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KLEZMER?

MIKE EISENSTADT'S KLEZMER BAND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

AT 7:00 PM - \$15 PER PERSON FOR MEMBERS
GUESTS \$20 ADVANCE, \$25 AT THE DOOR

CHANUKAH DINNER



Friday, December 22
 The Chanukah Dinner
 (with entertainment)
 will follow a 5:30 PM
 Shabbat Service.
 See coupon page for
 reservations.

ENDOWMENT'S RUTH DANIEL PASSES AWAY

THE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION OF Temple Beth Israel suffered a grievous loss when Ruth Daniel, one of its distinguished Trustees, passed away. Ruth served the Endowment with distinction for many years and has left a legacy of superior performance that contributed mightily to the Endowment's growth. She also exhibited superlative leadership in her role as Endowment Chairperson. We shall miss her.

After serving as Endowment Chair for four years, Ed Shapiro is stepping down. **Sanford Milter has been elected as the new Endowment Chair**, and he assumes this position immediately. Sanford has served with rare skill and has helped us achieve excellent growth in his capacity as Chair of the Endowment Investment Committee.

The Endowment Foundation is please to announce the election of Norman Reiter and Martin Fine as new Trustees. They will both take on responsibilities. Norman will take on the post of Treasurer, and Marty will occupy the position of Secretary.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RUTH DANIEL

Thursday, January 11, 2007, 4:30 PM
 at Temple Beth Israel

Sponsored by Sarasota-Manatee Jewish
 Federation & Temple Beth Israel

Featured Speaker: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
 Musical Tribute:

Children's Choir of *Children First*
 (formerly Helen Payne Day Care Center)

AARON LANSKY TO SPEAK ON RETRIEVING YIDDISH LITERATURE

COME AND HEAR THE amazing and almost unbelievable story of how Aaron Lansky, a 23 years old graduate student, started a campaign to save Yiddish books from extinction. He can be heard on Sunday, January 28, at 2 p.m. as the guest speaker at a special FYI program sponsored by the Men's Club.



The young man's quest began when he was a graduate student at McGill University, enrolled in an Eastern European Jewish Studies Program. While he was taking a course in Yiddish literature he found there was a dearth of books in Yiddish. This discovery by Mr. Lansky and his fellow students was the impetus for an all-out search for these long forgotten books.

Yiddish had been the "momma loshen" of three-quarters of East European Jewry. The precious books they owned were either left behind in Europe or brought with them as immigrants to other countries. It was this almost forgotten legacy that Aaron Lansky set out to retrieve.

Armed with little money, but a host of eager volunteers, Aaron Lansky quit McGill and set out to find at least 70,000 books. Many naysayers were convinced this was an impossible task, but six months after starting, the goal was reached. As he and his fellow volunteers rounded up the numerous books, they were regaled with stories about the books and their owners. Many of the elderly men and women had the young people sit down, have a glass of tea and some cake, and poured out their emotions about a forgotten culture and a long ago life.

Aaron Lansky wrote a book called "Outwitting History" that poignantly follows this classic achievement, for today he has amassed over a million and a half books. When asked why he chose this title, he replied, "Yiddish is magic and it will outwit history."

And so he has: as the founder and president of the National Yiddish Center in Amherst, Massachusetts, he helps to oversee this almost lost, important facet of Jewish culture.

The Center is more than a repository for 'lost' books: it provides Yiddish books to libraries in colleges and universities, is digitalizing the books so that they will be available for years to come, and is filling a language gap by translating the books into English. With all these accomplishments, American and world Jewry can be thankful that Aaron Lansky had the vision to capture and revive an interest in Yiddish literature for generations to come.

Gloria Sabin



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY....

IT WILL NOT BE long until the lights of Chanukah glow in Jewish homes, the world over. Our tradition teaches that there are two reasons for the celebration of Chanukah: the victory over the Syrian-Greek forces that occupied and dominated Ancient Israel at that time, and the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight nights when the Temple was rededicated. Coming late in the year, as it does, Chanukah with its light kindling tradition brings light to our hearts at the darkest time of the year. Shortly after Chanukah, the new secular year will begin. I recently read a letter that has kindled a light in my heart and moved me to rededicate myself to something that I consider very important for our congregation, something that we have not had in some years. First, let me share the letter with you.

THE CAB RIDE. Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living. When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, and then drive away. But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance. I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked. "Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. "Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated." "Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" "It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice." I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she

suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now" We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse. "Nothing," I said "You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware—beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one. PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

Since the departure from our community of Royal Miller, our CARING COMMITTEE has fallen on hard times. We still have a couple of loyal and dedicated hospital visitors, but our needs are far greater than that. We have people who need assistance at times of a family death; the need for a regular friendly phone call or visit when they do not have family in town. And even if they have family to help them, they still want to feel connected to our Temple Beth Israel family. We want to provide transportation not only to worship services for our shut-ins but to other Temple events, as well. To be a congregation that is a CARING COMMUNITY, we need to resuscitate our CARING COMMITTEE and we need YOUR HELP. No one has to do all the work. We need a lot of help to do a little of the work; members helping members...a CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY. Please call me at Temple and tell me that you want to help. We will discuss what you feel you want to do and what you can do to make the light of Chanukah, the light of rededication, burn in the hearts of all our members. I wish you a joyous Chanukah.

Sincerely, Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat

IN MEMORIAM

MARTA GOLDBLATT
EDITH RUDOLPH

BETH ISRAEL WOMEN



SHALOM:

DEPENDING ON THE ARRIVAL date of this issue of the bulletin, BIW will be "at the gate" with their Chanukah event, and if it is passed, I hope that you had the opportunity to have participated, and if you didn't please note that the Gift Shop is still loaded with beautiful items for Chanukah as well as gifts for all times of the year. We ask that you frequent the shop and find treasures there instead of somewhere else.

In January we will have our wonderful fashion show-luncheon with Anita DeVine as chairperson. This event will take place on January 29, 2007 at noon at the Harbourside Dining Room of the Longboat Key Club. Fashions will be by Aliko. Call Anita if you would like to be involved in this event. We urge that you attend as it is our major fundraiser.

Other than our support of Temple Beth Israel, BIW gives generously to local organizations as well as ARZA and the YES fund. BIW is putting funds aside for the remodeling and refurbishing of our kitchen, so the support you give is always put to good use.

There will be a bus trip with lunch to the Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg in February, chaired by Arlene Krum, and you will receive more information as the time nears. This event is for men and women and is opened to the community.

Happy Chanukah/Shalom,
Leah Barker. President BIW



BOOKS AND BROWN BAG SELECTIONS FOR 2006-2007



- December 11, *There are Jews in My House* by Lara Vapnyar, Mimi Edlin, Facilitator
 - January 15, *The Life of David* by Robert Pinsky, Gloria Sabin, Facilitator
 - February 12, *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss Doris White, Facilitator
 - March 12, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz, Lenore Benderly, Facilitator
- GLORIA SABIN AND LOIS ROSENTHAL, CO-CHAIRS

Here's a reminder to help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable canned or packaged food items with you when you come to Temple. Place donations in the All Faiths Food Bank in the Social Hall. It's truly a "mitzvot."

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE LECTURES, JANUARY 5, 6, 7, 2007



THE EDWARD AND RUTH WILKOF MEMORIAL FUND sponsors a weekend of three lectures each year by a renowned scholar. This year's designated Scholar-in-Residence is Professor Steven T. Katz, of Boston University.

On Friday evening, January 5, at 8 PM and Saturday morning, January 6, at 10 AM, he will speak on "The Messiah Concept in Judaism." His concluding presentation on Sunday morning, January 7 at 9:30 AM is titled "The Unique Character of American Judaism."

The Sunday morning lecture will include a bagel-and-lox breakfast, courtesy of the Temple Beth Israel Men's Club. The public is invited to attend; however, reservations for members and friends are required by completing the coupon in the Bulletin.

Professor Katz is a Jewish philosopher and scholar and is the director of the *Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies* at Boston University. He is the editor of "Modern Judaism," an academic quarterly, and is on the editorial board of the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*. The author of five major publications, he has also published over 60 articles in scholarly journals in the fields of Judaica, Holocaust studies, philosophy of religion and comparative mysticism.

GALA EVENTS:

ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE an item worthy of our auction, please call Sheila Zinder for information or details.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

You all received four raffle tickets in the recent mailing. These can be purchased for \$50.00 each or four for \$180.00. The prize will be 50% of all receipts. Return your tickets with your checks to the office.

GALA BENEFACTORS OR SPONSORS OR GUESTS:

Please note that our Gala is our only Temple fund raiser for the year. We are actually part of the operating budget of TBI for \$45,000.00. It is interesting that we tend to give monies to other organizations locally before we do to our Temple, but it is a fact that we MUST raise monies in order to operate. There are Temples and Synagogues all over our country which are in a financial shortfall, and without your support, we could be in the same situation.

Norman Reiter or one of his committee will be contacting you to encourage your participation at some level for this event. Please be generous in your support, and most of all, attend, enjoy and know that it is for the Temple.

Men's Club

COMING EVENTS

THE MOVIES ARE COMING and they will be a wonderful experience due to the new film/video projector that the Men's Club donated to the temple. Also, the sound system has been upgraded, so make sure you come on Thursday evening, December 7, for the first in the monthly series. The name of the film will be announced via email. To get you in the mood, popcorn and soda will be served.



The Mike Eisenstadt Klezmer Band will be the featured entertainment for the December 10 Shalom Again event. Sign up now for an

entertaining evening. Tickets are \$15 a person and the cost can be applied toward the total cost of the three upcoming lectures. See the coupons in the Bulletin or come to the office with your checkbook.

Looking ahead to January, the calendar is getting filled up with numerous programs and events. The weekend of January 5-7 is Scholar in Residence time. Professor Steven Katz will be speaking at services on Friday evening and Saturday morning. On Sunday morning, the Men's Club will be sponsoring the Scholar in Residence Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge, but reservations are a must. Fill out the coupon in the Bulletin.

Monday, January 8, at 12:30 p.m. is Lunch with the Rabbi. Even if you paid for all five lunches, reservations are required. Again, fill out the coupon in the Bulletin. The next program on the Men's Club agenda is a lecture with music by Dr. John Goodman on the subject, "Wagner and Anti-Semitism, on Wednesday, January 18, at 7 p.m.

Aaron Lansky, the author of "Outwitting History" will be regaling the audience with his adventures in finding Yiddish books, in his lecture on Sunday, January 28, at 2 p.m. This program and the prior one are part of the Men's Club's FYI series. See the Bulletin coupons for further information.

Happy New Year,

Howard Sabin, President

ARZA

ARZA/WORLD UNION



RECENTLY EVERY MAJOR NEWSPAPER in North America and Europe carried the story about the ordination of three rabbis in Germany – the first such ordination since the advent of Nazi Germany in the 1930's. The ordination of these rabbis in Germany by Rabbi Uri Regev, President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, was high political drama, an event of historic proportions.

The President and Chancellor of Germany, the American Ambassador to Germany and official representatives from over 25 nations were present.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry refused to send a representative. The Israeli Ambassador to Germany visited a Chabad school in Vienna on the same day. The reason for this affront is that religious affairs in the State of Israel are controlled by the Orthodox rabbinate, whose discrimination against the Reform Movement knows no limits.

Shortly after the occasion, Rabbi Uri Regev ordained the first Reform Rabbi in Poland since World War II. It was a moving ceremony, and the Shul was crowded with over 200 people.

More and more people in European countries are moving to the Reform Movement for their spiritual needs. However, Israeli President Moshe Katsav recently refused to accept Eric Yoffie, the head of the North American Reform Movement, as a Rabbi, and Rabbi Yoffie refused the invitation to his home. (He was addressed as: Mr. Eric Yoffie, Reform Movement.)

How long will we Reform Jews allow the Orthodox rabbinate to deny, not only us, but all Israelis the opportunity and equality and the basic right to choose alternatives for their Jewish Identity? It is very important that we support ARZA and the World Union for Progressive Judaism: ARZA by becoming a member for only \$36.00; WURJ by contributing to their many causes throughout the world.

For further information contact Al Grossman at 941-377-8960.

Al Grossman, ARZA Representative

Men's Club Jewish FYI Series

* *Klezmer Shalom Again - Mike Eisenstadt Klezmer Band*

Sunday, December 10th 7:00 PM

* *Wagner & Anti-Semitism - Dr. John Goodman*

Commentary & Music
Thursday, January 18th, 7:00 PM



* *Aaron Lansky, author of Outwitting History...*

the rescue of one and half million Yiddish books
Sunday, January 28th, 2:00 PM

* *Jews in Major League Baseball - Dr. Martin Abromowitz*

A unique history of Jews in sports
Monday, February 5th, 2:00 PM

RUTH DANIEL**1922-2006**

RUTH DANIEL WAS the recipient of many honors and accolades for her philanthropic and organizational efforts in a wide-ranging number of local, national and international organizations, as described in her lengthy obituary that appeared in the New York Times and elsewhere. She was not the kind of philanthropist who simply granted financial support to some group or cause and then stood back content to let others carry on. That was not Ruth; she felt the need to get involved, especially whenever she found young, children in need of her help.

Of all the organizations she supported the one that truly moved her the most was her work with young deprived children at the former Helen R. Payne Day Nursery Program, which she funded and which is now called "Children First."

Dorothy Krakovitz, who with her late husband Howard, worked side by side with Ruth at the center said, "She was so caring. From the bottom of her heart she cared for these kids. Whenever the center was short of money for supplies for the children, Ruth thought nothing of personally stepping in and fulfilling that need and any other financial need of the center."

Philip Tavill, the current director of "Children First" said that whenever Ruth entered a classroom it was always with love and smiles for the children—a love the children always returned. She took a keen interest in every aspect of the day care facility, Tavill said, with a view toward ever improving services because as Ruth put it, 'This is what the children deserve.'

She made sure that the children of poor families had a music program and the opportunity to learn about computers, Tavill added. "She wanted the best pre-school for children who rarely got the best of anything, and she did this by being passionate, dedicated and hands on. Many very young deprived children and their families are better off for having had Ruth Daniel in their lives."

Another labor of love for both Ruth and Gerry together was their founding and continued support for Beit Daniel Synagogue, the first Reform synagogue and community center in Tel Aviv, a sister synagogue to Temple Beth Israel.

Before her death, Ruth and Gerry were deeply involved in the construction of a six-story community and youth center in Jaffa-Tel Aviv that has been named Mishkenot Ruth Daniel. The center, which will serve as the focus of community activities, will include a hostel that features 260 beds, a conference room and many study rooms as well as a pre-school program to add to the 12 preschools throughout Tel Aviv and Jaffa operated by Beit Daniel. The new center will concern itself with social action particularly for the children of underprivileged Israeli families.

There is no question that Ruth with Gerry at her side made significant impacts on the lives of everyone they touched and on everyone who touched them. There are many who would agree that Ruth was "one of a kind," a quiet, gentle caring person who worked tirelessly for what she believed in.



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LIBRARIES ARE TIMELESS. THEY HOLD THE KEYS TO THE PAST AND PROVIDE VISIONS OF THE FUTURE. JEWISH BOOK MONTH IS CELEBRATED NOVEMBER 16–DECEMBER 16–2006

Please come into the Temple Library and choose a good book to celebrate Jewish Book Month.

EVERYMAN by Philip Roth

It isn't necessary to speak of the many awards won by Philip Roth. There are many. His 27th book, and his new novel is an intimate story of loss, regret and indifference. We trace one



man's life from his first confrontation with death as a child, his adulthood—marriage, and divorce, professional achievements, etc into his old age. As in most of his books, we compare the hero to Roth himself.

Our "everyman" is a successful commercial artist with a New York ad agency, the father of two sons from a first marriage who

despise him and a daughter from a second marriage who adores him.

He has always been obsessed with his own health and regrets his bad behavior over the years. He envies his own healthy and beloved brother. He made a mess of his three marriages and he is a man who becomes what he does not want to be. Many of his contemporaries have died and his own life deteriorates. He is confronted by his own mortality—struggling yet aging.

Many of us certainly can relate to this book. Read it and find out how Roth resolves the issues of life—birth, adulthood, old age and death. *EVERYMAN* is Philip Roth's 27th Book

OUR SHELVES ARE OVERFLOWING WITH MANY NEW BOOKS. COME IN AND CHECK OUT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING or ONE FROM THE 5,000 WE HAVE ON THE BOOKSHELVES:

LONELY SOLDIER. Adam Harmon. The memoir of an American soldier in the Israeli Army. Gift of Gabrielle Miller in appreciation of Temple Beth Israel Library.

NELSON GLUECK. Jonathan M. Brown. Biblical archaeologist and President of Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion (with DVD) Gift of Richard Scheuer.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Shabbat Services

Friday Evening 8:00 PM

Saturday Morning 10:00 AM

Veteran's Shabbat

Friday December 8, 8:00 PM

Erev Chanukah Service

Friday, December 15, 8:00 PM

Chanukah Dinner

Friday, December 22

Services 5:30 PM - Dinner to Follow

Rabbi Michael Eisenstat conducts all Friday evening, Saturday morning and Holiday Services assisted by Music Director and Organist Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe and on Friday evenings by the magnificent Temple Beth Israel Choir

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WOMEN ON OUR OWN will have their New Year's Eve dinner at *Cafe On The Bay* on Sunday, December 31. Call Dorrace Zucker or Maye Lavinson to make a reservation.

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Celebrate or commemorate a special event in your lives. Call Oneg Chair, Selma Horowitz at 346-8225 to reserve your Oneg Shabbat. Onegs may be shared. If you would like to participate in Friday evening or Saturday morning services, please call Joseph Miller at 383-8733.

Save The Date!

Temple Beth Israel Annual Gala
Sunday, January 21, 2007
Michael's On East



Eternal Light Dinner
Sunday, February 18
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Monday, December 11 at 12:30 p.m.

The Lunch With The Rabbi series take place the second Monday of each month at 12:30 PM. Reservations are necessary even if you are a subscriber. Use the order form for a series subscription, single session and if you wish to become a member of the Men's Club.

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December 8, 2006

Edward Stein
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December 15, 2006

Jacob Markovitz
 Harry Green
 Benjamin Kaplan
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 Max Weiner
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December 22, 2006

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 Sarah Loef
 Ruth Firsty
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December 29, 2006

Samuel Wolf
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 Morris Israeloff
 Ernest Lichtenstein
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 Blanche Fine
 Rose Salk
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 Dr. David Kahn
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 Marjorie Kayton
 Ike Saks
 Morton B. Weiss
 Fredrick Phillips
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 Celia Schmier Kline

January 5, 2007

Fanny Lang Lowenstein
 Hannah Zinder
 Nathan Winarsky
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 Hilda Friedenthal
 Julian Hytken
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To: Temple Beth Israel Men's Club, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key FL 34228

I wish to subscribe to the Men's Club Jewish FYI Series as follows:

All four events @ \$40 per person (\$50 per person after December 3rd)

I prefer to subscribe to individual events as follows:

Mike Eisenstadt Klezmer Band on Sunday December 10th @ \$15 per person _____

Wagner & Anti-Semitism on Thursday January 18th @ \$10 per person _____

Outwitting History on Sunday January 28th @ \$15 person _____

Jews in Major League Baseball on February 5th @ \$10 per person _____

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

Please reserve _____ spaces(s) for the Scholar Breakfast on Sunday, January 7.

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

Name _____ Tel# _____