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# The Bulletin of Temple Beth Israel

Longboat Key, Florida



**JANUARY 17  
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- **FEAST!** On foods from ports of call worldwide
- **DANCE!** To the music of the Scott Blum ensemble
- **ENJOY!** A performance by talented songstress Katt Hefner
- **HONOR!** The winners of the second annual Gala Awards



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## President's Message

Last month I wrote to thank the many individuals who worked over the summer to insure a smooth transition to the High Holy Days and a spirited season of activities that follows and continues here at our Temple.

As I indicated in my High Holy Day message, it takes a very active participation of our congregants to make our congregation flourish as we want and expect it to be. It also requires financial support to make it all happen. I am very happy to report that many of our members have responded so quickly by contributing to the Yom Kippur Appeal and by joining the Leadership Circle. If you have not done so, I would appreciate it if you would take a few moments of your time to think about the importance of your financial contribution and decide to participate in our appeal.

Speaking of time, if any of you have not paid your temple dues, you should consider doing so now to take advantage of a tax contribution this year and insuring that the temple's revenues meet its budget.

Your Board of Trustees is actively working on other avenues of fundraising as well as controlling expenses to avoid increasing dues. Also, hopefully, by the time you are reading this message, you will have received an invitation to attend a luncheon sponsored by our En-

dowment Committee, which will share with you the advantages of endowing the Temple from your estate. If you cannot attend, please let me know and we will be glad to contact you with all the information that you will need to know.

You are all aware of the unique demographic make-up of our congregation. Our membership consists of middle-aged and senior citizens. There are many unaffiliated Jews living on Longboat Key and in the surrounding communities. We know many of them. Many of them love to attend our functions, but decline to join our Temple family.

I am asking each of you to become an ambassador of Beth Israel; to speak to your friends and neighbors about temple membership. By joining you, they will have an equal opportunity to enjoy being part of an enriched Jewish community. Bring a friend to services. Invite a friend to attend a social or cultural event with you. Encourage them to become a member. It will be a mitzvah for us all and insure the continuation of Temple Beth Israel "l'dor v'dor."

I look forward to seeing at temple.

*Regards, Earl*

**OUR FIRST MONTHLY SHABBAT CAFE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.**

*Come for services, stay for lunch!*

The lunch is gratis.

Anyone wishing to sponsor or contribute toward a lunch in honor of a special occasion or life cycle event, contact

Elise Galinsky: 358-6323.

### The Alice Taich Judaica and Gift Shop



**For Holiday gifts, consider See's candy, small crystal gifts (fill with candy) or one of our designer handbags at low, low prices. Remember, all our money goes back into the Temple!**

All Chanukah items, including candles and menorahs, now reduced 50%



## From the Rabbi's Study

### Seeking To Still "Be Heard Of" On Longboat Key

There are no guarantees in life. We confront a significant measure of uncertainty every day. This is true of both individuals and institutions.

Mark Twain once wrote that since our numbers are so small the Jew "ought hardly to be heard of." But, the famed author noted, "he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and had done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it."

Jews did not succumb to the forces that sundered other civilizations like the Babylonians, Egyp-

tians, Greeks and Romans who, Twain reminded, "filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away and are gone. Other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished."

We have not only survived but continue to creatively draw on the sparks of divinity implanted in us to seek justice and inspire hope by cultivating new pathways of human redemption.

Though Twain wondered about the "secret of the Jew's immortality," I question whether there really is one. Doesn't it ultimately come down to a resolute belief in our own Jewish self-value? Isn't our endurance a reflection of an ever resourceful and determined capacity to advance the human condition (even when our contributions are often purposely obscured)? Don't we think we possess insights and perspectives that have resiliently stood the test of time and could help guide our fellow human being?

The synagogue has enabled Jewish continuity by serving as the manifestation of our communal religious life. The storied Jewish experience could not have been possible

without this sacred constant of worship, fellowship, culture and learning.

For this reason I am especially grateful to those Temple members who are participating in the 2011 Leadership Circle. In these uncertain economic times, this special financial contribution demonstrates a commitment to ensuring Beth Israel's future.

I am well aware that many Jews today take Judaism and Jewish institutions for granted. Though they may appreciate the presence of a local synagogue and avail themselves of its activities they nonetheless do not always feel a responsibility to support it.

I thank all Beth Israel members for helping sustain the congregation through their affiliation. However, those in the Leadership Circle deserve particular recognition because their generosity provides critically needed additional resources to the Temple.

In today's economic climate there are no certain tomorrows. It is only through a dedicated, conscientious recognition of Beth Israel's value that our Temple will proudly continue "to be heard of" on Longboat Key and beyond. *Keyn yehi ratzon*, may it be so.

### Gossiping Publicly About Our Rabbi

Sitting on the throne of retirement, I am going to gossip about our rabbi, behind his back. Why should I tell him, when I can tell you?

I am thrilled with the level of activity going on in our Temple. I am thrilled with the creativity of his programming. I am thrilled with its frequency. I am thrilled with his diligence. I am thrilled with his willingness to try new things. I am thrilled with his pastoral concern. I am thrilled with his willingness

and zeal to help make our Longboat Key and Sarasota/Manatee Jewish community more dynamic. I am thrilled with his participation in the Longboat process of redevelopment.

I know a good thing (and a good rabbi) when I see it. I hope all of you do, too.

**Michael B. Eisenstat**  
**Rabbi Emeritus**

## War Veterans Sabbath

Temple Beth Israel honored war veterans at a special Sabbath service on November 12. Seaman 3/C Harold Ronson, who organizes this special service annually, spoke about his experience aboard a Navy ship during the bombardment of Iwo Jima in support of the land troops.

Lieut. Samuel Shapiro spoke to the congregation about his experience in the United States Marines as they fought the Japanese in Guadalcanal.

Of the many war stories of the dozens of Temple members who fought in World War II, the experience of staff Sgt. Howard Sabin is among the most interesting. Howard was a tailgunner on an Air Force bomber when he was shot down over Germany. Fortunately he was able to parachute out to "safety" although he landed in a tree sustaining significant injuries. He was captured by the Germans and placed in a POW camp until he was liberated.

Maj. Alvin Grossman made an appeal to the congregation for the war veterans at Bay Pines Hospital in St. Petersburg and James Haley VA Medical Center in Tampa. Our government does not furnish personal grooming items, socks, slippers, bathrobes etc. He now works with Disabled American Veterans Post #97 to supply these items.



Lieut. Samuel Shapiro



Sgt. Howard Sabin



Seaman 3/C Harold Ronson & Jacob Pollack



Rabbi Michael Eisenstat



Maj. Alvin Grossman

## Men's Club

Shalom Again! was the order of the day at the Men's club sponsored annual dinner held at Temple Beth Israel on Longboat Key. One hundred thirty diners enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Too Jays restaurant. Happy to meet new friends and rekindle old friendships, the crowd was entertained by the piano stylings of Ira Singer, co-president of the Men's Club.



Men's Club Co-President Ira Singer

During the dinner, Singer and co-president Bob Vigder outlined an exciting array of future activities planned by the Men's Club including Opera Night, Sports Night, Lunch with the Rabbi Series and dialogues with experts from various fields. Singer commented that "the dinner exceeded our expectations in every way." Vigdor added, "It was a perfect way for members and guests to see old friends and begin a new Temple year."

**Men's Club sponsors Lunch with the Rabbi Series.** Each month, Rabbi Katz holds court with 30 to 40 members of the Men's Club to discuss a significant issue of the day. On November 8, the topic was "What impact, if any, will the mid-term elections have on the Israeli/Palestinian peace process?"

As in real life, the group came close but was unable to suggest a



Lunch at 'Lunch with Rabbi' Series

solution. Still, the discussions are always timely, passionate and satisfying for those who take part. The series will continue throughout the year.

Join us for the next Lunch with Rabbi on Monday, December 13 at noon. Send in your coupon with \$10 to reserve your spot.

## Beth Israel Women

We're off to a great start this year with two events behind us and many, many more to come. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make "Holiday Happenings" a success. Thanks, too, to those of you who came and patronized this special fundraising event.



**Sylvia & Irv Pastor**

On November 15th we had our first program luncheon of the season. Thanks, as always, to the women who helped with all the delicious, homemade food and baked goods. Our speaker was Steve Schewe, a local fitness instructor, who talked to us about fitness and nutrition. He did a great job and gave us many useful tips that we all hope to use in the future.

Our next program luncheon is going to be held on Monday, December 20th at 12 noon. It will be the BIW "paid up" luncheon for the year, so if you haven't yet paid your dues for this season, please do so and come join us for what promises to be a great day.



**L to R: Sylvia Pastor, Steve Schewe & Sheila Zinder**

## Men's Club Joins with Sister Temples to Sponsor Suncoast Golf Tournament

The Men's Clubs of Temples Beth Israel, Emanuel & Beth Shalom are co-sponsoring the Suncoast Jewish Community Golf Classic to be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 at the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club.

The tourney, open to men and women, will provide breakfast, 18 holes of golf, lunch and a free t-shirt - all for \$110. Registration must be made by Friday, February 4, 2011.

Several sponsors have already come aboard to help pay for the tournament.

For additional information, call Sherman Taradash 941-907-8882.

Earlier this year, Anat Hoffman was arrested for attempting to read from a Torah at the Western Wall. Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, is also a leader of the Women of the Wall movement in Israel. For the last twenty years, Women of the Wall have sought equal religious rights at the Western Wall.

Rabbi Katz will be providing an update on Anat's legal case and the status of Women of the Wall's current actions. He will also preview Anat's visit to Sarasota in January and her appearance at Temple Beth Israel on Sunday morning, January 23. This is a topic of such importance to all Jewish women that I hope you will mark your calendars and join us.

There will be no charge for BIW members for the December 20th lunch, guests are \$15.00.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE . . . reserve your spot by Friday December 17th so we will have a clue as to how much food to buy and prepare. THANKS!

Mark your calendars also for Temple Beth Israel's annual Hanukkah Dinner to be held on Sunday, December 5th at 6pm.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. If your plans include a trip to celebrate this wonderful time of year, travel safely!

## Women On Our Own

It's party season for Women On Our Own! The WOOO Ladies splurged for a table at the Shalom Again! Dinner and they'll be out in force again at the TBI Annual Gala 2011 on Monday, January 17th.

For any single ladies looking for some New Year's fun, WOOO has a fantastic dinner planned. For more information on New Year's Eve and other WOOO activities, contact Maye Lavinson 383-6786.

## TBI To Continue Support of the Needy

The Social Action Committee of TBI will again sponsor a Holiday Drive for food and infant needs. Look for the blue barrels in our lobby beginning November 26th and continuing through the month of December. We will be accepting canned goods, unopened pasta and rice, infant formula and diapers for the Sarasota-Manatee food banks.

We thank Kathy Brooks and Sue Johnson for their coordinating this effort during our High Holidays earlier this fall and anticipate a significant contribution from our congregation here at the Temple.

Look for additional activities coordinated by our Social Action Committee in the January Temple Beth Israel Bulletin.

## Books and Brown Bag 2010 -2011

**December 13** – *Martyr's Crossing*, by Amy Wilentz  
facilitator Esther Kettler

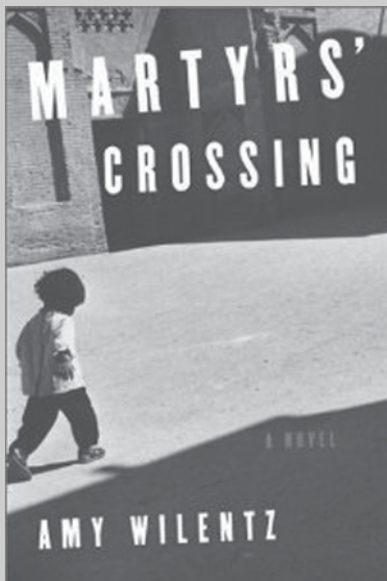
**January 10** – *The Glass Room*, by Simon Mawer  
facilitator Marge Sandy

**February 14** – *City of Thieves*, by David Benioff  
facilitator Hadassah Bacaner

**March 14** – *My Father's Paradise*, by Ariel Sabar  
facilitator Gabrielle Miller

**\*Please note new start time: 12 Noon.**

*Martyr's Crossing* by Amy Wilentz will be discussed with facilitator Esther Kettler. This book delves into the relationship between Israelis and Arabs in present day Israel. Dessert and coffee will be available starting at noon, with the discussion to begin at 12:30 p.m. All members of Beth Israel Women are invited to attend. The book is available in the Temple library and at local bookstores. - *Gloria Sabin & Linda Berliner, co-chairs*



## Finding Hanukkah Magic – Perspectives From Our Library

Holidays should stir the emotions. Hanukkah especially occurs at a time when the whole world is celebrating something. Food, dreidels, candles, lights, and stories are all part of the emotional side of Hanukkah. So is poetry. The website, Jewish Literary Review ([www.jewishliteraryreview.com](http://www.jewishliteraryreview.com)), has a number of beautiful poems about the Festival of Lights.

Hannah Senesh, a national hero in Israel for her exploits in the Second World War, penned this lovely verse after she parachuted into Yugoslavia but before she was captured.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.  
Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness  
of the heart.  
Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating  
for honor's sake.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.  
Would you like to know more about this talented woman? Her biography is in the Temple Library,

Another Hanukkah poem featured is by Charles Reznikoff, an American poet known for Holocaust poetry based on courtroom accounts of the Nazi concentration camps.

The Temple Library has his biography, and also his poetry.

In a world where each man must be of use  
And each thing useful, the rebellious Jews  
Light not one light but eight-  
Not to see by but to look at.

New additions to the Temple Library are as follows: *Devotion: A Memoir* by Dani Shapiro, *This Is a Soul: The Mission of Rick Hodes* by Marilyn Berger, *The Cookbook Collector: A Novel* by Allegra Goodman, *Great House: A Novel* by Nicole Krauss, *Hillel: If Not Now, When?* By Joseph Telushkin, *Stations West* by Allison Amend, *The Balfour Declaration: The Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* by Jonathan Schneer, *Terrorist Cop: The NYPD Jewish Cop Who Traveled the World to Stop Terrorists* by Dzikansky Mordecai, *Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices: Social Justice* by Elliot N. Dorff, and many others. The new books are featured in a special location in the library. Come in and browse.

Many thanks for those who helped with the Hanukkah Book Sale: Hermine Silver, Gabrielle Miller, Mary Ann Simon, Gloria Bakal, and Barbara Struth.

*Marjorie Sandy, Librarian*

*All Aboard for the All New Temple Gala!  
Join our 2011 Gala Patrons . . .*



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*Ruth Engman*



*Shirley Fein*



*Harold Ronson & Molly Schechter*



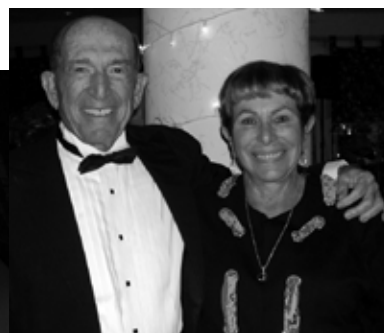
*Betty  
Schoenbaum*



*Samuel & Sally Shapiro*



*Mort & Carol Siegler*



*David & Louise Solomon*



*Merrill & Sheila Zinder*



**Patrons Not Pictured:**

*Nelson & Judy Feldman*

*Bea Friedman*

*Curtis & Ilse Hecht*

*James Herrington & Carol Camiener*

*Benjamin & Sandra Krause*

*Don & Judy Markstein*

*Irving & Marilyn Naiditch*

*Gerald & Vivian Ross*

*Betty Schiff*

*Northern Trust*

*Donald & Elaine Weill*

*at the Sarasota Yacht Club  
January 17, 2011*

**The TBI Gala is heading off on an excitingly different tack this year.**

**Join your TBI family for an enjoyable "cruise experience" at the spectacular new Sarasota Yacht Club, designated the "S. S. Beth Israel" for the evening.**

**h New! World-class entertainment**

**h New! Dance to the music of The Scott Blum ensemble**

**h New! Dinner featuring menu items from ports of call worldwide**

**PLUS Second Gala Awards, cruise ship style "dance hosts," expanded patron options and generous "perks" for your cruising pleasure. Ticket price remains \$190.**

**Questions? Contact Temple V.P. David Solomon (941) 755-3244 or email SOL614@aol.com.**

**Make your patron reservation now with credit card by calling the TBI Office: 383 3428. VISA/MC only**



# 2011

## Record Participation For 2011 Leadership Circle

The Leadership Circle sign-up doesn't end until early December but already, as of November 15th, 141 Temple members have committed to be part of this annual fund raising drive. This is up from last year's 109 founding members. Close to \$80,000 has been raised.

The 2011 Leadership Circle plaque will be unveiled on Sunday morning, January 9th. There will be a festive brunch menu catered by Michael's on East and entertainment and most important, we will express heartfelt thanks to those who realize that this incremental funding is key to the Temple's robust program of services, education, sociability and community outreach.

The outpouring of support exceeded the capacity of the Bronze-level plaque and so another plaque field of equal size is being created for for this level of contributors. Remember, we are in the last call period for those who still want to be part of the 2011 Leadership Circle or alter their level of support. Thanks to all.

### GOLD

Anonymous  
Linda & Dr. Ira Abrahamson  
Alice & Leonard (z"l) Berkowitz  
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Toby & Noel Siegel  
Pauline & Samuel Smullen  
Louise & Dr. David Solomon  
Elaine & Donald Weill  
Sheila & Merrill Zinder

### SILVER

Barbara & Jim Biron  
Margot & Warren Coville  
Nancy & Rabbi Michael Eisenstat  
Ruth Engman  
Sharon & Herman Frankel  
Myra & Jerome Goldstein  
Jean & Albert (z"l) Green  
Janet Kaplan  
Ruth Kreindler  
Nessa & Richard Levine  
Frances & Robert Nelson  
Kay & Harold Ronson  
Marjorie & William Sandy  
Betty Schiff  
Sally & Sam Shapiro  
Marilyn & Henry Taub  
Cynthia & Irwin Tober

### BRONZE

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Madeleine & David Brenner  
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Judy & Robert Vigder  
Edith & Joseph (z"l) Weinberger  
Women On Our Own  
Sally Yanowitz

## ***Killing Kasztner* Encore Tuesday, December 7, 7:30pm**

By dealing directly with Adolf Eichman, Dr. Israel Kasztner played a key role in saving more than 1,600 Jews during the Holocaust. However, instead of being hailed a hero he was branded a traitor. Award winning director Gaylen Ross explores the complex loyalties, conflicting allegiances and moral gray areas of Kasztner's life and death in a penetrating and controversial new documentary that will be shown at Temple Beth Israel on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30pm.

The film has garnered numerous prizes at prominent film festivals throughout the world in the last year. We express special thanks to Director Ross for permitting the film to be shown at the congregation. The cost is \$10.00 for non-members. Please call the congregation to reserve a ticket (383-3428).



*Rabbi Jonathan Katz with Rifka Glatz, who, along with her mother and brother, was among the 1,684 Jews saved by Dr. Rezsö Kasztner.*

## **New Futurist Society Being Formed**

A lot of us are at the stage in life when we think hard about the generations who will follow us. We start to think more about the kind of legacy we will leave, the kind of Temple and community that will be in place.

You might call such folks "Futurists," those who care about the future. Our Temple Board has just approved the formation of The Futurist Society to honor those who, in thinking ahead, include the Temple in their Estate planning.

Many non-profit organizations have such an Honor Society, and this new recognition mechanism is timely support for the Temple's commitment to provide education in this rapidly changing economic arena. For example, the Endowment Committee's December 6th lunch and seminar are part of this emphasis on education.

The first step is to know more about what's possible to achieve. Sarasota is a sophisticated financial center, and so there are many experts in law, accounting, investment management etc. who can be of help. It fills a real need for the demographics of our congregation. We have many congregants who no matter what their age or wealth, are concerned about outliving their resources. If their own needs and their own family have been provided for, the end of life provides the opportunity to divert money that otherwise would go to the

IRS. There are also tax-advantaged steps that might increase current income with safety.

The process is a simple one: (1) Education and Information so you learn what's possible, what fits your situation; (2) Plans for giving, which can include the Temple and other causes that have been important in your life; and (3) If you decide to include the Temple in your plans, you have a menu of choices. Endowment is important, because every organization wants to build this stable, long term source of funds. Our Temple is fortunate that we have an Endowment. At the same time, there are other pinpointed possibilities – the choir, the Rabbi's Discretionary fund, special events with your name attached etc., etc.

This new Honor Society will keep the emphasis on simplicity. When 15 members each fill out a one page sheet saying they have included the Temple in their estate plans at a giving level of \$10,000 or above, a Futurist Society plaque will be created by the same artists who gave us The Leadership Circle plaque. Other recognition mechanisms will be put into place. Tell us your intentions and you are immediately a member of the Futurist Society. As tax law changes, which is likely in the months ahead, the Temple intends to build on the December 6th Endowment Seminar to keep you up to date on possibilities.



*Presented at Temple Beth Israel*

**Admission: FREE**  
 (\$5.00 for non-Temple members)

**Miriam's Mosaic:  
 Diverse Women  
 of the Rabbinate**

**Thursday  
 December 16  
 8:15pm**



*Cantor Angela Buchdahl*

Join us for a panel discussion of pioneering women from diverse backgrounds who have entered the clergy. Hear from Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses, Cantor Angela Buchdahl and Rabba Sara Hurwitz about the challenges they faced and what they bring with them from their Syrian, Asian-American and Orthodox backgrounds, respectively – as well as the unique characteristics they bring to their religious leadership roles as women. Moderated by Rabbi Diana Gerson, Program Director at the New York Board of Rabbis.

## **Al Stewart Exhibition Graces Temple Social Hall**

Al Stewart played trumpet with legendary band leaders like Benny Goodman, Count Basie and Glenn Miller. He also performed with Judy Garland, Dizzy Gillespie, Jackie Gleason, Lucille Ball, Louie Armstrong, Charlie Parker, Lena Horne, Vic Damone (who he went to high school with in Brooklyn) and many other notables.



Al took photographs of these spectacular artists at work and behind the scenes. Some of these photographs are now on display in Beth Israel's Social Hall. A reception will be held at the Temple on Thursday, December 9 at 2p.m. for those who wish to meet Al and learn more about his relationships with many of the world's greatest entertainers. Al's wife, Tandy, sings in the Temple's choir.

## **December 5 Hanukkah Dinner**

This year's Chanukah dinner provides a chance to take home a fun Greenscreen picture, watch entertaining Jewish video clips and enjoy a wonderful Moroccan style dinner featuring a variety of salads, chicken couscous and, of course, latkes. While most reservations have already been received please call the Temple office to learn if seating is still available.

## **Important New Tool For Membership Recruiting**

Building membership is one of the highest Temple priorities. It is to all of our interest to spread operating costs over a wider base of participants. Even more important, new members bring fresh energies and perspectives.

That's why we've asked every Temple member to be a talent scout. We each live in our own orbit of contacts. Think hard about the friends and colleagues you'd like to be part of our Congregation. Better yet, join the Membership Committee that is designed to reach out to the community on a consistent, planned basis and help new members feel part of what's happening. Tell Mary or Tracy in the office and they'll get your intentions to the Membership Committee.

Our Temple Board is spearheading the recruiting effort. At the November meeting, the Board approved an important new support. Sampling is a standard

part of marketing. As you walk down the halls of a supermarket, you welcome the chance to taste a new product.

We need to provide a sample of Temple membership. Not just this year or for the short run. A new Introductory Membership has been authorized. It will be in place every year, starting the day after the High Holidays conclude. It takes effect immediately. The first year cost of membership has just been set as \$350 for a couple, \$225 for a Single. This provides membership for the full fiscal year ending May 31st. For the years following, full Membership dues apply.

The strategy depends upon all of us making new members feel welcome, feel that they made a wise choice when they join this vibrant community we call Temple Beth Israel.

## Friday Night Live Returns December 10

Two years ago Beth Israel brought the Friday Night Live service to our area. Soon after, other congregations quickly followed suit with their own versions.

The popular service, featuring instruments and combining traditional with contemporary musical settings, returns to the Temple on Friday, December 10 at 8 pm. Come and experience what makes Friday Night Live so special.

We express thanks to Jerry and Myra Goldstein whose generous music grant has made the service possible.

## Walking The Talk

In October, Beth Israel Sisterhood President Sheila Zinder participated in the Tampa Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure. She and teammate Linda Frederici walked sixty miles over three days to raise money and awareness on behalf of breast cancer research.

Sheila spent several weeks preparing for something that has been on her "bucket list" for several years. Along with many others she and Frederici (known as the "Thelma and Louise" team) slept in tents.

Sheila regards the experience "as one of the most memorable in my life. To witness up close the grit and courage of women currently in treatment, the joy of those who wore 'I kicked cancer's butt' on their shorts, the endlessly creative way in which walkers and crew members displayed the names of those for

## TBI Dines To Be Held January 31

The Temple's third TBI Dines, the program that brings small groups of Temple members together in private homes for an evening of great food and conversation, will take place on Monday, January 31.

Each gathering enables between 6-10 Beth Israel members (couples & singles alike) to share a relaxing meal together. Last year more than 80 Temple members participated in what one attendee enthused, "What a great event! We met a couple who became good friends. We do a lot of things with them thanks to TBI Dines."

Some Temple members are needed to serve as hosts. Hosts receive a list of their guests and a short guide explaining the goals of the occasion. The meal is pot-luck (but decidedly on the gourmet side) with guests asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert or beverages.

Once you have registered for the program you will then be matched with a host. For more information please call the Temple office, 383-3428. Be sure to indicate any allergies to pets or food or the need for transportation when registering.

We again look forward to the wonderful opportunity TBI Dines affords for fellowship and fine food. We need from 5-7 hosts, so please consider serving in this role.



**Linda Frederici and Sheila Zinder**

whom they were walking and the gratitude of the thousands of people cheering us on and thanking us along almost every step of our route was incredible. What an amazing journey from the training to the closing ceremony!"

Though to her disappointment, Sheila didn't lose a pound, the blisters and little aches she endured were well worth the wonderful

sense of accomplishment that was derived. She and Frederici raised more than \$9,000, earning them the distinction of being a "power team." The event raised approximately \$4.5 million overall.

Another Temple member, Ada Levy, took part in the 2010 Sarasota-Manatee Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at the Sarasota Polo Club.

# Yahrzeits

*Our Perpetual Yahrzeits are in order of the date of death. To be read on each of the following Fridays:*

December 3, 2010

Bertrand Cronson

Sam Grundfest

Minnie Ross

Rose Rubin

Sara Schuller

Dorothy Setlow

Harold Benenson

Mildred Bernard

David Steinberg

Florence Balfour

Sara Markowitz

Sidney Yavetz

Louis Adler

Theodore Birnkrant

Louis Heit

Michael A. Sabin

Edward Stein

Sidney R. Cohen

Mercedes Katz

Jean Mandle

Hinda Pressman

December 10, 2010

Wally Daniel

Anna V. Adelman

Susan Gal-Ed

Leo Gottlieb

Albert Poler

Albert Robinson

Charles Gass

Constance Kaiser

Alex S. Schoenbaum

Regina Zimmerman

Katie Nickin

Yetta Weitzman

William Daniel

Joan Leslie Munzer

Alfred Gleeksman

Harry Green

Jacob Markovitz

Eric Orne

Herbert Silman

Asaf Benderly

Anne Cohen

Eli Davidson

Sarah Glickman

December 17, 2010

Cidell Frank

Lawrence Kaplan

Max Weiner

Shirley Zimmer

Goldie Bernstein

Berti Katz

Moritz Katz

William Pannier

Alan Barson

Sam Goldfarb

Mace Levin

Anne Shapiro

Margaret Brooks

Harry Kretchmer

Mabel Grundfest

Esther Horowitz Levy

Alan Saks

Sarah Loef

Sarah Vogel

Deborah Weinstein

December 24, 2010

Ruth Firsty

David Stevens

Zachary Bloomfield

Cecelia Elman Liebow

Pearl Poretz

George Rosenberger

Faye Israel

Gertrude Levine

Sam Krantz

Arnold Manasse

Lester Rothenberg

Annette Smallen

Isadore Alpert

Steven Bell

Blossom Chiller

Hilliard Cronson

Jason Dropkin

Joseph Oper

Irwin Skirboll

Joseph A. Weinberger

Lenore Krum

Pearl Shapolsky

Fred Sommers

Justin VanGuilder

Barbara Young

Morris Israeloff

Jacob Krum

Ernest Lichtenstein

Rose Salk

December 31, 2010

Abe Cranman

Irene Gordon

Alfred Mazor



Charles Shapiro

Henry Sherman

Norma M. Greenberg

Ruth F. Kohn

William Davis

Sam Kalowsky

Jacob Benderly

Sadie Cranman

Lillian Davidson

Anna Heit

Ike Saks

Ruth Sticker

Morton B. Weiss

Joseph Boardman

Adele Feldman

Celia Schmier Kline

Fredrick Phillips

Robert Shapiro

Cyvia Cort Feinberg

Seth Gaynes

James Katz

Sam Weiss

Hannah Zinder

Daniel Cohen

William B. Cohen

Hilda Friedenthal

Louis Gordon

## Memorial Service For Gene Koshner

### To Be Held On December 8

A memorial service for former Beth Israel member Gene Koshner will take place at the Temple on Wednesday, December 8 at 4:30 p.m. Please join friends and members of Gene's family in this opportunity to share about his life.

Contributions in Gene's memory can be made to the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation's S.K.I.P. program which helps enable young people in our community to visit Israel.

### Yahrzeit Donations

| <u>In Blessed<br/>Memory of</u> | <u>Donation<br/>From</u> | <u>In Blessed<br/>Memory of</u> | <u>Donation<br/>From</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Anna V Adelman                  | Stanley Adelman          | Jacob Markovitz                 | Nellie Markovitz         |
| Louis Adler                     | Frank Fineshriber        | Sara Markowitz                  | Harriet Marks            |
| Asaf Benderly                   | Lenore Benderly          | Helen Miller                    | Rosalyn Fleischer        |
| Edwin Black                     | Marvin Black             | Felecia Newman                  | Edith Weinberger         |
| Lena Bloch                      | Morton Bloch             | Kenneth Newman                  | Edith Weinberger         |
| Rose Boorstein                  | Claire Smith             | Harold Oberman                  | Marylen Oberman          |
| Jessie Brenner                  | Aaron Brenner            | Samuel Pastor                   | Irwin Pastor             |
| B. Richard Burdman              | Ina Rae Levy             | Hinda Pressman                  | Helen Rauch              |
| Anne Cohen                      | Hon. Edward D. Cohen     | Minnie Ross                     | Martin Ross              |
| Marc J. Gass                    | Rosalyn Gass             | Samuel Rozansky                 | Dr. Gerald Ross          |
| Marta Goldbatt                  | Harold Goldblatt         | Rose Rubin                      | Irene Ross               |
| Sam Goldfarb                    | Dr. Norman Goldfarb      | Edith Rudolph                   | Jay Rudolph              |
| Bertha Goldfarb                 | Dr. Norman Goldfarb      | Michael A. Sabin                | Gloria & Howard Sabin    |
| Rolf Gottlieb                   | Gabrielle Miller         | Adeline Salomon                 | Marion Levine            |
| Leo Gottlieb                    | Gabrielle Miller         | Philip Paul Sang                | Bernard Isaacs           |
| Ella Guttstadt                  | Leonie Goldfarb          | Ida Schulman                    | Judy Goldstein           |
| Alfred Guttstadt                | Jerry Hamovit            | Clara Shuster                   | Grace Goldberg           |
| Frances Jacobs                  | Joseph Golov             | Howard Siegel                   | Esther Siegel            |
| Constance Kaiser                | Lillian Sands            | Charles Smith                   | Robert Smith             |
| Arnold Krinsk                   | Sara Krinsk              | John Solomon                    | Joseph Golov             |
| Norman Krone                    | Rosalie Krone            | Henry Spritzer                  | Judith Garelick          |
| Chester Kuttner                 | Laverne Kuttner          | Maurice Stern                   | Marjorie Tick            |
| Milton Levine                   | Joyce Toppel             | Elly Tarlofsky                  | Frances Nelson           |
| Samuel Levite                   | Sylvia Pastor            | Alfred Tick                     | Marjorie Tick            |
| Theodore Levy                   | Ina Rae Levy             | Henry Wallace                   | Margot Wallace           |
| Sheridan Libby                  | Madeleine Libby          | Eva White                       | Bernard White            |
| Seth Hyatt Libby                | Madeleine Libby          | Maurrie Wiseman                 | Bonney Libman            |
| Sophie Libman                   | Leonard Libman           | Anne Wolkenberg                 | Alfred Wolkenberg        |
| Jesse Licht                     | Cecile Grodner           | Sidney Yavetz                   | Joyce Cooper             |
| Alexander Licht                 | Cecile Grodner           | Regina Zimmerman                | Doris White              |

## Happy Birthday!

|                             |                            |                              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Mr. Howard Markus         | 16 Mrs. Audrey Lucow       | 2 Donald & Elaine Weill      |
| 1 Mrs. Nancy Skadron        | 16 Mrs. Theresa Sinick     | 6 Julius & Betty Loeser      |
| 2 Mr. Julius S. Rubel       | 18 Mrs. Ruth Gorton        | 9 Jonathan & Marty Katz      |
| 3 Mrs. Nora Balk            | 18 Mrs. Riva Hecht         | 18 Curtis & Ilse Hecht       |
| 3 Mrs. Sheila Kasdan        | 19 Mrs. Rosalyn Gass       | 19 Dave & Maggie Brenner     |
| 3 Mr. Melvin Taub           | 19 Mrs. Leonie Goldfarb    | 20 Si & Mary Ann Bernstein   |
| 4 Mrs. Ursula Bamberger     | 19 Mr. Irwin Tober         | 21 Bob & Patti Baer          |
| 4 Mrs. Marion Levine        | 20 Mrs. Lillian E. Richman | 22 Michael & Ellen Sherrow   |
| 6 Mr. Albert Balk           | 20 Mr. Merrill Zinder      | 23 Jerry & Margo Lee         |
| 6 Mr. Robert Munzer         | 22 Mrs. Judith Sommers     | 24 Gerald & Vivian Ross      |
| 7 Mrs. Janis Brenner        | 23 Mrs. Florence Harr      | 25 Bill & Lois Cohodas       |
| 7 Mrs. Beverly Paskow       | 23 Mrs. Evelyn Lerman      | 26 Barnett & Gloria Bakal    |
| 8 Mrs. Doris Miller         | 24 Mrs. Rosalie Krone      | 27 Marvin & Betty Morse      |
| 8 Mr. Samuel Schwarzman     | 25 Mr. Joseph Ellison      | 27 Murray & Sylvia Scheiner  |
| 8 Mr. Irving Shuman         | 25 Mrs. Ruth M. Rothschild | 28 Robert & Barbara Schwartz |
| 9 Mrs. Lillian Meckler      | 25 Mrs. Freida Shapiro     | 28 Howard & Hermine Silver   |
| 9 Mr. Leonard Weinstein     | 25 Mrs. Pauline E. Smullin | 30 Ralph & Beatrice Einstein |
| 11 Mrs. Leah Barker         | 28 Mrs. Arleane Stier      | 31 Gary & Suzanne Schuster   |
| 12 Mr. Raymond Benenson     | 28 Mrs. Marjorie L. Tick   |                              |
| 12 Mrs. Mary Ann Simon      | 29 Mrs. Esta Grocer        |                              |
| 12 Mr. Norman S. Sommers    | 29 Mrs. Ruth Lerner        |                              |
| 14 Mrs. Sandra Cutler Cohen | 31 Mr. Robert Chalphin     |                              |
| 14 Dr. Gerald Ross          | 31 Mrs. Suzanne Weinstein  |                              |

### IN MEMORIAM

Sidney Libit

### GENERAL FUND

#### IN APPRECIATION:

Linda & Ronald Cohen

*Mel Shapiro Memorial Service*, by Beverly Pattern Shapiro

#### IN HONOR OF:

*Annette & Marvin Black's Special Wedding Anniversary*, by Phyllis Ploener

*Carole Klionsky's Special Birthday*, Bea & Bert Rapowitz, Jack & Adrea Sukin, Gladys & Marshall Bernstein, Nancy & Rabbi Michael Eisenstat

*Jake & Sophie's Special Birthday*, by Bernie & Doris White

#### IN MEMORY OF:

*Dr. Daniel Richman*, by Phyllis Ploener, Joyce & Sherman Cooper

*Anita Tolin*, by Barry & Gloria Bakal

*Eugene Kochner*, by Joyce & Sherman Cooper

#### SPEEDY RECOVERY:

*Audrey Lucow*, by Irma & Irv Eison

*Robert Stone*, by Beverly & Allan Stone

### CHOIR FUND

#### IN APPRECIATION:

*Thanks for the use of the piano*, by Ronald Kushner

#### IN HONOR OF:

*Carole Klionsky's Birthday*, by Judy & Bob Vigder

#### IN MEMORY OF:

*Debbie Hurewitz' Dear Brother, Sheldon*, by Ruth Lerner

*Sidney Libit*, by Ruth Lerner

### LIBRARY FUND

#### IN HONOR OF:

*Carole Klionsky's Special Birthday*, Sheila & Rabbi Peter Kasdan, Ruth Engman

*Ursula Pearson's Special Birthday*, by Shirley Fein

#### IN MEMORY OF:

*The Son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Dworkin*, by Shirley Fein

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

### IN HONOR OF:

*Albert & Eileen Bronstein's 55th Wedding Anniversary*, by Mina & Irwin Leibowitz  
*Carole Klionsky's Birthday*, by Susan Morin and Nancy Cohen

### IN MEMORY OF:

*Dr. Daniel Richman*, by Sally & Sam Shapiro, Phyllis Garlick, Lola & Theodore Hoenig

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS

#### ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ALL OCCASIONS

#### IN HONOR OF:

*Carole Klionsky's Birthday*, by Dr. Stanley & Nancy Skadron

### RABBI SANFORD SAPERSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND

#### IN HONOR OF:

*Ursula Pearson*, by Marsha Roth

### URSULA AND DR. JULIUS PEARSON EDUCATION FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF:

*All our deceased family members*, Ursula D. Pearson



# Lunch and Learn!

**Monday, December 6**  
**12 noon**

Enjoy a pleasant catered lunch as you learn about the hows and whys of your Endowment Fund. If you only come away with a better understanding of what we do and why we do it, we will be delighted!  
Call the office, 383-3428, and join us on December 6 for lunch.

## Reservation Coupon

**BIW “Paid Up”  
Luncheon  
Monday, December 20  
12 noon**

- I'm paid up. Save me a spot! \_\_\_\_\_  
*print name above*
- Dues Enclosed.
- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ guests @ \$15 ea.

Send To: Beth Israel Women  
567 Bay Isles Road  
Longboat Key, FL 34228

## Reservation Coupon

**Lunch with the Rabbi  
Monday  
December 13th  
12 noon**

- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 for December 13
- Paid Series reservation \_\_\_\_\_  
*print name above*

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

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**December 5 Hanukkah Dinner  
Features  
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(The Temple is providing  
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*Enjoy hilarious Hanukkah blooper television clips*

SPECIAL TREATS: AUTHENTIC SEPHARDIC COUSCOUS AND SALADS,  
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**DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2010  
PLACE: TBI  
TIME: NOON**

**Are you familiar with today's estate tax  
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Join us for lunch with a panel of experts  
who will discuss how the new laws may  
affect you.