I HEAR IT A LOT. People assuming I must be delighted my term as president is nearly over. There’s no doubt, leading a synagogue is a challenge – but am I looking forward to the end of my presidency?

Growing up as I did, surrounded by anti-Semitism, the joy of having a special place to worship and be together was immeasurable. To help a temple succeed will always be worth my time and effort. Though many other Jewish institutions do important work, it is the synagogue where our Jewish values and sacred community are best sustained. Since my earliest years a synagogue afforded acceptance and pride.

A successful synagogue generates warmth, enthusiasm and intellectual stimulation. Temple Beth Israel is such a synagogue – one we can be most proud of.

No doubt, this success comes about through diligence and hard work. The meetings, the phone conversations, the emails – each an opportunity for people who care to exchange ideas and arrive at consensus…all motivated to move our synagogue in the right direction. I find enormous satisfaction in the process and very much admire all those so willing to work. There are far too many to mention, but those of you who have been involved know it’s you to whom I refer. Please accept my sincere appreciation. I believe we could not have spent our time in a better way. Thank you as well to those who did not hesitate to share a kind or encouraging word. I took each one to heart and will remember them always.

And while expressing gratitude for the support I’ve had during my presidency, I cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking Donald for his patience (I was frequently otherwise engaged), encouragement (he’s always had such faith in me) and good humor (sometimes you really need that) these past years.

A sacred community such as our temple guides and nourishes us. It offers us the opportunity to do exceptional things. However, reaching a goal isn’t all that is important. How we act on the “journey” matters greatly as well. By engaging in study, prayer, acts of loving kindness and tikkun olam, our journey is indeed a noble one. In the ancient words of the Psalmist: “Blessed are we! How good is our portion! How pleasant our lot! How beautiful our heritage!”

Days, months and then years pass during which our synagogue evolves and flourishes. This is what we hope for. L’Dor v’Dor…from generation to generation. It is now my time to step aside. Am I delighted my term is over? Not at all. Is it time for new leadership? Of course.
FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY....

MORE THAN DEFIANCE

I am fond of the Zen proverb: “The farther you enter truth, the deeper it is.” This insight is certainly apropos of the Melton Adult Jewish Learning Program held at the Temple this year.

For many Jews religious identity is now primarily rooted in defiance. In the face of the long, haunting shadow of the Holocaust we defy those who would grant Hitler posthumous victory by staunchly affirming our spiritual heritage.

We do so by celebrating major Jewish holidays, making sure our children receive a Jewish education, contributing to Jewish causes and fighting anti-Semitism. However, while certainly commendable, many Jews still can find the perceived direct value of their religion to be elusive.

Commonly heard refrains include: “Actually, I’m an agnostic...Who can believe those things in the Bible really happened...I don’t need Judaism in order to be a good person...I just don’t think God is this old man with a long beard sitting on top of a cloud controlling events.”

Some of the blame for these less than positive attitudes can be found in an unwillingness to go beyond them. In other words, we can cling to outmoded, sharply circumscribed perceptions about Jewish beliefs, rather than actually seeking a more penetrating appreciation of them. We evince greater readiness for theological scoffing than sincere spiritual exploration.

This is why the Melton classes are so valuable. Students are compelled to move past them to a more telling appreciation of Jewish perspective. Surface, unexamined assumptions about the nature of Jewish identity hold no standing.

Melton encourages healthy skepticism because it leads, as has always been the case in Jewish religious development, to fresh and often unforeseen pathways to deeper understanding. For many students, theological doubt is transmuted into exciting theological possibility; Jewish presupposition is eclipsed by Jewish imagination. To paraphrase T. S. Eliot, Melton fosters new ways of arriving at Judaism that enables students to know it for the first time.

In entering Jewish truth beyond traditional horizons, Melton opens up myriad, deep realms of religious discovery. As a product of the Melton experience I am grateful that the Judaism of students is now much more informed, grounded in respect and affection not merely defiance.

Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz

EARL GORDON – OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Someone once said that the only constant is change. How true! Here at Temple Beth Israel, there is a “changing of the guard” with Earl Gordon ascending the presidency of the TBI Board of Trustees. In the past, Earl chaired the Continuing Education Committee, served as a trustee, and subsequently filled one of the vice president positions. His workmanlike approach to any job for the temple mirrors the history of his professional life.

Earl was part of the nascent computer industry starting as a programmer, moving into more and more specialized areas. His work at IBM included working on the space program, designing systems for accounts payable and quality control, developing and administering computer education programs and teaching computer programming to IBM employees. After he retired he worked as a consultant and was an adjunct instructor in human relations and communication at Binghamton University and Boone Community College in upstate New York. He also taught four courses as an instructor for Dale Carnegie for 30 years.

Although he was a Midwesterner originally, having been born and raised in Chicago, attending Northwestern University and receiving an M.B.A from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Earl moved to New York State where he had his first job at a utility working as an accountant. This position then led to the work at IBM in Vestal, New York, near Binghamton.

Earl and his wife of 42 years, Alana, live on Longboat Key since 2000 and are Florida residents. They have three sons and five grandsons. When they are residing in their summer home in New York State they mediate for the civil and family courts for custody and support and also in civil court disputes. In addition, Earl is a certified referee for Lemon Law arbitration in New York State. Both positions are on a volunteer basis but many hours of training are needed before hand.

The incoming president of Temple Beth Israel has a distinction that is perhaps unmatchable at TBI. Previously, he has been the president of two congregations, one reform and one conservative. Both houses of worship were situated in New York State: the conservative one in Endicott, New York; and the reform one in Binghamton, New York.

As he takes on his third temple presidency, Earl espouses his philosophy: “I want people to give of themselves, to volunteer even for a few hours a month. We need people to assume leadership positions, to revive the sense of camaraderie, to keep this wonderful temple as strong and vibrant as possible.”

Gloria Sabin
MEN’S CLUB

Over 100 members and guests attended the showing of the “First Basket” film Sunday, April 11, chronicling the history of basketball in the U.S. from its start in Springfield, MA to its popularity with Jews on the Lower East Side and ultimately in Israel and throughout the world. Temple member Marvin Black spoke of his father’s participation in the now famous SPHA’s, the South Philadelphia Hebrew Association basketball team and found his father WAS pictured in the film.

The Men’s Club offered its closing event of the year, the barbecue Sunday, April 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the Bay Isles Beach Club. Members, non-members and guests enjoyed grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, beer, wine, soda, while being serenaded by a roving accordionist.

At its final board meeting of this season April 6 the members proposed and approved as new co-presidents for the 2010-11 year, Ira Singer and Bob Vigder.

The members also approved donations from the net proceeds of Opera Night to the following non-profit organizations:

Temple Beth Israel, Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Friends of Beit Daniel, Israel Mogen David, Jewish Housing Council, Sarasota/Manatee Federation Camp Scholarships, Meals on Wheels, and the Catholic Diocese of Venice.

With best wishes for the coming season to our new leaders and to the entire Men’s Club.

Donald Kayton, President

2010-2011 BOOKS AND BROWN BAG SCHEDULE

November 8 - All Other Nights by Dara Horn
December 13 – Martyr’s Crossing by Amy Wilentz
January 10 – The Glass Room by Simon Mawer
February 14 – City of Thieves by David Benioff
March 14 – The Three Weissmans of Westport by Cathleen Schine

All members of BIW may attend the book club discussions. Books may be bought at various bookstores, borrowed from the temple library and/or purchased from Amazon.com.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, starting at 12:30 for coffee and dessert. Lunch can be brought at this time. The discussion runs from 1 to 2 p.m.

A sixth book will be discussed if enough women are interested; normally we run for five sessions.

Gloria Sabin

WOMEN ON OUR OWN

Women On Our Own (WOOO) had a very good year. President Maye Lavinson and Vice President Ruth Engman were honored by the Temple at the yearly Gala when WOOO became part of the Leadership Circle through its $500 contribution. We participated in many activities at the Temple and our own activities. We will have our concluding luncheon in May. To all, have a good summer.

Maye Lavinson, President

The May 92nd St. Y Telecasts Close out the “Season.”

The 2009-2010 92nd St. Y Satellite Series featured a wide variety of speakers and subjects that, given their prominence and extraordinary accomplishments, if they appeared live and in person would have cost a substantial admission fee. Thanks to the Rabbi Sanford Saperstein Fund and the financial support from addition of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Temple members could attend a showing of the series at no cost, while non-members were asked to contribute just $5.00 per telecast, which was returned to the Saperstein Fund.

The series attracted hundreds of members and non-members, for the most part filling up the Social Hall month after month. In order to accommodate all those eager to attend each telecast, an extra screen and speaker system were added to the Sanctuary, thanks to Richard Olin and Jake Pollack.

Now the series for this season is coming to an end with the telecast featuring Jeffrey R. Imelt, one of the “Captains of Industry” as CEO of General Electric since 2001. He was named one of the world’s best CEO’s by Barron’s three times and will appear live from the 92nd St. Y on May 6, 2010 at 8:00 PM.

He will appear as part of the 92nd St. Y’s Captains of Industry Series hosted by Business Week Magazine, now in its 11th year. Editor-in-Chief of the magazine, Stephen J. Adler is the moderator in this particular series that consist of interviews with leaders in the world of business. This year the subject focuses on how to navigate uncertainty and restore the strength of American business.

While this is the end of the season’s presentations, June Stern and her Committee will be busily engaged in sorting through speakers for the 2010-2011 season.

Doris White

The Bulletin of Temple Beth Israel
Temple Cruising

Karen Evans, who arranged December’s cruise for 59 Temple Beth Israel members, which incidentally benefited the Temple by $13,000, is arranging two additional cruises which will likewise provide both fun and financial benefit for TBI. A DVD illustrating the fun on the previous cruise prepared by VP David Solomon, is available in the Temple library. A full cruise brochure and other important details about the New Year’s Eve Cruise are available in the TBI Social Hall. For information on either cruise, please call Shelley Paley at 356-1857 or 383-0810.


Several Temple Beth Israel members will be setting sail on the “Celebrity Century” for a 5 night cruise from Miami to Nassau and Coco Cay, Bahamas and Key West. This will be a wonderful time to enjoy some camaraderie with your friends from the Temple. Families are welcome and invited to join the TBI cruisers. Transportation to Miami via chartered bus will also be available for this trip.

Space is limited and because it is a New Year’s cruise, the ship will sell out many months in advance. Therefore, it is recommended that you inquire about this cruise ASAP for best cabin availability. Rates range from $650 per person for an inside cabin up to $1580 for a suite.

Looking ahead for 2011……

Canada / New England Cruise – Experience Fall Foliage and overnights in NYC and Montreal on CRYSTAL CRUISES’ CRYSTAL SYMPHONY – September 13-24, 2011. Several Temple members are also considering a cruise in the fall of 2011 on the multi award winning CRYSTAL CRUISES. Voted “BEST CRUISE LINE IN THE WORLD” by the readers of Conde Nast Traveler and Travel and Leisure, this exciting cruise will be departing from New York City and sailing to Newport, RI; Boston, MA; Bar Harbor, ME; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Quebec City, P.Q. Canada and Montreal, P.Q. Canada.

The ship will act as your hotel in NYC so you will board on September 13 but you will sail from New York’s beautiful harbor on September 14th. Likewise, you will arrive in Montreal on the morning of September 23rd but you will not disembark the ship until September 24th. This will give some wonderful time to sight-seeing without the hassle and expense of getting hotels in each city.

SUMMER PROGRAMS IN THE WORKS

A range of summer programming is now being planned. Look for information in the mail about a Temple group attending performances at the Asolo and Sarasota Music Festival. Additionally, a boat ride and lunch on Sarasota Bay is on tap as well as some special educational offerings. Friday night dinners at area restaurants and perhaps a Moroccan-style dinner at the Temple are also in store.
Our Temple Library is Big, 3.79 Million Square Miles Big.

When the summer temperature and humidity go up, our library is a cool place of comfortable refuge. You are surrounded by treasures of Jewish literature. You can take out books of your choice by simply leaving a sign-out card in the box on the library desk. The library is the right size for relaxed reading, but what if you are going north for the summer or traveling our great land? In that case, our library is the equivalent of 3.79 million square miles, the approximate dimensions of our country. There are public libraries everywhere. Librarians tend to be naturally welcoming people. So keep the reading habit. Summer is a great chance to read or reread books that are classics of Jewish thoughts and experiences.

I have found a good guide for your search. Ruth R. Wisse is Professor of Jewish Literature and Comparative Literature at Harvard. She had written eight books on Jewish literature and culture. Her book “The Modern Jewish Canon” contains suggested reading of beloved books that remain touchstones of Jewish identity. So clip out this column and take it with you as an aid to finding some fascinating people and ideas.

For example, the book contains “Suggested Reading from the Modern Jewish Canon.” To name a few:

- **Tevye the Dairyman** by Sholem Aleichem, deeply affecting monologues which inspired “Fiddler on the Roof” – a psychological analysis of a father’s love for his daughters, a paradigm of the tribulations and resilience of Russian Jewry, and the disintegration of shtetl life at the twilight of the Czarist Empire;
- **Call it Sleep** by Henry Roth, immigrant family life in the imagination of a child caught between two cultures in the slums of New York;
- **The Trial** by Franz Kafka, alienation in a mysterious bureaucracy;
- **A Guest for the Night** by S.Y. Agnon, after World War I, a man journeys from Israel to his hometown in Europe and is saddened to find so many friends taken by war, pogrom, or disease;
- **Diary of a Young Girl** by Anne Frank, a moving and eloquent document of the holocaust – a remarkable autobiography of Anne’s dreams, hardships, and passions;
- **If this is a Man** by Primo Levi, an unassuming chemist sets out to remember the German hell on earth and try to render it comprehensible;
- **Night** by Elie Wiesel, a pious teenager is wracked with guilt having survived the horror of the holocaust;
- **Badenheim** by Aharon Appelfeld, a group of middle-class Jews arrives in the resort town of Badenheim on the eve of World War II.
- **The Magic Barrel** by Bernard Malamud, classic short stories set in New York and Italy about the immigrant experience;
- **The Hill of Evil Council** by Amos Oz, three long interrelated stories set in a neighborhood of northern Jerusalem during the last months before Israel’s birth;
- **Mr. Mani** by A.B. Yehoshua, an experimental novel from a notable Israeli writer in which a family’s history is told backwards in one-sided conversations;
- **American Pastoral** by Philip Roth, Roth is in a reflective mood, looking backward to an innocent time which is devastated by a child’s violent act.

Enjoy those lazy days of summer, making time to read books recognized by public libraries in communities all over the country.

Marjorie Sandy, Librarian

JOIN THE NEW MEN’S CLUB

The Men’s Club plays a critical role in the daily life of Temple Beth Israel. It was near dissolution as the Temple annual meeting approached. This low point was reached because the handful of men who worked so hard to keep the Club going became tired of planning maintaining, and executing Club programs with little or no help from the membership. It was recommended to the Administration and the Board that without new leadership, the Men’s Club be disbanded.

Because Bob Vigder and I (Ira Singer) felt that the disappearance of our Men’s Club would leave an enormous gap in Temple life, we volunteered, as co-presidents, to lead the Men’s Club through the 2010-2011 year.

We have new ideas, new structure and new directions to bring to club organization and programming. While, key programs (e.g., Lunch with the Rabbi) will be retained, others will be discontinued. Club meetings will combine limited business matters with programs of particular interest to men, led by experts in the areas of religion, education, sports, the arts and politics. Club trips to ball games and other points of interest are also under study.

Your membership and your willingness to help with one or two programs are crucial to our future success – we welcome your ideas, suggestions and, most importantly, your presence and participation.

Join us and bring new life and vitality to the Men’s Club. If it is to survive WE NEED YOU. Please respond by email; to either Ira or Bob “Yes, I will join the Men’s Club.” to: Ira at ira88@comcast.net or Bob at jandbv@aol.com

*Dues are $40 per year, payable to TBI Men’s Club.

Ira Singer and Bob Vigder
YOU ARE PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

Raise your right hand. Say “I am a member of the Temple Beth Israel Membership Task Force. This is the number one priority of a Temple that aims to grow and be continually vital. It is every member’s responsibility. I will do my part.”

Now, we’re not conducting such a ceremony in any kind of official way. But you get the idea.

With the urgency of membership influencing every phase of Temple life, it is good news that the core leadership and coordinating body — the Membership Committee — is being expanded and strengthened.

Eve Kommel is Chairperson of Membership for the year ahead. Eve served as President of Jewish Family Services. Eve was the first female Commodore of a Yacht Club in the U.S. She still spends summers on her sailboat in Michigan waters. So Eve has the leadership skills required for the tasks ahead.

Other good news. Nancy Skadron, who did such an outstanding job as Membership Chair this past season, has agreed to remain as Co-Chair. She will emphasize hospitality, a crucial element of making sure that individuals who join, be guided into meaningful involvement in Temple life. Those who baked delicious Passover deserts that were a highlight of this year’s New Member Shabbat, and all those who enjoyed the goodies and the overall warmth of that annual event, appreciate Nancy’s way of saying welcome.

More good news. Ruth Engman has agreed to lead a membership task group that will function during the summer through early October. We had no membership activity last year during this crucial, potentially productive time frame. It is around the High Holidays that Judaism and Temple affiliation come to the forefront of thinking and receptivity. It is too valuable a period for us to be inactive in recruiting. Ruth is pulling together a team selected from those here on a year-around basis.

Still more good news. Temple members whose achievements have earned them roles on the TBI Board, such as Lois Barson, Susan Morin and Judy Vigder, are key parts of this expanded, strengthened Membership Committee. And remember, you are part of what happens from here to increase TBI membership and bring fresh energies and resources into our congregation. This can be true informally, or as an official part of one of the functions just described. Reach out to the leaders and become part of meaningful Temple progress.

Bill Sandy, Vice President
Yahrzeits

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

May 7, 2010
Frieda Richter
Mary Dorf
Sadie Stein
Carmi Stern
Rose A. Stern
Dr. Jack Wexler

June 25, 2010
Nathan Raynes
William Brenner
Sara Feld
Ruth Daniel
Sarah Belson
Harry Fishman
Glen Fishman
Sadie Lefcowitz
Rachel Grossman
Julius Gurewitz
Harry Heller
Elsa Gerber
Benjamin H. Gordon

July 16, 2010
Max Davidson
Wilma Tewes
Bob Blumfield
Sara Miller
Fruma Greenleaf
Abraham Winer
Gerald Engman
Morris Klafter
Leo Gurewitz
Nathan Heckman
Marilyn Liebowitz
Ann Motyl
Samuel Ackerman
Leo Gurewitz
Sylvia Lacey
Lillian Oberman
Harry Paskow
Richard Paskow
Harry Pielet
Anita L. Rubel
Charles Sischy
Mina Levy
Rhoda Goldin

August 6, 2010
Harris Schneider
Jules Freedman
Fay Dunn
Louis Gottfried
Benjamin Salk
Isaac Aronsohn
Edith M. Cohen
Joseph W. Loeser
Louis Gurr
Judge Carl Stier
Esther Adler
Ronald Sheffrin
Ernest Weiss

August 13, 2010
Dora Roth Cronson
Sava Reed
Regina Bobowick
Andrew Ellison
Sam Engman
Eva Fishman
George Gass
Richard F. Gold
Bobbi Reich
Luba Radov
Harry Burdman
Mildred Mallets
Samuel Markowitz
Charles Rauch
Esther Regen
Samuel Burgin
Harold Berger
Jerry Shankman
Martin Sheade
Mark Shoogood
Philip Shuman
Gertrude Smullin
Hirda Gleiber
Moses Rosenstock

August 20, 2010
Harold Allweiss
Al Trope
Abram Brickman
Harry Coville
Leah Fishman
Morris Jacobson
William Goldberg
Meyer Gorfinkel
Lucien Levy
Larry Lieberman
Jay Lieberman
Isadore Sabel
David Pitasky
Gregory Phillips
Abraham Regen
Elsie Turkish
David Silbert
Herman Angstreng
Rose Gherman

August 27, 2010
Bessie Ackerman
Louis Holland
Gertrude Assiran
Hyman Thall
Seena Pappas
Minnie Cohen
Arlene Bornstein
Rachel Ancowicz
Susa Burton
Abram Cooper
Max Daniel
Pauline Polinsky
Celia Robinson
Bennie Gass
Kralla Haas
Max Kushner
Morris P. Radov
Arthur Tarlowe
Florence Mahler
Reuben Pollack
Benjamin Rothbaum
Herman Kushner
Esther Hulit
Alan D. Weinstein

May 21, 2010
Frieda Richter
Mary Dorf
Sadie Stein
Carmi Stern
Rose A. Stern
Dr. Jack Wexler

June 11, 2010
Lucille Lee
Nathan Dickler
Eli Klein
Minnie Ziskind
Louis Grossman
Howard Walter
Fineshribber
Ralph Shuster
Max Yosip
George Lerman
Gerald Perryweller
Bertha Cohen
Louis L. Berk
Esther Shoengood
Harold Hantzman
Renata Bellos

July 2, 2010
Samuel Berman
Hilbert I.
Fleischman
Alvin Brown
Pat S. Chalpentin
Louis Davis
Blanche Langs
Solomon Field
Goldie Cutler
Esther Golov
Ruth Markoff
Esther Grodner
Ella Shilling
Paul Lerman
Robert Levine
Lillian Steinberg
William Rosenthal
Leah Mossman
Sydney Sank
Dora Bloomfield
Edward Seeburg
Walter Libmann
Corrine Taich
Joseph Adlman

July 23, 2010
Norma Bens
Nathan Griesman
Abraham Fein
Samuel Polinsky
Peter Kitay
Abraham Furst
Samuel Markoff
Richard Green
Doris Burdman
Louis B. Olin
Clara Kaplan
Abraham Shoengood

July 30, 2010
James Ackerman
Henry H. Brenner
Gertrude Brandwene
Sarah Friedkin
Harriet Maskell
Theodore H. Lieberman
Gertrude Lazorow
Gustave Tarlowe
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August 9, 2010
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Abraham Regen
Elsie Turkish
David Silbert
Herman Angstreng
Rose Gherman
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

1 Mr. Howard Silver
2 Mrs. Barbara Blumenthal
3 Mr. Sidney Libit
4 Mrs. Judith Rudges
5 Mrs. Barbara Schuller
6 Mr. Howard Krafsur
7 Mrs. Eden Neumann
8 Mr. Bradford Saivetza
9 Mr. Robert Bernard
10 Mr. Edward Brickman
11 Mr. Merle Greenwald
12 Mrs. Marylen Oberman
13 Mr. Robert Berns
14 Mrs. Alice Wolkenberg
15 Mr. Jack Weintraub
16 Mrs. Toby A. Siegel
17 Mrs. Maureen F. Siegel
18 Dr. Sanford Mackman
19 Mrs. Maureen F. Siegel
20 Mr. Arnold Fein
21 Mr. David Milberg
22 Mrs. Ina Rae Levy
23 Mrs. David Snyder
24 Mrs. Betty Levi
25 Dr. Herbert Walterz
26 Mrs. Rosalie Bergman
27 Mr. Marvin Black
28 Mrs. Shirley Green
29 Mrs. Esther Kettler
30 Mrs. Barbara Struth

June

1 Mr. Irving Kushner
2 Mr. Norman Asher
3 Mr. Charles Ackerman
4 Mrs. Janet Kaplan
5 Mrs. Elaine Weill
6 Mr. Marlene Heckman
7 Mr. Rudolph Forchheimer
8 Rabbi Jonathan Katz
9 Mr. Milton Soskin
10 Mr. Gerard Daniel
11 Mrs. Phyllis Ploener
12 Mr. Jerome Goldstein
13 Mrs. Pearl Kushner
14 Mr. David Marcus
15 Mrs. Marlene Kandt
16 Mrs. Shirley Behrendt
17 Ms. Claire Brinn
18 Mrs. Katherine Brooks
19 Mrs. Sylvia Cohen
20 Mrs. Bernard Isaacs
21 Mr. Saul Kaufman
22 Mrs. Gertrude L. Seltzer
23 Mr. Jerome Bernstein
24 Mrs. Sandra Levine
25 Mrs. Claire Smith
26 Mr. Martin Bader
27 Mrs. Elaine Beck
28 Mr. Robert Biller
29 Mrs. Marilyn Naiditch
30 Mrs. Toby Halpern
31 Mrs. Bernard White
32 Mr. Earl Gordon
33 Mrs. Elvire Levy
34 Mrs. Carole R. Singer
35 Rabbi Peter Kasdan
36 Dr. Sanford Mackman
37 Mrs. Maureen F. Siegel
38 Mrs. Toby A. Siegel
39 Mrs. Bernice Gaffin
40 Mrs. Patricia Baer
41 Mrs. Enid Friedman
42 Mrs. Ann Glickman
43 Mrs. Mickey Soskin
44 Mrs. Amy Roth
45 Mr. Norman Asher
46 Mrs. Charles Ackerman
47 Mrs. Janet Kaplan
48 Mrs. Elaine Weill
49 Mr. Marlene Hellman
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80 Mrs. Toby A. Siegel
81 Mrs. Bernice Gaffin
82 Mrs. Patricia Baer
83 Mrs. Enid Friedman
84 Mrs. Ann Glickman

July

1 Mr. Melvin Furst
2 Mr. Stanley Rutstein
3 Mr. David Snyder
4 Mr. Harvey Gleeksman
5 Mr. Robert Smith
6 Mrs. Rochelle Diamant
7 Mrs. Suzan Gaynes
8 Mrs. Judith Viger
9 Mrs. Linda Albert
10 Mrs. Theresa Blumberg
11 Mr. Julius Loeser
12 Mrs. June Stern
13 Mrs. Tamra Shanksman
14 Mr. Jay Clement
15 Mr. Irving Naiditch
16 Mrs. Mary Ann Bernstein
17 Mr. Joseph Golin
18 Mrs. Rondalan Sanesse
19 Dr. Burton Silbert
20 Mrs. Florence Katz
21 Mr. Sanford Milles
22 Mrs. Susan Gleeksman
23 Mrs. Ilse Hecht
24 Mrs. Lois Green
25 Mrs. Ellen Fedder
26 Mr. James Harrington
27 Mrs. Jenny L. Walder
28 Mr. Arthur Karafin
29 Dr. Barnett Bakal
30 Mrs. Irna Eison
31 Mrs. Ruth Engman
32 Mrs. Estelle B. Sank
33 Dr. Ira Abrahamson
34 Mrs. Beatrice Colburn
35 Judge Marvin Morse
36 Mrs. Marilyn Taub
37 Dr. Herbert Paskow
38 Dr. Morris Jacobson
39 Mrs. Ina Rae Levy
40 Mrs. Mildred Rosenberger
41 Mrs. Doris Millner Kaplan
42 Mr. Arnold Fein
43 Mr. David Milberg
44 Mrs. Claire Sissch
45 Ms. Paul Grodner
46 Mrs. Sally Goldreyer
47 Mrs. Hermine Silver
48 Mr. Morton Bloch
49 Dr. Norman Weinsteine
50 Mr. Jack Weintraub
51 Mrs. Alice Wolkenberg
52 Mrs. Jean Green
53 Mr. Steven Riffkin
54 Mr. Stuart Rothbaum
55 Mrs. Gloria Rubenstein
56 Mr. Alon F. Stone
57 Dr. Harold Yablin
58 Rabbi Michael Eisenstat
59 Mrs. Cecile Grodner
60 Mrs. Alice Taich
61 Mrs. Jan Goldsmith
62 Mr. Richard Olin

August

1 Mr. Stanley Kolodkin
2 Mr. Stanley B. Siegel
3 Mr. Samuel Brott
4 Dr. Norman Goldfarb
5 Mrs. Mildred Field
6 Mrs. Leonie Kowitt
7 Mr. Jason Dayan
8 Mrs. Charlotte Graver
9 Mr. Eugene Halpern
10 Mr. Sidney F. Weiner
11 Mrs. Martha Friedman
12 Mrs. Joan Liberman
13 Dr. Evans Tilles
14 Mrs. Ruth Orne
15 Mr. Thomas Hecht
16 Mr. Earle Neyman
17 Mr. Kenneth Marsh
18 Mrs. Frances Weintraub
19 Mrs. Bernice Gourse
20 Mr. Murray Goldberg
21 Mrs. Elana Gordon
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**Religious Freedom In Israel**

**Fact or Fiction?**

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**Sunday, May 23, 2010, 3:00 PM**

Sponsored by the Sarasota-Manatee Rabbinic Association

- Gender Discrimination
- Wedding Officiation
- Conversion Status
- Who Is a Jew

Rabbis Geoffrey Huntting, Jonathan R. Katz, Aaron Koplin and Joel Mishkin

will speak briefly on the topics above.

The floor will then be open for your comments and participation.

Please call Temple Beth Israel 383-3428 to indicate your interest in attending.
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Fearing for their future in the face of Hitler’s rise to power in Germany in the 1930’s, a German Jewish family is able to flee to the United States. However, after encountering culture shock and racism in Arkansas, they decide to return to Germany.

Shortly after returning they realize they have made a colossal mistake and seek once again to escape the Nazi vise. Thanks to a Persian rug they succeed in obtaining a visa when few other Jews could get out.

This is only the beginning of surely one of the most compelling Holocaust accounts ever told. Elizabeth Bing Sondheimer was the grand-daughter of one of the founders of Germany’s industrial revolution and partner of Rudolf Diesel (inventor of the diesel engine).

The superb documentary, “A Simple Matter of God and Country,” detailing Sondheimer’s harrowing WWII experience with her husband, a doctor, will be screened at the Temple on Tuesday May 11 at 4:00 p.m. The documentary reveals how Elizabeth’s return visit to Germany decades after the war precipitated the unfolding of a shocking disclosure regarding her escape.

Please call the Temple office to make a reservation for this exemplary film.
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The May issue of the Bulletin is the last issue until September and the concluding one of my five years as editor. Editor is probably not the most appropriate description of my role during that period. Coordinator of Information would probably be more accurate, but I’ll accept the prestige associated with the title of Editor.

The Bulletin is just what it’s called, a substitute for a huge cork sheet with a bunch of papers tacked on to it telling people what’s going on. The “editors” job is to collect those information sheets, check them for accuracy, and help assemble them into a coherent document. Fortunately there are a number of talented people available to carry out that responsibility.

Mary Moccia with her computer “magic”, working primarily at home, organizes and illustrates those documents resulting into the magazine format which is our Bulletin. Mary is also the person who works with the printer in the actual production. I am in her debt for five years of wonderful work. She also shared my grief when the USPS sent all our copies to Jacksonville. We were, however, grateful that they hadn’t sent them to Anchorage Alaska!

The 80 front and back covers produced in the last five years (and the innumerable ones before then) are the work of the Temple communication guru, Richard Olin. Rich is the other bearded guy who can be seen flitting about at audiovisual events making sure that everything is working smoothly. By the time I suggest a theme for the month based upon the material to be included in that issue Rich usually already had produced front and back covers illustrating that theme. I guess that’s the price one must pay for working with such talented and willing people.

However, the most important people in the process are program coordinators, the rabbis, temple and auxiliary presidents, librarians, and office staff who supply the “stuff” which eventually becomes a Bulletin. We also have four intrepid reporters, Shirley Fein, Judy Goldstein, Gloria Sabin and Doris White who also edits the Tid.Bit column.

In addition to her domestic responsibilities, Doris functions as an assistant editor, typist and all-around help-mate (although she would not be available in that role for a new editor).

That’s the Bulletin story which is now in the market for a new editor. Interested? Give me a call (795-0378)

Bernie White