY Honors Society.

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Temple Beth Israel Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Kick-off Choir Concert 4pm Sanctuary	30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30am	31	1	2 Choir Rehearsal 9:30am	3 Choir Call 5:15pm Friday Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	4 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM
5 Rosh Hashanah Dinner pick-up 3pm on Monday 9/6	6 Office Closed for Labor Day Erev R.H.Service 8PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	7 Office Closed for Rosh Hashanah Rosh Hashanah Service 10:00am RH Lunch 1:30pm Choir Rehearsal 9:15am	8	9 Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Ritual Committee Mtg 10:30 - Noon	10 Choir Call 5:15pm Friday Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	11 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM
12	13 Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Long Range Mtg 4:00 PM	14 Rabbi Sniderman's ZOOM Judaism Class 11:00 AM Exec. Committee Mtg 2:00 PM	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Kol Nidre Service 8:00 PM Yom Kippur Dinner pick-up 3pm 9/15	16 Office Closed for Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Service 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am	17 Choir Call 5:15pm Friday Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	18 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM
19	20 Sukkot (First Night)	21 Sukkot 1st Day Office Closed for Sukkot Sukkot Morning Service 10:00am	22 Programming Mtg 4:00 PM	23	24 Choir Call 5:15pm Friday Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	25 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 AM
26	27 Sukkot Last Day Office Closed for Sukkot	28 Simchat Torah Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Simchat Torah Service 10:00am	29	30	10/1 Choir Call 5:15pm Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Friday Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	

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