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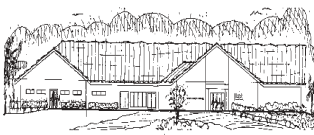
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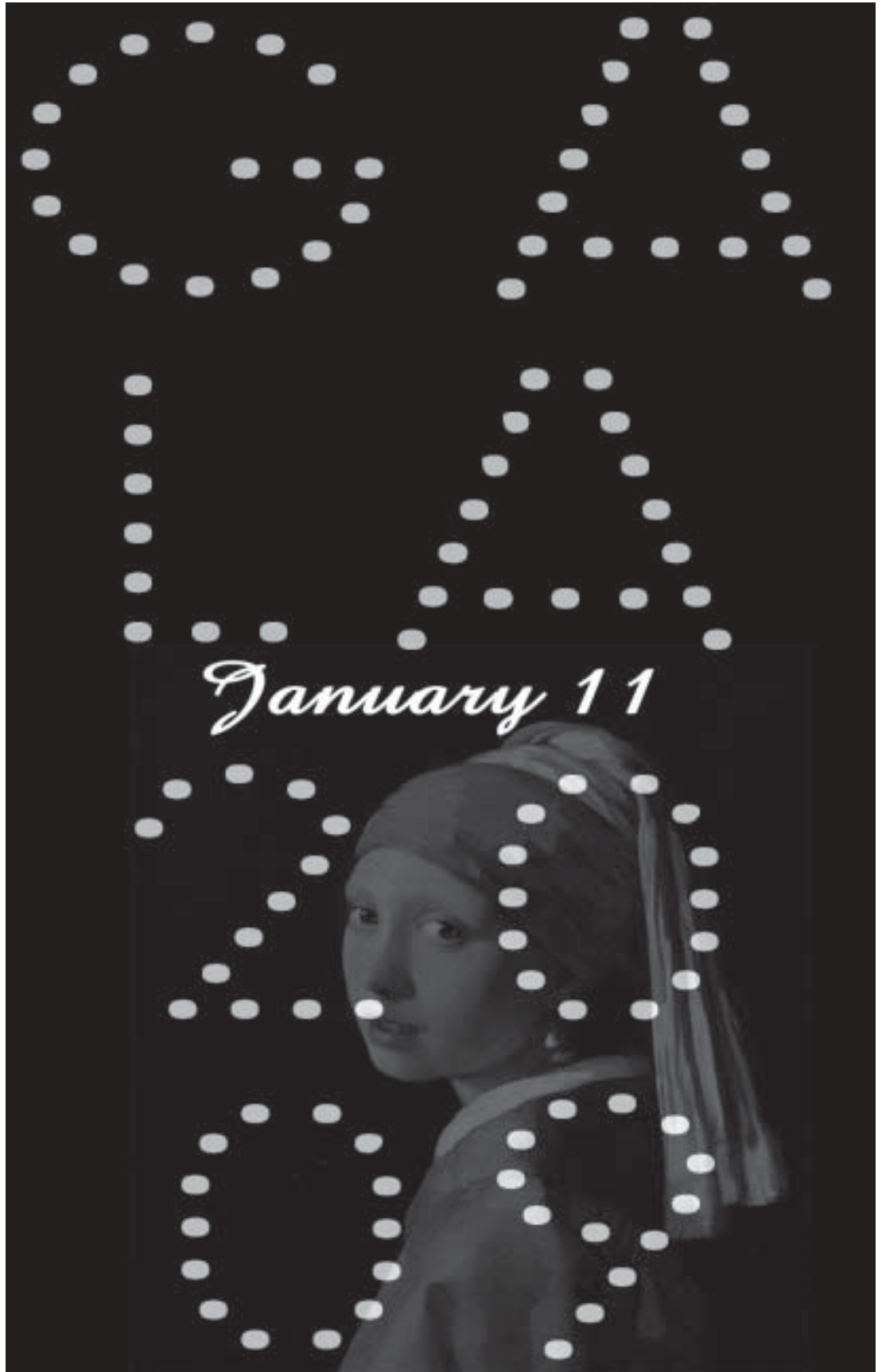


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Bernard L. White, Editor

THE BULLETIN OF
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you know, Temple Beth Israel is about to celebrate its 30th anniversary. To determine a measure of our success we need only attend our Friday evening and Saturday morning services. Beyond the beauty of worship and the stimulation of discussion are the announcements – and then still more announcements. Please know I do try to limit the list of upcoming events to the reasonable future.

Temple's programming is wonderfully varied and sophisticated. Our congregation is accustomed to the best and that is our goal...to bring you the best in education, music, speakers and other special events. A few examples: the Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat Miniversity of Judaism attracts the finest instructors and presents a varied curriculum. Our auxiliaries offer many opportunities for engagement such as Beth Israel Women's Chanukah Happenings and A Night at the Ballet. Men's Club sponsors a number of excellent programs, as well. Among them are Lunch with the Rabbi and Opera Night which attracts an audience from near and far.

Our well-reputed Lecture Series will include Ms. Blu Greenberg, head of the Jewish Orthodox Feminine Alliance as well as Dr. Norman Cohen, Provost of Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion who will be our Scholar-in-Residence.

One program that has proven to be enormously popular is The Live from 92nd St. Y presentations which bring the world's best and brightest speakers right into our Social Hall in real time.

The list goes on. As I said, we need only look at our beautiful services and programs to determine that, yes, we are doing very well indeed and have much to celebrate as we turn 30. Join us January 11th to begin our special anniversary year with the Gala at Michaels-on-East. Together, let us share this special milestone in Temple Beth Israel's history.

Elaine Weil, President

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENINGS 8:00:00 PM

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 AM

SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES

VETERANS SHABBAT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

CHANUKAH SHABBAT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz will conduct Services with Music Director, Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe and our Magnificent Temple Choir

HAPPY CHANUKAH



A lovely Chanukah Dinner with traditional latkes & applesauce and Holiday festivities will be held at the Temple on Monday, December 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Please use the coupon to make your reservations,



CHANUKIAHS WANTED FOR DISPLAY

Throughout Jewish history, the Chanukah menorah has occupied an important place in the world of Jewish culture and art. Many of us own unique, beautiful representations of the sacred nine-branched candelabra.

Beth Israel would like to display some of them during the Chanukah season at the Temple. They will be placed in locked cases. If you would like to share this Judaica with others by having it exhibited at Temple please contact Alice Taich (383-2306) or Sheila Nitzberg (953-2450) or simply bring the Chanukiah to the Temple office.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY....

BEYOND THE FLAME

As we all know, an additional candle is kindled on each successive night of Chanukah. Though this seems like a fairly straightforward practice, it wasn't originally so simply conceived.

The Talmud records a famous debate regarding the appropriate way to illuminate the Chanukah. The House of Shammai argued that all the candles should be lighted on the first night of Chanukah and then decrease by one each evening to "correspond to the days of the holiday remaining to be celebrated."

In contrast, the House of Hillel taught that a candle should be added each night to indicate "the days which have already been hallowed" and to underscore that "in matters of holiness we ascend rather than descend."

Though Hillel's view ultimately won out, Shammai's perspective was nonetheless preserved, suggesting the Talmud's encouragement of divergent opinion.

Another issue regarding the Chanukah lights concerned the direction they were to be kindled. Though this may appear trivial, it highlights our sages' efforts to discern spiritual priority in matters of ritual. They decided that while the candles should be placed in the candelabra from right to left, they should be lit from left to right to indicate the heightened sanctity of the most recent night of the festival.

There was also the question of when to kindle the Chanukah lights on Shabbat. They are to be illuminated before the Sabbath began, before the Sabbath candles are kindled, because of the prohibition against creating fire on the seventh day. (The reason the Shabbat candles do not violate this halacha or law is because the blessing for the Sabbath candles is recited after they are lighted. For virtually all other Jewish observances, the blessing comes first followed by the act. For example, we always say the *Ha-Motzi* and then eat the bread. However, once the blessing for the Shabbat candles is recited the Sabbath is considered to have already begun and therefore fire should not be kindled. Therefore, the candles are lighted first and then the blessing is offered.)

Lighting the Chanukah candles, like eating charoset at the Seder, or simply donning a talit at services may seem like a relatively uninvolved religious act. But, on the contrary, these observances are located within an exceedingly well-considered constellation of values; studying their origins and logic of practice can be a source of compelling religious appreciation.

Deep wells of wonder, fascination and spirituality wait to be discovered just below the surface of many Jewish customs. In an ever busy and demanding world, we are often challenged

(and contented) merely to find time enough to observe the traditions of our faith, much less explore their ritual history. Yet this knowledge can greatly deepen our appreciation of them.

Like so many Jewish practices, there is a lot more to lighting the Chanukah candles than most Jews realize. Their illumination not only highlights the Maccabees' triumph over religious tyranny, but also reveals telling rabbinic wisdom and insight.

Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz

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**It's not too late to be part of
the Kol Nidre campaign**

BETH ISRAEL WOMEN



Our November luncheon meeting was wonderful. It was great to see our members of Sisterhood and Temple come out to welcome Marty Katz, our Rabbi's wife. Thank you Marty for a wonderful program. I also thank my husband, **Ronnie Krum**, for delivering our lunch.

I hope all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving. I know for my family it was great being together in New York.

Which brings to mind our board meeting. It is usually on the first Monday of the Month, but since I will be coming back from New York on Tuesday, we will have it on **Wednesday December 3rd at 11 AM**. So board members please remember the change of date.

Our Chanukah Happenings will be held on **Dec 14th 10AM to 4 PM**. It's not too late to donate for the pink elephant or volunteer to help out that day. We hope you will join us to shop, eat, and have fun.

The Chanukah dinner is on **Monday Evening Dec 22 at 5:30 PM**. Make sure you fill out the coupon for your reservation. This is a Temple function in which Sisterhood is the hostess.

Our December Luncheon meeting will be on **Monday December 15 at noon**. This will be a paid up member luncheon with Rabbi Katz as our guest speaker. So come one come all for an informative program, good food, and great company.

In lieu of our January meeting, we will have our fashion show on **Monday, January, 26** at the Longboat Key Club. Our chairperson is Anita Devine. So please climb on the band wagon and help out, it's a lot of fun.

Please remember, in order for our events to be a success we need you, so please, **BE A PART, NOT A PART**.

Ronnie & I wish everyone a very Happy Chanukah.

Shalom. Arlene H. Krum

P.S. Don't forget the Ballet program on March 22, 2009. Details to follow in subsequent issues.

CAN YOU ADD?

According to Jewish educator Ron Wolfson, when people objected to playing a game of chance on Chanukah, gematria was employed to emphasize the importance of the dreidle. In gematria, every Hebrew letter has a numeric equivalent. For example: alef=1, bet=2, gimmel=3, etc. The numerical equivalents on the dreidle are nun=50, gimmel=3, hey=5 and shin=300 for a total of 358.

This is also the numerical value for the Hebrew word moshiah or Messiah. So, perhaps dreidle gambling was permitted because it allowed reflection on the Messiah. (Chanukah material taken from *The Art of Jewish Living* by Dr. Ron Wolfson).



Gala Happenings

The invitations are on the way!!

Our January spectacular is closer than some of us might realize. Please be sure to respond to the Temple as promptly as possible with checks and with requests for persons you would like to have at your table. If you can, it would be wonderful if one lady or gentleman could collect and send in all the checks for his or her table, giving us the full names (Okay, you can drop the middle name.) of each person who will be seated together.



That will make it a lot easier for our high powered seating committee.

If you are adventurous and would like to venture forward and sit with people you don't know, that too, is fine. We will find a lovely spot for you. Partially filled tables will be rounded out. Our hope is to make it as wonderful for you as we possibly can.



It would be wonderful if we all can celebrate our 30 years of "*Templeship*" together. Here's to

an elegant event for all of us!

L'Chaim. **Judy Goldstein**, Chairperson

(email: jgandrg@yahoo.com)

DECEMBER BOOKS AND BROWN BAG

Books And Brown Bag Bunch will meet on **Monday, December 8** to discuss *The World to Come* by Dara Horn. The facilitator will be Marge Sandy, our librarian, who will begin the book review at 1 p.m. Participants can bring their lunch at **12:30 p.m.** and dessert and coffee will be available.



Author Dara Horn has won the National Book Award for *In the Image* (a previous Books and Brown Bag discussion choice) and the current selection *The World to Come*. The latter book is a literary mystery that takes place in Soviet Russia, New Jersey and Vietnam and follows the trail of a stolen Chagall painting.

Gloria Sabin, Coordinator

Men's Club

THE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI: The first meeting of the season will take place on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 12:30 PM. Meetings are traditionally scheduled for the second Monday of each month. This is the regular gathering of Men's Club members where the Rabbi gives an introductory talk on a topical Jewish issue selected by a Men's Club member appointed to this task. The subsequent discussion is usually lively. This month, Rabbi Jonathan Katz's talk will raise the question—*"Economic depression: Will it once again bring back the ugliness of Anti-Semitism?"*

The Lunch meeting is scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 12:30 PM., and the cost of \$40 will cover five lunches with the Rabbi. Complete the coupon in this issue of the Bulletin, if you have not done so already, and mail the coupon with your check to the Men's Club.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: On January 8, 2008, the film *"Gloomy Sunday"* will be shown in the Temple's Social Hall. This movie was reviewed by the Chicago Tribune as follows: "This sumptuous film is a dramatic, holocaust-themed story woven around a fascinating, true story of a famous Hungarian musical composition "Gloomy Sunday." Not only do the lush visuals, shot on location in Hungary, whisk one back in time and place, but the film itself is a throwback to the sort of powerful, straightforward romantic dramas set in turbulent times." The film is in German with English subtitles. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

SHALOM AGAIN — The Men's Club, who served up dinners from Boston Market, were most gratified by the especially large attendance at which Rabbi Jonathan Katz was introduced. The music of Andy Wright lent itself to a light and lively event. Thanks to Jay Dayan who helped make the evening happen.

Donald Kayton, President

Veterans Shabbat

Friday, December 12
8:00 p.m.
Shabbat Service
honoring all our
members who have
served in the
military service.



WEEKLY STUDY GROUP

Rabbi Katz' weekly Monday study group is off and running. The class shares information on a wide range of Jewish-related topics including current events, culture, politics, history and religious observances.



Classes in December will meet on Monday, December 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 11:00 a.m..

Please contact Rabbi Katz to let him know of your interest in the class if you have any questions concerning it.

ENDOWMENT

ENCORE! CHARITABLE IRA LEGISLATION PASSED

The charitable IRA Legislation is back for a repeat performance – don't miss this second-chance opportunity to make tax-free gifts from your IRA!

There's good news for individuals of 70-1/2 or older with IRA accounts. Thanks to the extended Charitable IRA Legislation, you can once again make outright gifts using IRA funds without tax complications.

If you are required to receive minimum distributions from your IRA, consider using those funds as a charitable gift. While you cannot claim a deduction, you will not pay income tax on the gift.

You may contribute funds this way if:

- You are 70-1/2 or older.
- Your IRA gifts total \$100,000 or less each year in 2008 and 2009.
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA.
- You transfer the gifts outright to one or more public charities. (This excludes gifts made to charitable trusts, donor advised funds and supporting organizations.)

The Benefits:

- In most cases, the transfer counts toward your minimum required distributions.
- The gifts generate no taxable income nor deduction.
- You may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA in 2008 and 2009.
- The distribution may be in addition to or fulfill any charitable planned giving.

The Next Step: Contact your tax professional if you are considering a gift under this law.

Norman Reiter, Endowment Chair

LIBRARY



LIBRARY FINDS LOST TREASURE

Libraries are places of discovery. So as the Temple's new Librarian, I started exploring the nooks and crannies and came upon a beautiful facsimile copy of the Sarajevo Haggadah. I found it the weekend before the Temple's book group was about to discuss "People of the Book", the story of how that very Haggadah was hidden from the Nazis.



When I joined the Temple 12 years ago, freshly retired as a professional librarian in charge of Adult Reading at Bloomfield Township (Michigan) public library), one of the appeals was Beth Israel's beautiful collection and the work of Miriam Miller. Now our library has a busy program, including The Shabbat Library Service that honored Miriam's retirement this year.

Upcoming events include:

- A talk by author Jennifer Anne Moses about "Bagels and Grits, a Jew on the Bayou" December 7th at 2 p.m. followed by wine, cheese and cookies.
- Book Sale December 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in conjunction with the Pink Elephant Sale of TBI Women.
- Regular Library hours 9 a.m. to noon each Monday, 1 to 3 p.m. each Tuesday, and before and after Friday evening services.

We couldn't do all of this without a dynamic Library committee, including Francine Adelman, Libby Adelman, Ruth Engman, Cecile Grodner, Carol Hallinger, Tatyana Metter, Gabrielle Miller, Beverly Paskow, Beverly Peterman, Gloria Sabin and Hermine Silver. Our newest members are Mary Ann Simon and Cyvia Snyder. Others are most welcome. Call me at 383-6837.

Marjorie Sandy

Tidbits

◆ Miriam Miller has tendered her resignation as the Temple Librarian after 15 years of service. She was instrumental in making our library nationally recognized by the National Association of Jewish Libraries, which awarded Advanced Level Certification for its large collections of Jewish books, videos, CD and magazines. Her retirement coincides with Jewish Book Month, during which she arranged the appearance of author Jennifer Anne Moses to discuss her book "Bagels and Grits: A Jew on the Bayou" on December 7, at 2 PM. Miriam's readiness to go out of her way to help find a book or answer a question always with a soft word and a smile and all of her efforts to serve the congregation will be sorely missed. She and her Library Committee were honored at Friday night services on November 21.

◆ The planned program by the Men's Club on January 18 featuring a talk by recognized commentator of Jewish affairs, Douglas Bloomfield, was cancelled.

◆ Students of the Goldie Feldman Academy chorus, which includes Emma Katz, Rabbi and Marty Katz's six-year-old daughter, will perform during the Beth Israel Women's "Chanukah Happenings" at 11 AM on December 14, 2008.

◆ Time to start signing up for courses in the Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat Miniversity of Judaism. Detailed information about each of the courses can be found in the recently mailed Catalogue and also online at the Temple's website: www.tbi-lbk.org. Congratulations to Earl Gordon, Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee for a job well done.



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Blue boxes are available in the lobby. Please help yourself. Please return the filled boxes to the office.

Ruth Lerner 383-7302

What's Chanukah at Temple Beth Israel



What's Chanukah at Temple Beth Israel without the excitement and fun of Chanukah Happenings? Once again Beth Israel Women will offer a wide variety of items for purchase, including the popular Pink Elephant Sale featuring high class new and like-new items, as selected by our **discriminating co-chairs Elise Galinsky and Alice Taich**, as well as new merchandise in the Gift Shop, where there'll be menorahs, candles and a variety of gifts for old and young for sale. The Orchid Lady will be on hand to sell her gorgeous orchids, and from the library expect an assortment of used books and other items.

Back by popular demand will be babkas from Green's Bakery in New York, and BIW members will serve hot dogs, soda and coffee for lunch.

During the morning, shoppers will be invited to listen to a children's chorus from the Goldie Feldman Academy attended by Emma Katz, Rabbi and Marty's Katz's young daughter. The chorus will perform at 11:30 AM. Volunteers are needed and anyone wishing to help out should contact **Elise Galinsky** at 358-6323.



MARGE SANDY FILLS LIBRARY POST

Come into the library and there will be a new “face” sitting behind the desk. Marjorie Sandy, a professional librarian, has stepped in to fill the void left by Miriam Miller who has retired and moved out of the area. Marjorie, or Marge, as she is called, is a long time congregant who might look familiar to many temple goers; until recently she was a member of the choir.

Our new librarian grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to



Bloomfield Hills, Michigan when she married Bill Sandy. She worked for the Bloomfield (Michigan) Township Library for 20 years, during which she was the department head of Adult Reading. Her academic career began at the Maryland

Institute of Art in Baltimore but she changed her major to English literature when she attended Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree she matriculated at Wayne State University in Detroit, earning a masters in library science. She is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the international library science honor society and holds a librarian’s permanent professional certificate from the Michigan State Board of Education.

When asked why she went into library science, Marjorie Sandy said that a friend took her to some of her library classes and she felt she belonged. “What impressed me about library school was a professor saying this profession is a sharing profession. We share our information . . . it is a selfless occupation.”

The Sandys are Florida residents and have been married for 56 years. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Marjorie said she has joined the Association of Jewish Libraries and will be attending their conferences. She is open to suggestions for books by the congregation and will take donations. “I hope to continue the collection development, as started by Miriam Miller, and also to carry on her professionalism.”

Stop in to the library, browse, take out a book, and welcome our new librarian.

Gloria Sabin

December is Jewish Book Month

The Library has arranged a program featuring invited guest-author **Jennifer Anne Moses** to discuss her book *Bagels and Grits: A Jew on the Bayou* among other topics on **December 7 at 2:00 PM** at the Temple.



There is no charge for this program and non-members are welcome, but reservations are necessary and may be made by contacting the Temple Office at 383-3428 or E-mail at www.tbi-lbk.org. Light refreshments will be served.

THE RABBI MICHAEL B. EISENSTAT MINIVERSITY OF JUDAISM

The Catalogue of Courses at the **Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat Miniversity of Judaism** was recently published and mailed to members. The courses run from January to March and include both secular and non-secular topics. Copies of the Catalogue may be obtained by contacting the Temple office at 383-3428 or by accessing the Temple’s website www.tbi-lbk.org.

Non-members are welcome to obtain the Catalogue and attend courses. For further information about the Miniversity, contact **Earl Gordon** at 383-4977.



INNOVATION COMMITTEE COMPLETES ITS WORK

A 47 page final report of the Innovation Committee is available now in the Temple office or the Temple Library. Titled “*Creating an Action Plan—a Source Book of Ideas and Innovations*”, the work is the culmination of a process that began last winter. In a search for possible new solutions to Temple challenges, a newly formed Innovation Committee attracted 22 members.



A draft of ideas became part of a full day Temple Board Retreat at the Longboat Key Hilton on October 28th. Five working sub-groups each concentrated on one of the five priorities- Recruit Additional Members, Retain Members, Enrich the Temple Experience, Strengthen Temple Finances, Develop Future Leaders.

Board analysis and discussion became part of the final report. The development sequence is as follows—The Innovation Committee suggests what we might do; The Board at the Retreat and in other ways sharpens the thinking to what we should do; The Executive Committee now considers what we will do based on the realities of available volunteer energies, cost constraints etc.

Members of the Innovation Committee are Shirley Fein, Selma Horowitz, Susan Johnson, Dr. Tanice Knopp, Eve Kommel, Ruth Kreindler, Charlotte Laven, Maye Lavinson, Ina Rae Levy, Harriet Marks, Don Markstein, Judy Markstein, Sheila Olin, Rich Olin, Dr. Sheldon Paley, Joyce Paley, Gloria Sabin, Lillian Sands, Bill Sandy, Nancy Skadron, Bernie White and Doris White.

Bill Sandy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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- 3 Bill Schwartz, Jr. & Sonia Schwartz
- 6 Julius & Betty Loeser
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It's a Mitzvah!



What better way to celebrate that special birthday, anniversary of the birth of a grandchild, for example, than becoming sponsor of an Oneg Shabbat? All you need to do to sponsor the Oneg is to underwrite the costs, whether for refreshments or flowers. Our coordinator Selma Horowitz and David Aura, who arranges for the refreshments, take care of the details and can answer any questions.

Do make that call to Selma at 346-8225 to reserve a date for celebrating your special occasion while there are still choices for the available dates. To make arrangements for a Saturday Kiddush, call Marsha Frank 383-3082.

THE LAST IN THE SERIES OF “LIVE FROM THE 92ND ST. Y



The last in the series of “Live from the 92nd St. Y telecasts via satellite from New York to Temple Beth Israel will feature two distinguished and prominent speakers: Dr. Charles Small, a lecturer on ethics, politics and economics at Yale University along with Brett Stephens, former editor of the Jerusalem Post and Henry M. Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury under the Bush Administration, who has gained considerable prominence in the media for assuming his major role of helping to resolve the nation’s current financial crisis. He will speak in conversation with Stephen J. Adler, Editor-in-Chief of Business Week.

Dr. Small and Mr. Stephens will be discussing “Radical Islam and the Nuclear Bomb” and “Understanding Contemporary Genocidal Anti-Semitism” on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 8:00 PM at Temple Beth Israel.

Secretary Henry M. Paulson is President George W. Bush’s leading policy advisor on a broad range of domestic and international economic issues, which have in recent weeks focused media attention on him and his efforts to resolve the nation’s economic problems. He will speak on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 7:45 PM in conversation with Stephen J. Adler, Editor-in-Chief of Business Week.

There is no admission fee for these last two telecasts, but reservations are required and may be made by contacting the Temple office at 383-3428. For more information about these Programs, contact June Stern at 351-03512.

December Jahrzeits

Yahrzeit names in order of the date of death. To be read on each of the following Fridays:

December 5, 2008

Anna V. Adelman
David Steinberg
Mildred Bernard
Theodore Birnkrant
Mercedes Katz
Sidney R. Cohen
Wally Daniel
Albert Robinson
Louis Adler
Clara Shuster
Albert Poler
Lillian Scheinberg
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Herman Levinson
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TOTAL _____

Name (s) _____ Tel # _____

LUNCH WITH
THE RABBI



MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
12:30 P.M.

To: Temple Beth Israel Men's Club, 567 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, FL 34228

Yes, Please save me a seat at Lunch with the Rabbi (reservations are required).

I am a subscriber.

Here is my check for \$7.00 for Lunch with the Rabbi.

Sign me up for all four sessions for \$25.00.

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Name _____ Tel # _____

CHANUKAH
DINNER



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

To: Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

Please reserve _____ spaces(s) for the Chanukah Dinner which will follow 5:30 PM Services @ \$18 pp for members and \$25 pp for non-members

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Name _____ Tel# _____

SCHOLAR
BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
9:30 AM

To: Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

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There is no charge for this event, but **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

Name _____ Tel# _____