



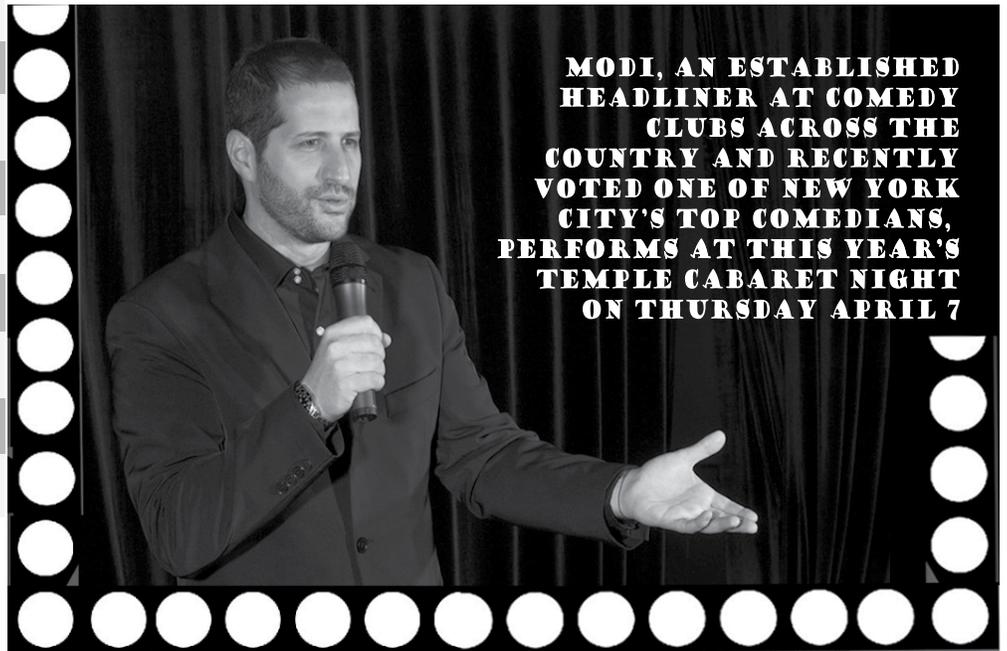
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**TOP COMEDIAN  
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CITY'S TOP COMEDIANS,  
PERFORMS AT THIS YEAR'S  
TEMPLE CABARET NIGHT  
ON THURSDAY APRIL 7**

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**COME AND MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS  
AT EARLY SHABBAT SERVICES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 25**



**Wine & Cheese at 5  
services at 5:30  
followed by  
Gourmet Chinese !**





## President's Message

Bill Sandy, one of our Vice-Presidents, opened a membership workshop with the distribution of packages of "M&M's" candies. His message was quite clear and appropriate. Every synagogue needs M&M's – money and members. To a synagogue, M&M's are its life's blood.

As to the former, money, our dues are commensurate to those of other congregations in our area and to other Reform congregations in cities of similar demographics. Our dues cover approximately sixty-two percent of our operating expenses. Not all of our members are financially able to meet what we request of them, so adjustments are made. No one is denied membership because of financial difficulties. The difference between what we collect in dues and what we expend is our "budget deficit." Thank goodness that many of our congregants respond to our appeals and fundraising efforts. On Shabbat, I frequently remind guests that if they appreciate attending our services, there are donation envelopes in the bookrack in front of them.

We all have heard and used the term "schnorrer" from time to time. To many, this is a pejorative term, implying begging to be a negative attribute. "Schnorrer" is also a respectable and honorable profession – that of fundraising. Many organizations would never remain viable except for the efforts of their member "schnorrers" or the efforts of professional fundraisers.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*Friday Evenings 8pm*

*Saturday Mornings 10am*

**\*\*Friday, March 25, New Member Shabbat\*\***

*5:00pm reception, Service at 5:30pm*

*Chinese Shabbat Dinner*

*immediately following service.*

To those members who take on the responsibilities of organizing our fundraising activities, the Gala team, the Leadership Circle Team, the BIW, WOOO and the Men's Club, I say "Yasher Koach," thank you for your tireless efforts to solicit funds for our Temple. Yours is a difficult and often frustrating task. To those who respond to their requests, thank you, thank you, and thank you. We always try to recognize and show appreciation to those who give, but it is to "those who ask" we also owe a debt of gratitude.

Then there is the other side of "schnorrer," not referring to the one who asks and takes for basic sustenance, but to those who come into our doors for worship, to attend our programs and take full advantage of all we have to offer, and giving nothing or very little in return. I am not speaking of the occasional visitor or guest from out-of-town, but those who live in our area or reside for the season that decline to join the congregation or to make a "nice" contribution in appreciation for what we do for them. I know we all have different priorities for giving, but the synagogue is also a priority, so that we will be able to continue to provide what the community enjoys, needs and has come to expect.

Next time, I would like to discuss the other "M" in M&M's - membership.

*Regards, Earl*

### March Shabbat Café

The Shabbat Café will follow morning services on Saturday March 12. A dairy lunch will be served.

This month, Shabbat Café is sponsored in part by Stuart Brodzansky. What a wonderful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or life cycle event!

Call Elise Galinsky 358-6323 for more information or to arrange your donation toward a Shabbat Café.



### Notice of

## Temple Annual Meeting

**Sunday, March 27, 2011**

**3:00 PM**

Agenda will include:

Election of Officers and Trustees,  
Budget for 2011 - 2012 and Report  
of the Endowment Committee.



## From the Rabbi's Study

### A Magnificent Echo Chamber

In terms of hipness, Bible study doesn't rank very high these days. People tend to associate it with homespun church gatherings, prison ministries and cloyingly beseeching television evangelists.

In the perception of many Bible study has become a self-caricature that tends toward the simple-minded, portrays scripture as a cure-all for every life ill and emphasizes group-think at the expense of group-question.

Compounding this view among Jews is that our first introduction to Bible study usually occurs when we are made to be compelled to prepare for b'nei mitzvah. The instruction we receive is often reduced to a relatively narrow religious dimension due to our age, maturity and level of sophistication.

Generally speaking, completion of b'nei mitzvah is regarded more as a relief than an alluring ticket to further Bible study. What else explains the legions of Jews who drop out of religious school soon after their thirteenth birthday?

Do we really expect Bible study to capture their attention when numerous other activities vie for their time and when their parents don't usually exhibit a very strong predilection for Bible study themselves?

Notwithstanding the religious pride and sense of achievement b'nei mitzvah engenders, the event celebrates the weathering of what is

known as the "cod-liver-oil" stage of Bible study, when it is taken like medicine. Some of us, through subsequent Jewish education, go on to the "shredded-wheat" stage when Bible study is perceived as nourishing but still rather dry. The "peaches-and-cream" stage is reached when Bible study is actually savored with fascination and delight.

Filled with less than enchanting memories of their early religious training and colored by stereotypical notions of what Bible study constitutes how can Jews ever aspire to, much less attain, the "peaches-and-cream" stage? How can such study be seen as a vitalizing reward of Jewish identity rather than an antiquated and extraneous aspect of it?

Perhaps this can be achieved through a more informed appreciation of the Bible's unparalleled role as a Divine-human touchstone and its capacity for exploration from a wide spectrum of ethical, social and spiritual perspectives.

In this way, the Bible functions as the proverbial violin that contains all its potential music within. What is just as important as the instrument is the dexterity and skill of the individual playing it. Likewise, the Bible's value is not found simply in the book itself, but in the capacity to elicit its wealth of possibility for meaning.

The tools of authentic Bible study are untrammelled curiosity, inquiry and imagination. The aim is not to arrive at predetermined conclusions but to yield ever new insights. Though the Bible's words maybe fixed, our potential interface is not. Even after thousands of years we continue to remain in dialogue with them.

The Bible represents a magnificent echo chamber where ancient voices

meet our own and the voice of God is sought in the ensuing reverberations. By opening windows onto myriad facets of the human condition, Bible study can become a profound vehicle for personal reflection and vision. It invites the rigorous application of our highest intellectual aptitudes not, as is commonly assumed, their suspension.

In closely examining an especially intriguing scriptural text we often seek to discover how prominent commentators like Rashi or Ibn Ezra (both of whose writings are now easily accessible in translation) have interpreted it. Though hundreds of years may separate us our mutual pursuit confers a kinship that telescopes time. They come alive to us. This is the "peaches-and-cream" stage.

Don't let preconceived judgments of what Bible study is prevent you from enjoying the stimulation of what it can be. The "peaches-and-cream" stage is not reserved for rabbis and scholars. You can taste it too. But you have to be willing to conceive of the Bible as an ongoing adventure, not a land you think you've already visited and know all you need about.

### Alice Taich Judaica Shop

*New Items arriving daily.*

From Israel, beautiful challah and matzoh covers with matching afikomen bags, new Seder plates and accessories, stone table planters and much more.

When you support our gift shop, you support the Temple. For special appointments, call Leah Barker, 383 5897.

## New Member Shabbat:

### An Evening of Fine Food, Faith and Fellowship

On March 25, the Temple will honor its newest members with several events to meet and greet our newest members as we begin our weekly Sabbath.

#### New TBI Members

*Howard & Sharon Baker  
Cecile Dalton  
Norman & Barbara Gross  
Rabbi Richard & Ellen Klein  
Gunther & Doris Kohn  
Evelyn Koshner  
Barbara Krohn  
Ada Levy  
Murray & Annie Lowenthal  
Revella Price  
Fran Sax  
Arline Schwarzman  
Bob & Sue Steiner  
Herb Vogel  
Harold & Maxine Zuckerman*

#### **New Member Wine & Cheese Reception**

The Temple will hold a special reception from 5 to 5:30pm preceding Shabbat Services on Friday, March 25. All Temple members are strongly encouraged to come meet and greet our new members and help them feel at home with their new Temple family.

#### **L'khah Dodi**

At 5:30 pm, we will adjourn to the sanctuary

and join together in welcoming the Sabbath. Rabbi Katz will stimulate us with his innovative, creative and inspiring service.

#### **Gourmet Chinese Shabbat Dinner**

A Chinese man and a Jewish man once discussed their respective cultures. The Chinese man mentioned his culture was 3,000 years old. After praising the age of Chinese culture the Jewish man added that Jewish culture was more than 5,000 years old. "No way," replied the Chinese man. "What did Jews eat for the first 2,000 years?"

This bit of humor underscores just how much Jews love Chinese food. Following Shabbat Services, you will not only have the chance to enjoy a Chinese Shabbat dinner at the Temple but a gourmet one as well. Chef Yeemay Wong, whose wonderful dishes are drawing raves from Sarasota area foodies, is preparing an exquisite banquet of fine Chinese food. Wong has worked with the famed Chef Martin Yan, host of the internationally popular television show "Yan Can Cook."

The cost of the dinner is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Please make reservations by March 18 to ensure a seat at what promises to be a fantastic meal.

At the dinner we will honor new members to our Temple family.



## Women On Our Own

Women On Our Own, in conjunction with the Rabbi's weekly seminar group, is planning a trip to St. Petersburg Dali Museum. Transportation from the Temple and lunch will be included. For more information on this event, and other WOOO and activities, contact Maye Lavinson 383-6786.

Women On Our Own were treated to high tea hosted by Gaby Nitken. Guests enjoyed sweet and tasty treats, tea, coffee, beautiful Gulf of Mexico views and delightful camaraderie.

#### *WOOO High Tea Photos*

Top L to R: Gaby Nitkin, WOOO Officers Maye Lavinson, President; Ruth Engman, Vice President and Dorrace Zucker, Secretary. Bottom: Marsha Ross, Celia Assiran, Sara Krinsk, Bea Michaels



# Powerful Supports Lead To New Member Shabbat

Among the most important events of the year is The New Member Shabbat. After all, new members are the lifeblood of a congregation.

A revitalized membership committee – co-chaired by Rosalyn Fleischer – is working on the most important element in this event: The number of new members we have the opportunity to meet and honor.

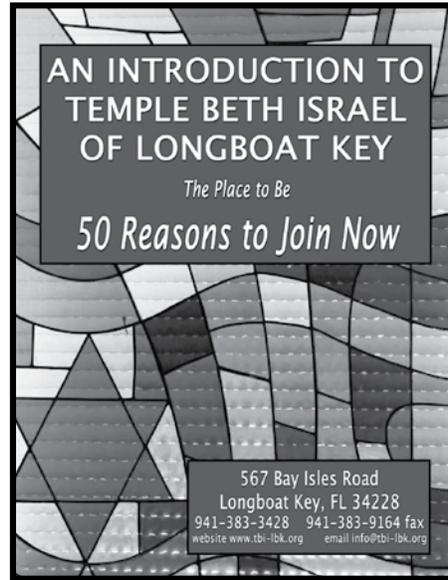
Five major streams of support have been put into place.

Marilyn Shuman headed a committee to open members' homes for Cocktail Socials to introduce "The Wonderful World of Temple Beth Israel." Playing host in late February were Marilyn & Irv Shuman, Judith & Robert Vigder, Ruth Kreindler and Eve Kommel. A March Cocktail Social will be held at the Temple, 5 p.m. on Monday the 7th, chaired by Rosalyn Fleischer.

At each event, Rabbi Katz and

Temple President Earl Gordon joined the hosts in sharing all this Temple has to offer.

Those who wanted to know reasons to join received a dramatic version of the Temple Bulletin laying out and visualizing "50 Reasons to Join Now."



This is the first time that all the major reasons have been collected in one place. Creative leadership for the piece was provided by Rich Olin and Jodi Solomon. Distribution was to unaffiliated Jews on Longboat Key and adjacent areas as well as to Temple members who, after all, should be our best recruiters.

Maye Lavinson has spearheaded a committee to meet and greet Temple guests at services and events. The names that are gathered are put into a data base for long term follow-up. Kathy Brooks working with Richard Olin and others has organized this effort. Gloria Bergman is seeing that these guests are followed-up.

And the final important inducement to join was recent Board approval of attractive Introductory Pricing for new members.



## Beth Israel Women

**Friday, March 4th – BIW Shabbat** – please save this date and attend a beautiful BIW Shabbat service focusing on women.

**Wednesday, March 16th – Game Day** – bring your group or let us find you a spot. Send in the registration form at the back of the Bulletin.

**Sunday, March 20th – Theater Trip** to see "Spring Awakening" **SOLD OUT!**

**Monday, March 21st – BIW Open Luncheon** – At-

tendees will be treated to a program on communication and listening presented by TBI member Linda Albert. Please send in a coupon to reserve your space.

I would like to remind you all to support our gift shop. It is newly reworked and restocked with wonderful items from Israel.

Thank-you and have a great month!

**Sheila Zinder,  
BIW President**

*BIW Fashion Show Photos (Clockwise from top left): TBI Runway Model Molly Schechter, BIW Fashion Show Chair Sylvia Pastor, BIW President Sheila Zinder (on right) and TBI member Terry Blumberg.*

## Top Comedian To Perform At Cabaret Night



MODI, an established headliner at comedy clubs across the country and recently voted one of New York City's top comedians, performs at this year's Temple Cabaret night on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm.

The *Los Angeles Times* has written that MODI is "quick on his feet" in keeping audiences "regardless of age, race and gender, laughing." MODI has been featured in *The New York Times*, *New York Post* and several other publications. *VARIETY* says "he delivers a natu-

rally funny performance with a tremendous amount of energy."

A versatile entertainer, MODI also has appeared in several films, like *Our Italian Husband* starring Chevy Chase and Brooke Shields, and television shows including "The Sopranos" and "CSI:NY."

Before MODI hits the stage, the fine Tampa-based Michael Ross Trio will play wonderful musical standards from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and other greats. What a fabulous evening is in store!

The \$50 cost (\$75 for non-members) includes the comedy show, live music, appetizers, snacks, wine, soft drinks and a delicious dessert buffet.

Though this is quite an entertainment package sponsors are needed to help offset the evening's considerable expenses. Please consider becoming a sponsor at the Macher Level for \$500.00 (6 front seats and 30 raffle tickets) or Tumbler Level (4 priority seats and 15 raffle tickets). All proceeds after expenses will go to the Temple's operating fund. Be a mensch in helping sponsor the evening if you can. All sponsors will receive recognition at the show and in Temple publications.

## Men's Club Events for March

**March 3, 7pm Movie Night** - *Walk on Water*. An unusual psychological spy thriller that follows Israeli agent Eyal as he tries to learn from a German brother and sister whether or not their grandfather, a Nazi commander, is still alive. But his growing friendship with the pair forces him to grapple with his hostility towards Arabs and his blithe view of Nazi war criminals. (The Movie Night date was changed to avoid conflict with the 92nd St Y on March 10th.) Admission is FREE.

**March 13, 3pm Movie** *Jews And Baseball: An American Love Story*. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, this film is about the involvement of Jews in the evolutionary development of baseball from its earliest days to the present. Great Jewish players (and their exploits), coaches, owners and others, all appear in this absorbing film about the Jewish perspective on our national pastime. Admission is \$10.00 for temple members and \$15.00 for non-members.



*Some fifty members of TBI attended the special Valentine's Day Lunch with Rabbi, which welcomed ladies along with the men.*

**March 22 Men's Club** goes to the Ballgame! The Men's Club of TBI has purchased a block of tickets to the New York Yankees/Baltimore Orioles game at Ed Smith Stadium on Tuesday, March 22nd at 1PM. This baseball outing promises to be a highlight of the spring training season.

## Don't Miss Temple Beth Israel 2011 Kallah Scholar Program April 1 & 2

Temple Beth Israel's Kallah Scholar Program will host Rabbi Aaron Panken, Ph.D., April 1 - 2. Rabbi Panken's talks will offer a fascinating presentation on "Myth, Magic and Mysticism: Judaism Beyond the Rational."

Judaism is a religion most often associated with law. Our most sacred books (the Torah, Mishnah and Talmud) are filled with regulations that dictate each area of life in very specific terms. But there is another aspect of Judaism, just as powerful and just as wonderful as the legal side, where feelings, superstitions, and belief serve to teach us incredible lessons that help us confront life's most important questions.

Join Rabbi Panken as he guides us beyond the rational in Judaism, defining the myth, magic and mysticism that have informed our people's lives in every generation, and the meaning we can derive from it in our own modern context.

### Friday Night 8pm

"Confronting Myth and Magic," an exploration of Jewish texts to see how Judaism goes beyond its rational roots to explain the world in creative and fascinating ways.

### Saturday 10am

"In Search of the Secret Meaning of Biblical Text," a study of the fascinating and often bizarre reinterpretation of core Jewish texts.

Rabbi Panken is an Assistant Professor of Rabbinic and Second Temple Literature at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York where he has taught since 1995, and served as Dean from 1998-2006. He serves on the faculty of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship Program, is involved in a number of leadership roles within the Reform movement, and travels widely as a speaker and teacher in congregations throughout the United States.



The Kallah Scholar Program is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Temple office: 383-3428. This Kallah Scholar Program is made possible through the generous donation of Gerry Daniel in memory of his beloved wife, Ruth.

## Longboat Key's Aging in Paradise Resource Center



Temple Beth Israel is a partner in the newly created and recently opened **Aging in Paradise Resource Center** located at the Longboat Island Chapel, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive ([www.islandchapel.com](http://www.islandchapel.com)). The Center is a new venture offering activities in the areas of education, wellness, interven-

tions and home care referral and counseling. The goal of the **Aging in Paradise Resource Center** is to serve as a resource and clearing house for members of the local community on LBK and AMI. **Programs are free.**

March 2011 activities include:

### **March 3 Seminar**

#### **Planning for Asset Preservation**

March 26 Class

#### **Cooking and Nutrition**

Healthy cooking without sacrificing taste. Participants will get to eat the results of the class activities!

Ongoing programs:

#### **Shifting Sands Support Group**

This discussion group meets on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm. Confidentiality is observed.

#### **Informal Caregivers' Group**

Support for non professional caregivers. This group meets on alternate Thursdays. March dates are the 9th and the 23rd.

You can register for any and all of these activities by calling the Longboat Island Chapel at 941-383-6491 Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 3 pm or Email: [IslandChapel@IslandChapel.com](mailto:IslandChapel@IslandChapel.com).

Additional information about all the programs currently being offered or planned can be found at [www.islandchapel.com](http://www.islandchapel.com). Click on the link at the left for the Aging in Paradise Resource Center.

**L.H.Barson**

**Social Action Committee**

## A Premier Purim Presentation Saturday, March 19

The intrigue, surprising twists and fun of this year's Purim spiel will be on full display when "The Very, Very First Purim Ever" premieres at the Temple on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Written by our own Judy Goldstein, the show will be performed by members of Beth Israel's Chavurah Daled. Don't miss this cute and funny take on the scroll of Esther.

There will be some quirky puns, challenging riddles and fascinating trivia as well as lots of Hamentashen to be enjoyed.

Be happy, it's Adar!



## Library Report

### We Can Find a Lot of Interesting Stuff on the Computer

The prestigious, informative Jewish Book Council website ([www.jewishbookcouncil.org](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org)) recently listed "The 50 Most Essential Works of Jewish Fiction of the Last 100 Years." It's quite a list, quite an honor, and quite a recommendation for enjoyable reading. Our Temple Library holds sixteen of these titles:

*The Trial* by Frank Kafka, *Herzog* by Saul Bellow, *The Pagan Rabbi and Other Stories* by Cynthia Ozick, *A Contract with God* by Will Isner, *Call it Sleep* by Henry Roth, *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* by Michael Chabon, *American Pastoral* by Phillip Roth, *The Brothers Ashkenazi* by Israel Joshua Singer, *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* by Art Spiegelman, *The History of Love* by Nichole Krauss, *Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer, *The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer* by Isaac Bashevis Singer, *The Trial of God* by Elie Wiesel, *Bech, a Book* by John Updike, *What Makes Sammy Run?* by Budd Schulberg, *The Finkler Question* by

Howard Jacobson. These books deserve to be read again and again.

The Jewish Book Council Website has many things of interest about books and also features a blog concerning book topics of Jewish interest. For those of you who don't feel comfortable using the Internet, come in for coaching or to use our library's computer. Library Staff is in the Library every Monday morning, 9 to 12, and I will set aside time for you. The Library Collection is on the internet ([www.tbi-lbk.org](http://www.tbi-lbk.org)).

Another interesting website I came across for senior information is [www.50somethinginfo.com](http://www.50somethinginfo.com) started by a librarian, Susan Levine. The site has topics geared to the Senior lifestyle. Check it out.

Stop by the library to browse the new books which have recently been added to the collection:

*The Baseball Talmud: The Definitive Position-by-Position Ranking of Baseball's Chosen Players* by Howard Megdal, *Yom Kippur in Amsterdam: Stories* by Maxim D. Shrayer, *Making*



*Prayer Real: Leading Jewish Spiritual Voices on Why Prayer is Difficult and What to Do About It* by Mike Comins, *Building a Successful Volunteer Culture: Finding Meaning in Service in the Jewish Community* by Charles Simon, *Early Modern Jewry: a New Cultural History* by David Ruderma, *Sephardi Family Life in the Early Modern Diaspora* by Julia Lieberman, Ed.

See you in the Library!

**Marjorie Sandy, Librarian**

# The Rabbi Michael B. Eisenstat Miniversity of Judaism March Schedule

## Friends Forever, President Harry S. Truman and Eddie Jacobson

**Instructor:** Elinor Borenstine - Eddie Jacobson's Daughter, Introduced by Ruth Gorton

**Date:** Thursday, March 3

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Eddie Jacobson, a traveling salesman from Kansas City, played a crucial role in the founding of the modern state of Israel. Jacobson and Harry S. Truman were friends from Missouri. After successfully managing a canteen together during basic training they opened a men's clothing store following WWI. Though it failed Jacobson remained close to Truman, often visiting him in Washington when he served in the Senate and in the Oval Office.

In March of 1948 Jewish leaders prevailed on Jacobson to persuade Truman to meet with Dr. Chaim Weizman, leader of the Zionist movement. A couple of months later, the U.S. became the first nation to recognize the new state of Israel. Jacobson's daughter, Elinor Borenstine, who lives in Sarasota and sits on the Honorary Board of the Truman Library, will share fascinating anecdotes regarding her father's relationship with President Truman.

## Messiah Concepts in the Tanach, Siddur and Seder

**Instructor:** Rabbi Peter Kasdan, Introduced by Milton Richter

**Date:** Wednesdays March 2, 16, 23

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Living, as we do, in a country dominated by the Christian faith in all of its various denominations and socially bombarded by Christian theology in the pre-Christmas and Easter seasons, relatively few American Jews spend any time at all considering the possibility and the timing of the Jewish Messiah - the Mashiah. Yet, our liturgy, both home and synagogue based, is sprinkled with vague messages about this special visitor's potential arrival. We will examine references to the Mashiah found in the Bible, our synagogue liturgy, in the Midrash and in the Passover Haggadah.

## A Baptist Pastor's View Of Israel

**Instructor:** Pastor Bill Hild, Introduced by Rabbi Jonathan Katz

**Date:** Thursday, March 10

**Time:** 2:00 pm

Bill Hild has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Sarasota, a prominent congregation located downtown for more than a hundred years, since 1997.

Pastor Hild holds a keen interest in and affection for Israel. He has pursued graduate work in archeology at Hebrew University and participated in several archaeological excavations in the country, most recently last summer.

He has also led numerous groups to Israel and travelled extensively throughout the Middle East.

A native of Savannah, he received his BA in Religion at Carson-Newman College and a Masters of Divinity from Baptist Theology Seminar in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Pastor Hild will share the Baptist perspective on the Middle East today and speak about his own personal experience of Israel's history and people.

While he looks forward to providing a Christian leader's outlook, he also is eager to learn more about Israel from a Jewish perspective. There will be ample time for questions following his presentation.

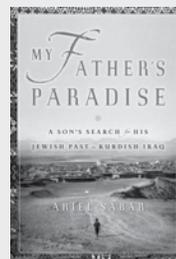
## BIW Sabbath Service Friday, March 4, 8pm

Join us for the BIW Shabbat featuring Judy Goldstein speaking about our Jewish Mothers.

Judy will be joined by Sheila Zinder, Nessa Levine, and the TBI choir under the direction of Ann Stephenson-Moe.

A special oneg follows with cookies and such baked by BIW members.

## Books and Brown Bag 2010 -2011



**March 14**  
*My Father's Paradise*  
by Ariel Sabar

Facilitator  
Gabrielle Miller

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

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



*Presented at Temple Beth Israel*

**Admission: FREE**

**(\$5.00 for non-Temple members)**



Photo by Art Streiber

**Arianna Huffington and  
Joseph E. Stiglitz: The Way Forward  
Wed, March 2, 8pm**

Arianna Huffington, the new editor-in-chief of AOL's news content, is the cofounder and editor in chief of The Huffington Post, a news and blog site that has become one of the most widely read and frequently cited media brands on the Internet. She is also a nationally syndicated columnist, a frequent guest commentator on the Sunday morning news programs and the author of 13 books, the latest entitled *Third World America: How Our Politicians Are Abandoning the Middle Class and Betraying the American Dream*. In 2006, she was named to the Time 100, *Time magazine's* list of the world's 100 most influential people.

Joseph E. Stiglitz is University Professor at Columbia University in New York and chair of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought. In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for his analyses of markets with asymmetric information.

Stiglitz was a member of the Council of Economic Advisors from 1993 to 1995 and served as its chair from 1995-1997. He then became chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank from 1997 to 2000. His latest book is *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*.

**Fareed Zacharia "After Iraq:  
Conclusions and Consequences."  
Eliot Spitzer, moderator  
Thurs, March 10, 8pm**

Fareed Zakaria is host of Fareed Zakaria GPS on CNN, editor at large at Time, and a regular columnist for The Washington Post. In naming him "one of the 21 most important people of the 21st century," Esquire magazine described him as "the most influential foreign policy adviser of his generation." Before joining Time, Dr. Zakaria was editor of Newsweek International, overseeing all the magazine's editions abroad from 2000 to 2011. He is the author of a national best seller titled *The Post-American World*. Eliot Spitzer is the former New York attorney general and governor of the State of New York. He is currently a contributor to Slate and host of the new show Parker/Spitzer on CNN. This lecture is endowed by Bernard and Anne Spitzer.

**The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A Report from the Field with Ethan Bronner  
Thurs, March 17, 8:15pm**

**[a DVD presentation from Feb. 23rd livebroadcast]**

The head of the Jerusalem Bureau of The New York Times combines on-the-ground reporting, anecdotes, policy analysis and a discussion of journalistic challenges in an up-to-the-minute update on the intractable crisis between Israelis and Palestinians. Examine the role and work of the Obama administration along with the key Israeli and Palestinian players from the frontline view of one of the most well-known Middle East correspondents in the world.

## Community Seder To Be Held Monday, April 18

Celebrate Passover at Beth Israel's Community Seder on Monday April 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Longboat Key Club. Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz leads this beautiful occasion along with the music and singing of Ann Stephenson Moe and Rebecca Hill.

Join us for a warm and spirited observance of the Festival of Freedom.

Members: Adults \$65 Children 12 & under: \$30

Non-Members \$80 Children \$35

Children under 3 are free



## In Memory and Celebration of Debbie Friedman

The influence of Debbie Friedman's music on contemporary Jewish worship cannot be underestimated. Her powerful, widely revered contributions to the spiritual-



ity, beauty and conscience of the music of the Reform Movement will be honored at Shabbat service Friday, March 18 at 8:00.

We encourage you to pay tribute to one of the most influential Jewish composers of our time. The service will feature many of her songs together with instrumentation. It is fitting that Social Action Shabbat will be held in conjunction with the service since Debbie Friedman was a tireless advocate of initiatives on behalf Tikkun Olam.

## March Men's Club Lunch With the Rabbi Monday, March 14, 12pm

*Israel's Security and the  
Future of the Peace Process  
in the Wake of Arab Revolt*

Send in your coupon  
to save your spot.

## Tickets Still Available for Marinoff Concert March 6, 2pm

Cantor Robert Marinoff's singing has captivated our congregation during the four years he has graced Beth Israel's pulpit for the High Holy Days. Now you can experience his vocal talent in a range of musical genres including Broadway, Opera, Cantorial and Yiddish.

Marinoff performed in the smash hit the "Soul of Gershwin," at the Parker Playhouse in Ft. Lauderdale. In May of 2010 the show's two week run at the Winter Garden Theater in Toronto received rave reviews. Cantor Marinoff, who has served several congregations including Beth Israel, now resides in Ft Myers.

Tickets for the show are \$20. Please send in a coupon or call the Temple office 383-3428 to make a reservation.

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

Friday, March 4, 2011  
Dora Gross Ansel  
Sophie Karaim Berger  
Louis Massik  
Alice Brickman  
Rose Gross  
Betty Krantz  
Jacob Levy  
Alex Taub

Kate Ronson  
Jerome Wenk  
Sylvia Baer  
Sylvia W. Baer  
Benjamin Clement  
Alice B. Cohen  
Bess D. Fedder  
Henry Young



Faye Griesman  
Meyer R. Millner  
Carl Salomon  
Mary Schechter  
Ethel Simons  
Max Isermann  
William Landow  
Clare Siegel

Edna Weiss  
Rebecca Berman  
Jerome Blumberg  
Elma Hyman  
Bertha Margolies  
Jules H. Sabin  
Jay Schechter  
Charlotte Cohen  
Edith Cohen  
Ned Hyman  
Betty Kalowsky  
Jacob Kaplan  
Herbert Sapstein  
Raymond Schoenbaum  
Sadye Smith  
David Cooper  
Abraham Grodner  
Herman Levine

Friday, March 11, 2011  
Harry Nitzberg  
Albert Daytz  
Cecilia Eisner  
Isidore Libman  
Richard Kommel  
Max Rosin  
Joseph Solomon  
Isadore Cutler  
Jeanette Golden  
Jeanie Massik  
Natalie Wald Dickler  
Herman Green  
Olga Plaut  
Lewis Topkis  
Natalie Golub  
Peter Roth

Friday, March 18, 2011  
Lena Bornstein  
Ben Brodsky  
Dr. Max Ostermann  
Herbert V. Cohen  
Elias Langs  
Marc Rauch  
Marvin Feinstein  
Minnie Sischy  
Irwin Yanowitz  
Murray Ronson  
Ethel Stern  
Pearl Yaseen  
Max Eison  
Bernard Rudolph  
Bryan Barker  
Ronald Burdman  
Eva C. Cohodas

Friday, March 25, 2011  
Max Zinder  
Robert Gleeksman  
Simon Grossman  
Arthur Kern  
Estelle Levite (Levitte)  
Bertha Cohen  
Julia K. Fineshriber  
Sidney Kitay  
Rose Lichter  
Dorothy Paskow  
Seymour Portman  
Isaac Balk  
Harold Sadwin  
Eva Shenkan  
Betty Aronsohn  
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**IN MEMORIAM**

Robert Smith

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**In Honor Of:**

Mina & Irwin Liebowitz' 60th Wedding Anniversary, *by Harriet & Jerry Allweiss, Marion & Dr. Bernard Levine, Eileen & Albert Bronstein*  
Arthur Stern's Bar Mitzvah, *by Betty Levi, Barbara & Jim Biron*  
Gloria Adams' Birthday, *by Claire & Murray Brinn*  
Dorothy Jacobson's Special Birthday, *by Ina Rae Levy, Florence Levitt*  
Dr. & Mrs. Victor Moss' 60th Wedding

Anniversary, *by Ina Rae Levy*

Terry Neis looking fabulous in the fashion show, *by Barbara Horowitz*  
Terry Neis, *by Judy Goldberg*

**In Memory Of:**

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Murray Frischer, *by Mel & Cheryl Taub*  
Ronald LeBovici, *by Mel & Cheryl Taub*  
Suzanne Rosen, *by Barry & Gloria Bakal*  
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Arthur Stern's Bar Mitzvah, *by Rabbi & Nancy Eisenstat*  
Dorothy Jacobson's special birthday, *by Rabbi & Nancy Eisenstat*

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Mina & Irwin Leibowitz' 60th Wedding Anniversary, *by Carole & Sy Klionsky*

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## Happy Birthday!

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## Anniversaries

- 1 Dick & Barbara Blumenthal  
 5 Jim & Barbara Biron  
 11 Raymond & June Benenson  
 11 Irving & Pearl Kushner  
 12 David & Marcia Goldberg  
 12 Peter & Amy Roth  
 29 Itzy & Marilyn Shuman  
 30 Jerry & Myra Goldstein  
 30 Milt & Audrey Lucow



## *Saviors In The Night* at Beth Israel

### Wednesday, March 30

*Saviors in the Night*, a film based on the memories of Holocaust survivor Marga Spiegel, describes how courageous farmers hid her family in Germany during WWII. This compelling story is shared with harrowing details, gratitude and also bits of humor.

Motivated by a deeply felt moral code, the farmers risked their own lives and that of their families to save the Spiegels. Though they eschewed recognition for their heroism, the farmers are honored at Yad Vashem.

Marga's husband, Siegmund, won an Iron Cross for his actions defending Germany in WWI. "Twenty-five years later, my homeland was trying to kill me," the actor playing him remarks at the beginning of the film. The Spiegels are always on the verge of being exposed as they seek to blend in with the farm workers housed at the farm.

Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, in partnership with the Sarasota Film Festival and the American Jewish Committee's West Coast Florida Region, *Saviors in the Night* will be shown at Temple Beth Israel on Wednesday, March 30 at 7pm. Tickets, \$7, available online [www.jfedsrq.org](http://www.jfedsrq.org).

Beth Israel Women's Annual

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11:30 A.M. sharp until 3:30 P.M.

\$25.00 Admission

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We will be playing \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED AT A TABLE PLAYING \_\_\_\_\_

My level of play is:    \_\_\_\_ Novice    \_\_\_\_ Just for Fun    \_\_\_\_ Seasoned & Serious

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and your check should be made payable to Beth Israel Women.

Please send this form along with your payment to:

Sheila Zinder, 435 L'Ambiance Dr. #605, Longboat Key, Florida 34228



**Wed. March 3  
92nd St Y**

**Arianna Huffington  
and Joseph E.  
Stiglitz: The Way Forward**

**Thurs. March 10  
92nd St Y**

**Fareed Zacharia –  
after Iraq: Conclusions  
and Consequences.**

**Thurs. March 17  
92nd St Y**

**The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:  
A Report from the Field  
with Ethan Bronner**

**Friday, April 1  
AARON PANKEN  
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