

The Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat  
**Miniversity of Judaism  
at Temple Beth Israel**



**MINIVERSITY REGISTRATION AND FEE SCHEDULE**

1. For paid-up Temple members, there is no fee for any part of the Miniversity Program except the 6-session “Walking God’s Paths” which is \$20 per person; \$30 per couple.
2. Non-Temple members can register for all courses as per the following schedule:

Any single session program, seminar or discussion	\$10 per person
Any two session course	\$15 per person
Any three session course	\$25 per person
For admission to the entire series of programs except “Walking God’s Path”	\$60 per person

3. The **Bible Study Series** is free and open to the public
4. Please remember to enroll early. We may limit the total number of attendees to each course in order to provide optimum conditions. Attendance at “Walking God’s Paths” is definitely limited.

**Sign up NOW for the Miniversity courses to avoid disappointment**

**If you have any questions, please call the Temple Office at 383-3428**

**Temple Beth Israel's Rabbi Michael Eisenstat Miniversity of Judaism**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE CIRCLE:   Member(s)                      Non-Member(s)

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which courses you will attend**

\_\_\_ Bible Study Series: \_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_ Dec \_\_\_ Jan \_\_\_ Feb \_\_\_ Mar

\_\_\_ Rabbi Jonathan Katz----Temple Beyond Time

\_\_\_ Rabbi Jonathan Katz & Deacon Pat Macauley---Walking God's Paths

\_\_\_ Rabbi Peter Kasdan---Judaism's Social Justice Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

\_\_\_ Dr. Alex Friedlander---Finding Your Jewish Roots

\_\_\_ Dr. Thomas Hecht---Czech Mate: A Life in Progress

\_\_\_ Rabbi Michael Eisenstat---3 Intersections Where Judaism and Christianity Meet and Diverge

\_\_\_ Adam Broner, Helga Harris, Eva Slane, Carole Kleinberg---We Were There

\_\_\_ Maestro Lief Bjaland---Leonard Bernstein and His Music

\_\_\_ Rabbinical Spouses---Another Point of View

\_\_\_ Kevin Costello---Eloquent Silences: The Jewish Experiences in American Painting and Sculpture

\_\_\_ Dr. Thomas Hecht---The Future of the Middle East

\_\_\_ Baila Miller---Capturing the Modern World: Jewish Photographers

Please return this form to:   **Temple Beth Israel  
567 Bay Isles Road  
Longboat Key, FL 34228**

All registrants: Please return your check for the appropriate amount per person, as outlined under the applicable "Registration and Fee Schedule" on the previous page with this form. Please make checks payable to: Temple Beth Israel

**THE CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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## BIBLE STUDY

### PERKEI AVOT – SAYINGS OF OUR FATHERS

Monday 2:00pm

November 17	Rabbi Jonathan Katz
December 15	Rabbi Michael Eisenstat
January 19	Rabbi Howard Simon
February 16	Rabbi Herbert Rose
March 23	Rabbi Peter Kasdan

## TEMPLE BEYOND TIME

Instructor: Rabbi Jonathan Katz

Two thousand years after its fall, the magnificent Jerusalem Temple remains an object of spiritual fervor, fascination and controversy. We will trace the establishment of the First Temple during the time of King Solomon, its destruction by the Babylonians in 567 BCE, rebuilding in 516 BCE, and massive restoration by King Herod five centuries later.

A central focus will be on the architectural and engineering wonder Herod achieved; how this amazing feat of building was accomplished. its demise under the Romans and its place and meaning for Jews, Christians and Muslims today.

Rabbi Katz is the new rabbi of Temple Beth Israel and is an accomplished instructor.

Thursday 2:00pm  
January 8, 15, 22 2009

**WALKING GOD'S PATH**  
**Christians and Jews in Candid Conversation**

Facilitators: Rabbi Jonathan Katz and Deacon Pat Macaulay

"Walking God's Paths" is a six session interfaith education and dialog program developed by Boston College's Center for Christian Jewish Learning in partnership with the National Council of Synagogues and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. The program is designed to provide participants with an understanding of what Jew and Christians share, where they differ, and how they can work together for a better world,

Attendance will be limited and advanced registration is required. The cost is \$20 per person; \$30 per couple and includes all course material.

Monday 10:00 am – 12 noon

January 12, 26, February 9 2009 at St. Martha's Catholic Church, 4280 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota

January 19, February 2, 16 2009 at Temple Beth Israel

**JUDAISM'S SOCIAL JUSTICE AGENDA FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY:**  
**What Politicians Promise Us vs What God Demands of Us**

Instructor: Rabbi Peter E. Kasdan

In late January 2009 the United States of America will witness the inauguration of a new President. This new President will have to face a nation and a world that requires immediate action on life and death issues: hunger, health care, economic justice, the widening gap between rich and poor to mention a few. Professional politicians make promises to get our votes, but don't necessarily fulfill these promises. We, as Jews, are guided by a higher authority; we are supposed to listen, not to politicians, when it comes to the preservation of this world, but to God who created it! We will study some of Judaism's original sources (Bible, Talmud, Midrash) and consider the effect of their demands on our lives today.

Rabbi Kasdan is a scholar and a well-respected teacher. He is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanuel of West Essex, Livingston, NJ and participates in many and varied community and religious activities, among which he is most active as the Rabbinic Advisor of the Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium.

Wednesday 2:00pm

January 14, 21, 28 2009

## **FINDING YOUR JEWISH ROOTS**

Instructor: Alex Friedlander

Why are so many of us motivated to research our family histories and why do we find it so satisfying? We will look at what kinds of information about one's ancestors and unknown relatives can be discovered in the course of genealogical research. The most important facts you need to know to get started, and ways of finding them will be discussed. Examples and case studies, tips on how to best use the web sites where information can be found will be provided. How to go about getting records that are not online and some of the pitfalls to be aware of in processing the information will be reviewed.

Dr. Alex Friedlander is a professional genealogist with over 30 years of experience, and is an expert on Polish and Lithuanian Jewish research. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Committee of Professional Jewish Genealogists.

Thursday 2:00pm  
January 29, February 12 2009

## **CZECH MATE – A LIFE IN PROGRESS**

Instructor: Dr. Thomas Hecht

This program will consist of readings from the book of the same title, which is published by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. It will chronicle the odyssey of the Hecht family to reach safety during the Nazi imposed horrors of World War II and their subsequent life in the New World. The book will be available for purchase and will be autographed by the author; all proceeds go for the benefit of Yad Vashem.

Dr. Hecht was born in Czechoslovakia in 1929, escaped from Europe and arrived in Canada in 1942. He was President of Continental Pharma Cryosan Inc, an international health care products and medical research company which was started by his father in Czechoslovakia in 1929 and is Chairman Emeritus of the successor company, IBEX Technologies.

Tuesday 2:00pm  
February 3 2009

## **THREE INTERSECTIONS WHERE JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY MEET AND DIVERGE**

Instructor: Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat

1. The intersection of Good and Evil
2. The intersection of the Messiah and the Afterlife
3. The intersection of Creed and Deed

Rabbi Eisenstat is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Israel and the founder of the "Miniversity of Judaism program at TBI. His presentations are always enlightening and informative

Wednesday, 2:00pm  
February 4, 11, 18 2009

### **WE WERE THERE Memories of the Holocaust**

Panel: Adam Broner, Eve Slana, Helga Harris  
Moderator: Carole Kleinberg

"We Were There: Memories of the Holocaust" is an anthology, the result of a Florida Holocaust Museum Writing Project based upon the original concept by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

Of the seven authors, three who live in Sarasota will be presenting. These authors will be reading selections of their writing in the book. Carole Kleinberg who will also lead a Q&A following the readings will introduce them. This will also be a book-signing event.

Dr. Broner was born in Lodz, Poland; was a member of the Red Army and the Polish Army and participated in the liberation of Poland and the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Ms. Harris was born in Berlin and was 10 years old when she and her family fled to New York.

Eva Slana's parents were Austrian, but lived what was then Germany where her father was the leading baritone at the Breslau State Opera. In 1939, she immigrated to the United States.

Carole Kleinberg is the Artistic Director of the Banyan Theater Company.

Thursday 2:00pm  
February 5 2009

## **LEONARD BERNSTEIN AND HIS MUSIC**

Instructor: Leif Bjaland

One of the most gifted and inspiring musician, conductor and composer in our generation was Leonard Bernstein. Who better to discuss the Maestro's life and music is a person who knew him well and was selected by Leonard Bernstein personally to conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as part of the American Conductors Program.

Maestro Bjaland is the Artistic Director and conductor of the Sarasota Orchestra and also the conductor of the Waterbury (Connecticut) Symphony. Sir Georg Solti hailed Maestro Bjaland as "a most musical young conductor with great future potential."

Tuesday, 2:00pm  
February 17 2009

## **ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW**

Panel: Rabbis' Spouses

Sit back; relax and participate in an experience few people ever get to have. What do the spouses of the rabbis think and have to say about being married to a rabbi.

A panel of rabbinical spouses takes off in the manner of the TV talk show: "The View".

Thursday, 2:00pm  
February 19 2009

## **ELOQUENT SILENCES: THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN AMERICAN PAINTING AND SCULPTURE**

Instructor: Kevin Costello

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – John Singer Sargent (1856-1925). Sargent was not Jewish, but made a lasting contribution to art in recording his Jewish clients for posterity, individuals who shaped the looks and attitudes of the time as much as he did himself.

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – Roy Lichtenstein (1925-1997). Lichtenstein was a leading member of American Pop Art; this lecture will illustrate how advanced art takes “non-art” concepts and images and transforms their meaning by recontextualizing their use in another medium such as painting.

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> – Sol LeWitt (1928-2007). LeWitt developed (along with others) “Minimalism” during the 70’s. This lecture will show why there is a strong interest in American art for architectonic forms and for the continuing use of geometric abstraction by American painters and sculptors.

Mr. Costello is the art correspondent for the “Sarasota Herald Tribune” and Art Critic for “Senses”, the Arts & Culture Magazine. He has taught at Stetson University, Eckerd College, Ringling Museum and The Ringling School of Art and Design and is presently conducting classes on the philosophy of art at the adult level.

Wednesday 2:00pm  
February 25  
March 4, 11 2009

## **THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

Instructor: Dr. Thomas Hecht

Is there a solution to the conflict in the Middle East? Many have tried to find it. All have failed. Should we focus on conflict resolution or conflict management?

Dr. Hecht was born in Czechoslovakia in 1929, escaped from Europe and arrived in Canada in 1942. In 1978, the Presidential Council of the Herzl Prize in Israel awarded the coveted Herzl Prize to him for dedicated public service on behalf of the State of Israel. In 1993, he founded the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University, a policy oriented think tank on issues affecting security and peace in the Middle East. He is the chairman of its International Advisory Committee.

Tuesday, 2:00pm  
March 3, 17 2009

## **CAPTURING THE MODERN WORLD: JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Instructor: Baila Miller

1. The Establishment of Photography as Art: Alfred Stieglitz
2. Shaping History: Photojournalists: Robert Capa, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Joe Rosenthal, etc.
3. Fashion Photography: Helmut Newton, Richard Avedon, Annie Leibovitz

Ms. Miller, founder of the Miller Music and Fine Arts Program has taught at Memphis State University and has designed and presented effective and entertaining programs in the fine arts in this and other communities.

Thursday, 2:00pm  
March 12, 19, 26 2009