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**THE FUGU PLAN  
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PRESENTED BY

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
JANUARY 25 AT 8:00 PM, 26 AT 10:00 AM  
SUNDAY JANUARY 27 AT 9:30 AM  
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## UPCOMING SIMULCAST LECTURES VIA SATELLITE



Temple Beth Israel in a new venture has hooked up via satellite with the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York City to bring a series of live simulcast lectures by prominent speakers originating from the “Y” to the Temple. This program was formerly offered through the JCC, but Temple Beth Israel, as the

recipient of a grant from the Saperstein Fund, named for Rabbi Sanford Saperstein, of blessed memory, was able to reactivate the connection with the “Y” to bring in programs of interest.

The first lecture will take place on **January 10, 2008**, at 8 PM and will feature Norman Podhoretz, author and editor emeritus of Commentary Magazine. He will discuss “The Threat of Islamic Extremism” in an interview with Jay Nordlinger, the managing editor of the National Review. He will state why he considers the war against global terrorism as legitimate and necessary as the two World Wars.

On **February 6, 2008**, the speaker will be Harvard law professor and constitutional expert, Noah Feldman, who will discuss “The U.S. and The Middle East—Where Do We Go From Here?” He will raise questions about the state of global anti-Semitism and where it is headed, and what the Middle East will look like in a decade or even a month. Professor Feldman is the author of numerous publications about the state of Anti-Semitism.

The third scheduled speaker on **Tuesday, March 11, 2008**, at 8:15 PM will be Dennis Prager, a nationally syndicated talk show host. He will discuss “The Case for Judaism.” He has been described in Jewish Week as ‘one of the three most interesting minds in American Jewish life.’ He is the author of “The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism,” and other publications. Prager has been a columnist for Moment Magazine for 20 years.

The lectures are open to the community at no charge and non-members are welcome. Questions about the program should be directed to June Stern at 351-0352.

Doris White



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Thank you for your support.  
The Gala Committee

## Free Community Briefing By David Harris

David Harris, the American Jewish Committee's Executive Director, will offer a free community briefing on “Jewish Diplomacy in a Contemporary World” on Monday, **January 14, 2008**, at 7:30 PM at Temple Beth Israel. He is a widely recognized expert on the condition of Jewish communities worldwide, global anti-Semitism and Israel's quest for peace and security. He is the author of the insightful publication titled “ISRAEL AND THE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT,” published by the AJC.

This program was funded in part by a grant from the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation.

While this event is free, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservation may be made by completing the reservation coupon or calling the AJC Sarasota office at 941-365-4955 or reserving by E-mail at [wcfloida@ajc.org](mailto:wcfloida@ajc.org)





## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY....

What a relief! My New Year's Resolutions have been made. It was not easy. I had to look at the long list I had made last year

and the year before that, and... I think you get the idea. The hard part was confronting the fact that I had not kept them, once again. Thus began a process of inductive and deductive reasoning as I attempted to understand why I keep trying to do the things that are either very difficult for me to do or that I must simply not want to do or I would have done them by now.

Take the one about losing twenty pounds. I love losing weight. I love getting on the scale and seeing that number drop, day after day, week after week. I am motivated because my clothes are too tight. Alas, I also love food and I love to eat. Thus I am stymied by a balance of conflicting desires.

The more I thought about my little problem, the more I began to see it as a paradigm for much that is going on around us. We want better services from our public institutions, but we want to reduce the taxes we pay to provide them. We want to be safe from foreign and domestic terrorists, but we do not want to risk the curtailment of our free-flowing life-style. We want our Intelligence Services to ferret out hidden threats and to "connect the dots," but we do not want them to use methodologies that violate our personal and national conscience or our Constitution.

We want equality of the sexes, but we do not want women to have the right to choose to terminate a pregnancy that may have resulted from a rape, let alone when it is a direct threat to their mental or physical health.

In short, our greatest conflicts are based more on "I want" than on "I need." They are based more on trying to have it "all" and ending up with nothing, rather than recognizing that "some" is achievable.

May your New Year be healthy, prosperous, and productive. And may you lose weight!

Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat

### SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENING 8:00 PM

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 AM

Rabbi Michael Eisenstat will conduct all Services along with Music Director, Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe and our Magnificent Temple Choir

## AND THE SEARCH GOES ON....

Change is an inevitable part of life and inherently a part of temple life. At present, change is the motivating force behind the rabbinic search committee. The ten person committee, chaired by Elaine Weill, is working assiduously to fulfill the assignment given to them by temple president Charles Ackerman: find a rabbi to lead the congregation in the coming years.

The search for a rabbi is an ongoing process that involves the time, efforts and dedication of the ten people chosen by the temple president. This committee is comprised of the following members: Richard Blumenthal, Leon Cooper, Marsha Frank, Earl Gordon, Carole Klionsky, Noman Reiter, Jerome Rosenthal, Alice Taich, Merrill Zinder and Elaine Weill, the chair. Temple president Charles Ackerman attends the meetings in an ex officio position. The group meets weekly for an hour and a half to discuss the qualifications noted in the dozen or more applicants' resumes. The latter have been sent via the CCAR (the Central Conference of American Rabbis).

To understand the process of searching for a rabbi, it is necessary to go back to "square one." The first step, according to Elaine Weill, was to contact the CCAR in early summer and request assistance. They (the CCAR) sent an extensive electronic form to be filled out with information necessary to find the right "fit." The questions covered such subjects as the membership of the temple, the physical plant and layout, its geographical location, personnel, history of the synagogue and previous rabbis, other Jewish organizations in the area, the most important attributes being looked for, and salary range. This form is updated periodically with changes; one example is the Board's recent approval of the new siddur. It is important to note that the form provides an overall profile of Temple Beth Israel and can only be viewed by Reform rabbis.

The committee, which covers a cross section of the congregation, adds their own personal feelings and observations, and they are strongly influenced by the suggestions sent in by congregants. They have weeded out some of the resumes, although they are still coming in from all over the country and even from Europe. "We are very impressed by the caliber of the applicants," stated Mrs. Weill. "and the members of the committee are working diligently, feeling the responsibility of their mission keenly."

The goal of the committee is to find the applicant(s) whose credentials are most compatible with the needs and expectations of the temple. Once the search has narrowed significantly there will be telephone interviews and finally, personal interviews. The final report of the search committee, according to Mrs. Weill, will be made to the board of directors who will act upon the recommendation.

Gloria Sabin

## BETH ISRAEL WOMEN



### UPCOMING EVENTS



BIW Paid-up Luncheon  
 Monday, January 21, 12:00 p.m.  
 Rabbi Michael Eisenstat will speak  
 "How Did Friendly Persia Become  
 Anti-Semitic Iran/Iraq?"

BIW Fashion Show & Luncheon  
 Monday, January 28, 12:00 p.m.  
 Fashions from Serendipity,  
 Joan McGee  
 at the Longboat Key Club



BIW Night At The Ballet  
 March 22nd, 2008  
 A Saturday evening performance  
 at \$60 per person that includes  
 a light dinner. For more  
 information, contact  
 the Beth Israel Women President  
 Arlene Krum at 388-9119.

## CHANUKAH-LATKES & CANDLES

On the first night of Chanukah, December 4, 2007, 135 happy Temple Beth Israel members and friends gathered to welcome this joyous "Festival of Lights."



Guests were welcomed warmly by **Bea and Ralph Einstein** and then ushered into the social hall to meet and greet each other. **Rabbi Eisenstat and Nancy** led the congregation in lighting the first candle to officially open our annual celebration. Inspired by the eight nights of Chanukah, **Doris White** coordinated a very meaningful candle lighting ceremony paying tribute to the themes of survival, building, leadership, courage, celebration, future and love. Candles were lit individually and introduced by: **Arlene Krum, Sue Lutkoff, Sylvia Scheiner, Betty Ackerman, Cecile Grodner, Alice Taich, Tanice Knopp and yours truly.**

Our sparkling table decorations were created by our in-house designer, **Pearl Kushner** and her able helpers. We thank our 'food maven' **Leah Barker** for her expertise and hard work in presenting a delicious traditional Chanukah menu and **Ken Marsh** for a wonderful job in handling the liquid refreshment table. Also, behind-the-scene kitchen assistance was provided by **Dr. Tanice Knopp.**

Our beautiful evening was capped off with an outstanding performance by **Judy Goldstein** who led us in songs that she created especially for this glorious event. Judy inserted her own Chanukah words to popular music. If you missed this production, you missed one of the high-lights of the Temple Beth Israel calendar.



Shirley Fein

## Brandeis Women



The Greater Sarasota Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee will celebrate Shabbat at Temple Beth Israel on **February 1** at 8 PM. They will be welcomed by Rabbi Eisenstat and President Ackerman .

Brandeis University was founded in 1948 by the American Jewish Community as a non-sectarian university to reflect the ideals of social justice and academic excellence at a time when quotas for Jews still existed in many universities.

The Women's Committees were formed all over the United States to establish the Brandeis Libraries and to provide ongoing support for them. The group also supports the Work-Scholar Program, the Crown Center for Middle East Studies, the Israel Studies Department, the Science for Life division for research in neurodegenerative diseases and the Students for Science initiative.

Locally the chapter offers many study groups for personal growth and social events to its almost 500 members during the year as well as opportunities for service and outreach into the Sarasota community.

Please join with the members of the local Brandeis University Women's Committee as they celebrate their 25th anniversary here in Sarasota and join them as they will be sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat.

## What is the “Fugu Plan?” What for that matter is a “fugu?”

The Fugu Plan was a scheme created in the 1930's in Imperial Japan to settle large numbers of Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe in Japan's territories on the Asian mainland. The plotters believed that the Jews could benefit Japan by their business acumen, but also were quite dangerous. Therefore, the plan was named after the “fugu,” a Japanese delicacy of a puffer fish whose poison can kill if the dish is not prepared correctly. The Fugu Plan was a scheme to convince thousands of Jews to settle in the puppet state of Manchuria or possibly Japan-occupied Shanghai thus gaining not only the benefit of the Jews' supposed economic expertise but also convincing the United States American Jewry to grant their favor and investment to Japan.

Before World War II, the plan was originally the idea of a small group of Japanese government and military officials who saw a need for a population to be established in Manchuria who could help build Japanese industry and infrastructure there. Their decision came from a belief that the Jewish people had a lot of money and political power and an almost supernatural ability to gain those things.

What ultimately happened to the Fugu Plan? This will be among the topics discussed during the weekend of **January 25-27** by the distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Marvin Tokayer.

Rabbi Tokayer has broad experience with Japan and the Far East having served as the U.S. Air Force Chaplain in Japan after World War II. Upon his discharge he returned to Tokyo to serve for eight years as the rabbi for the Jewish Community of Japan. Among his accomplishments, he is the author of twelve books in Japanese, he discovered the last of the Chinese Jews, and located a long-lost Jewish cemetery in Nagasaki. He has led tours of Japan, China Hong Kong and India. Following his time in Japan, he founded and led the Cherry Lane Minyan synagogue in Great Neck, New York for 14 years.

On Friday night, at 8 PM, Rabbi Tokayer will discuss “Pepper, Silk and Ivory—The Exotic Jews of China, Japan and India.” On Saturday, January 26 at 10 AM he will bring to light more information about how the Fugu Plan came about and its final disposition. Finally on Sunday, January 27, 9:30 AM, following breakfast, Rabbi Tokayer will talk about his adventures in the Far East.

There is no charge for admission to any of the sessions and no charge for the Sunday breakfast, but reservations for the breakfast are required. To make a reservation or for information, contact the Temple office at 383-3428.

Doris White

## Men's Club

On Sunday, January 13, at 2:00 PM, the Men's Club of Temple Beth Israel will host a multi-media talk by Professor Ted Merwin on “In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture,” the title of Dr. Merwin's recently published and highly acclaimed book. There will be copies of his book available for purchase and signing. Beverages and a sweet table will be provided after the talk. There is a \$5.00 admission fee, and reservations should be made by calling the Temple office 383-3428.

Dr. Merwin teaches religion and Judaic studies at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, where he also is director of the Center for Jewish Life. He has published widely on Jewish culture and as a theater critic for The New York Jewish Weekly, the largest circulation Jewish newspaper in the United States. He currently is writing a history of the New York Jewish delicatessen. Dr. Merwin lives in Harrisburg, PA, with his wife and two daughters.

The first-of-the-season Movie Night will take place on Thursday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Other upcoming Men's Club programs for the season will be:

- THE LOST WOODEN SYNAGOGUES OF EASTERN EUROPE, Sunday, February 13
- OPERA NIGHT, Tuesday, March 18
- CHURCH CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL, Sunday, April 13
- RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE, Sunday, May 4

Donald Kayton, President

### Lunch with the Rabbi



### *Monday, January 14, 12:30 p.m.*

The Lunch With The Rabbi series takes place the second Monday of each month at 12:30 PM. The Topic will be “**A Bloomberg Presidency: Good for the Jews?**”

The lunch consists of delicatessen or tuna sandwich, soft drink, coffee/tea and dessert. **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.

## LIBRARY



**WE HAVE THE BOOK YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! LOOK OVER THE FOLLOWING LIST AND FIND A GOOD READ...**

**ALL WHOM I HAVE LOVED.** Aharon Appelfeld. This novel is the haunting story of a Jewish family in Europe in the 1930s. At the center is nine-year-old Paul Rosenfeld, the only child of divorced parents.

**AWAY.** Amy Bloom. In a novel of panoramic scope, Lillian Leyb comes to America alone, after her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom. She endeavors to find her daughter who might still be alive.

**CITY OF ORANGES.** Adam LeBor. A beautifully written, unbiased history of Jews and Arabs living in Jaffa.

**EVERYDAY HOLINESS.** Alan Morinis. The Jewish Spiritual path of Mussar. Mussar's core teaching says we are inherently pure and holy and our work in life is to uncover this bright light in our souls. The gift of Earle and Gabrielle Miller in honor of Joe Miller's dedication to Temple Beth Israel.

**HOUSE LIGHTS.** Leah Hager Cohen. A gripping and poignant portrait of a family whose secrets threaten to destroy its seemingly perfect balance.

**HOW TO READ THE JEWISH BIBLE.** Marc Zvi Brettler. The author, a distinguished professor of biblical literature at Brandeis University, says we can best understand our scriptures if we know more about the culture from whence they came.

**JEWES AND POWER.** Ruth R. Wisse. Taking in everything from the kingdom of David to the Oslo accords, the author offers a radical new way to think about the Jewish relationship to power.


**JPS BIBLE COMMENTARY, ESTHER.** A new approach presenting this book as a comedy and the belief that the author drew heavily on literary motifs associated with Persia that were current at the time the book was written; and yet the book reflects Jewish experiences and aspirations.

**LOVE.** Ayelet Waldman. Emilia, heroine in this poignant novel experiences challenge in caring for a problem stepson and in overcoming the loss of her newborn daughter.

**MATTERS OF HONOR.** Louis Begley. An exploration of the friendship of three mismatched Jewish freshmen at Harvard.

**RASHI'S DAUGHTERS:BOOK II:MIRIAM.** Maggie Anton. The lively and daring middle child of a great Talmudic authority is captured in this novel of her struggles and triumphs in 11th century France.

**SEYDER TKHINES.** Devra Kay,ed. The forgotten book of common prayer for Jewish women. Gift of Shirley & Arnold Fein in memory of Dorothy Newfield.

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**WITNESSES TO THE ONE.** Joseph B. Meszler. A deeply personal exploration of the SH'MA—its spiritual history inspiring the reader to claim his or her personal meaning from this sacred proclamation, command and prayer. Gift of Earle and Gabrielle Miller in honor of Nancy Eisenstat's birthday.

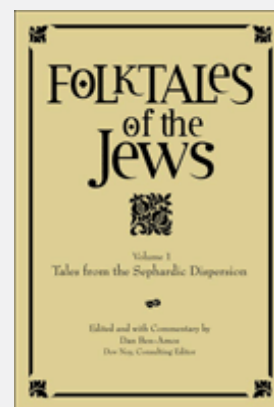
**THE YEARS OF EXTERMINATION.** Saul Friedlander. A definitive account of Nazi Germany and the Jews 1939-1945. Gift of Joseph & Connie Ellison in loving memory of our son, Andy.

**THE YIDDISH POLICEMEN'S UNION.** Michael Chabon. A bittersweet fable of identity, home and faith...Alaska has become the Jews' homeland after WWII.

Miriam Miller, Librarian

### FEATURED IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY THIS MONTH IS 'FOLKTALES OF THE JEWS VOLUME 1 Tales from the Sephardic Dispersion.'

This book was the winner of the 2006 National Jewish Book Award in the Sephardic culture category and the runner up in the scholarship category. Also one of the 28 titles chosen by the Association of University Press Publishers as "The Best of the Best Books You Should Know About."



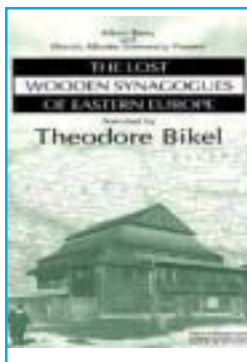
These tales drawn from Sephardic tradition are classic—a major, important contribution selected from the Israel Folklore Archives.

Each of the 71 Tales is accompanied by in-depth commentary explaining the tales' cultural, historical and literary background and its similarity to other tales. This is the beginning of the most important collection of Jewish folktales ever published.

We are very pleased to add this important book to our collection of Jewish Folklore. It is a gift from Suzanne Lutkoff in honor of Sheila Olin's birthday. Please stop in and examine this new addition to our collection.

## Event Announcement

### “The Lost Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe,” at Temple Beth Israel on February 17



On Sunday, February 17, at 2:00 p.m., the Men's Club of Temple Beth Israel hosts documentary film producer Albert Barry, who will present and discuss his award winning documentary, “The Lost Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe.” The film is narrated by Theodore Bikel, and tells a story of historical and educational significance in a powerfully evocative way. Beverages and a sweet table will be provided after the program. There is a \$5.00 admission fee, and reservations should be made by calling the Temple office (941-383-3428, 567 Bay Isles Road, Long Boat Key, FL 34228).

Mr. Barry was a photojournalist whose work has appeared in such publications as Life and Time. He is an independent film maker for whom preserving a record of Eastern European synagogues built of wood in rural Jewish communities is a passion. Of the over one thousand that existed before World War II, only a handful remain today, and all are boarded, in disrepair and abandoned.

After seeing the documentary, Elie Wiesel said, “This film evokes the richness as well as the melancholy of Jewish religious spirituality in Eastern Europe.” Professor Yaffa Eliach commented, “Albert Barry’s documentary brings to life a beautiful combination of sights, memories, music and comments.”

For additional information contact:

Dr. Herbert Waltzer 941-316-6892; waltzers@gmail.com

## MITZVAH CORNER & JOE MILLER

The Temple Beth Israel bulletin “Mitzvah Corner” salutes our fellow congregant JOE MILLER for his many years of service as Bimah Honors Chairman.

At Friday evening services, on November 30, 2007, Joe was presented with a beautiful trophy gift of appreciation and honored for his devotion and loyalty to TBI and his dedication to Reform Judaism.

In his thank - you remarks, Joe said, “.....I derived much satisfaction from my duties and Mitzvot. I am grateful for the friendships I have acquired and the new members that I have introduced to TBI.....”

Joe not only has served on the Board of our Temple for many years, he also has the distinction of having attended more services than any other member—Friday nights—Saturday mornings—Holidays—special events.— **KOL HAKAVOD**

## TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL GALA Sunday, January 20, 6:00 PM

Prepare yourself for a festive  
**Night on the Town,**  
an evening of music, cocktails and  
sumptuous food at Michael's on East.

Listen, dance and **be entertained**  
by the wonderful music of  
John Rinell and His Band.

This year's only, very special  
Fund Raising GALA will keep you  
**smiling all night.** Experience an  
**unforgettable evening,**  
while helping support our Temple.

Tickets: Guest: \$175  
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Benefactor: \$1250-\$5000

The time for the Gala Sponsor Party has been changed to accommodate our sponsors with Town Hall tickets. *The Sponsor Party to be held at Michal's Wine Cellar on January 7th will now begin at 6:00 PM.*

## 2008 GALA

**For those purchasing  
Sponsor and Benefactor  
tickets,**

**there will be  
a private party at  
Michael's Wine Cellar  
Monday, January 7, 2008**

**6:00 PM**

**Sponsor tickets  
\$500—\$1249**

**Benefactor tickets  
\$1250—\$5000**

## January TidBits

- ❖ Do not miss Rabbi Uri Regev's appearance as a Kallah Scholar on March 7 and 8. Those who have heard him speak come away with an enhanced knowledge of what is happening in Israel and his role in fostering Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Regev is the son-in-law of our own Bib and Al Grossman. More details in next month's Bulletin.
- ❖ The Men's Club's Shalom Again Jazz Concert on December 9, was a treat, especially for those of us who were devotees of the 40's Big Band sounds. With a Jazz quartet headed by Andy Wright at the piano, saxophone/reed player Tony Benade, Knobby King, bass player, drummer Eddie Stein, and vocalist Patricia Dean, the old arrangements were made to sound new and fresh again. The toe-tapping melodies covered a wide range from George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, to Tommy Dorsey and Cole Porter, among others. The highlight of the evening was the prowess displayed by singer, Patricia Dean with her drum solo. Those two irrepressible dancers, Maye Lavinson and Al Grossman could not resist the urge to get up and dance in the aisle to the group's jazz beat.
- ❖ Congratulations to Florence Katz on the beautiful tribute accorded her by Bob Wyatt in his column Bob's Beat that appeared in the December issue of The Jewish News. Referring to Florence, he said, "We have a volunteer who is too good to believe—she makes most others pale by comparison."
- ❖ The Books and Brown Bag Bunch will meet again at 12:30 PM on January 14, with their respective lunches to discuss "The Messenger" by Daniel Silva, a riveting spy story. Facilitator will be Gloria Sabin. Dessert and coffee will be available.

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## MINIVERSITY OF JUDAISM

2007-2008



All Classes Start at 2:00 pm Except as Noted

### BIBLE STUDY - THE HAFTORAH

Mondays

- January 21 - Rabbi Howard Simon
- February 18 - Rabbi Michael Eisenstat
- March 17 - Rabbi Peter Kasdan

### THE ART OF HEBREW CANTILLATION

Every Thursday morning at 10:00 am starting December 6 and ending March 27, except 12/27 and 1/3. Be able to chant any Haftorah. Class is limited to 8 students. There will be a nominal charge of \$65, including the cost of the text. Instructor: Miriam Waltzer.

### JEWISH ARTISTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Wednesday, January 16, 23, 30 & February 6. Instructor: Kevin Costello

### THE PRISM THROUGH WHICH WE LIVE JUDAISM

Thursday, January 10, 17, 24. Instructor: Rabbi Michael Eisenstat

### MAME-LOSHEN - THE YIDDISH REVIVAL - LANGUAGE, MUSIC, MOVIES, THE TRADITIONS

Thursday, January 31, February 7, 14. Instructor: Baila Miller

### LAUGHING OUT LOUD - THE ART OF JEWISH HUMOR

Wednesday, February 20. Instructor: Rabbi Richard Steinbrink

### CLAY & COPPER: A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE THROUGH ARCHEOLOGY

Wednesday, February 27. Instructor: Rabbi Richard Steinbrink

### WENDY WASSERSTEIN AND THE WORLD OF HER WOMEN

Thursday, February 28. Instructor: Diane Steinbrink

### JEWISH GOD CONCEPTS FROM ABRAHAM AND SARAH TO 2008: A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE - WHAT DOES REFORM JUDAISM SAY?

Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19. Instructor: Rabbi Peter Kasdan

### KABBALAH & MODERN FILM

Thursday, March 6, 13. Instructor: Bob Waxman

### AND THEY STILL MADE MUSIC

Wednesday, March 26, 2008. Instructor: Nancy Roucher  
Music of the Holocaust.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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- 4 Norman & Lenore Asher
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In Memorium

Myra Wolf

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## January 18, 2008

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## February 1, 2008

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MONDAY, JANUARY 14  
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).

- Sign me up for Men's Club Membership for \$40.00.
- Sign me up for Lunch with the Rabbi at \$6.00 a session.
- I am already a subscriber and plan to attend the next meeting.
- I am not a subscriber but would like to attend the next meeting

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AMERICAN JEWISH  
COMMITTEE



TUESDAY, JANUARY 14  
7:30 P.M.

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

Yes, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the American Jewish Committee's Briefing with David Harris, Executive Director, on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7:30 PM at Temple Beth Israel.

This event is free, but reservations are strongly recommended.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLAR BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, JANUARY 27  
9:30 A.M.

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

Yes, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the Scholar Breakfast with Rabbi Marvin Tokayer on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 9:30 AM at Temple Beth Israel.

This event is free, but reservations are strongly recommended.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

MEN'S CLUB  
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13  
2:00 P.M.

Temple Beth Israel Men's Club, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

Yes, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the multi-media talk by Professor Ted Merwin on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at \$5.00 per person.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to TBI Men's Club.

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BIW PAID-UP  
LUNCHEON



MONDAY, JANUARY 21  
12:00 P.M.

Beth Israel Women, 567 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228

Yes, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the paid up membership luncheon with Rabbi Eisenstat as our speaker.

Admission is free if you have paid your BIW dues, but reservations are necessary.

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