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2008 COMMUNITY

Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service

Longboat Pass

Whiskey Beach Shopping Center
5810 GMD

Public Works
600 General Harte St

North Fire Station #1
5490 GMD

Police Department
5460 GMD

The Center Shop
3350 GMD

Sarasota Bay

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
5:30pm - 6:30pm
at
Temple Beth Israel

Dayfront Park Recreation Center
4052 GMD

Planning, Zoning, & Building
501 Bay Isles Road

Town Hall
501 Bay Isles Road

South Fire Station #2
2102 GMD

Tennis Center
590 Bay Isles Road

U.S. Post Office
590 Bay Isles Road

Bay Isles Shopping Center
525 Bay Isles Parkway

Gulf of Mexico

Quick Point Nature Preserve
100 GMD

New Pass



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I know you'll agree Rabbi Katz's Installation was both warm and meaningful. It was wonderful that so many of you attended. The smooth transition from one rabbi to the next is indeed a historic event in the life of a synagogue. We all felt a certain poignancy as we watched the Torah being passed from Rabbi Eisenstat to Rabbi Katz. It is now time to move forward and we do so with great expectations and great enthusiasm.

Many thanks are due to those of you who participated in our Yom Kippur Fund Drive. We collected close to 100 bags which amounted to nearly 1,200 pounds of food stuffs. A wonderful first try. Congratulations to Kathy Brooks and Sue Johnson, Social Action co-chairs for their efforts. We'll do it gain next year.

As you may remember, I had written about our reenergized Caring Committee under the direction of Ina Rae Levy. This committee reaches out to those of our members having some difficulty who would welcome a written note or a phone call or a visit. The committee has grown significantly as more and more congregants have stepped up to be of service. In particular, Dr. Sheldon Paley has volunteered to organize a pick-up service for congregants who need a ride to the Temple. This is truly a fine illustration of caring for our own.

As you know, Temple Beth Israel has an extraordinary library. Our long-time librarian, Miriam Miller, who worked so diligently, is leaving the area. We wish her well and will be honoring her during our Library Shabbat on November 21st. I am delighted to report our good fortune that Marjorie Sandy has agreed to assume this vital position. Marjorie holds a Masters of Library Science and for 20 years worked at the Bloomfield Township Public Library in Michican where she was department head. This is yet another fine example of our congregants lending their talents and skills so that our Temple can continue to function at the highest level. For all this and more, I thank you.

Elaine Weill, President

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENINGS 8:00:00 PM

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 AM

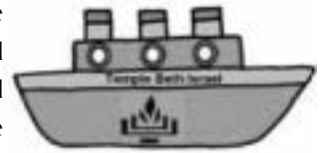
Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz will conduct Services with
Music Director, Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe
and our Magnificent Temple Choir

Sukkot Ahoy

When a palm enshrouded pontoon boat pulled into the 10th Street Dock adjacent to the Sarasota Bay Club last month the leader of the landing party sounded the shofar and cried out: "Don't be afraid. We come in peace to share God's harvest bounty with you. *Hag Sameach* and *Gut Yontiff*."

A small-craft wind advisory did not deter Rabbi Katz and his intrepid crew from making Sarasota Jewish history when the Temple Beth Israel Sukkah Boat plied the waters of Sarasota Bay to share the Sukkot holiday with Temple members living at Plymouth Harbor and the Sarasota Bay Club.

Adorned with the palm fronds as well as hanging fruit and gourds, the Sukkah Boat was stocked with refreshments for Temple members to enjoy. Rabbi Katz offered the blessing for the lulav and etrog. Waving them, he prayed that the waters would continue to yield a good harvest and remain environmentally healthy. The etrog was then passed around so its delightful fragrance could be enjoyed by all. After singing Am Yisrael Chai, Rabbi Katz shared the following Talmudic story about a maritime sukkah.



Once while traveling together on a slow boat, Rabbi Gamliel and Rabbi Akiva realized they would not reach their destination in time to celebrate the first day of Sukkot. Akiva wanted to erect a sukkah on the vessel's deck. Gamliel did not approve of this idea since the sukkah would probably blow down during the night and therefore not be halachically fit.

Akiva countered that a sukkah is supposed to be somewhat fragile as a reminder of our humility and life's inherent tenuousness. Brushing off his colleague's objection, Akiva scrounged around for the necessary materials and erected a make-shift sukkah.

During the night, the hut did indeed blow down. Unable to resist needling his friend about what had happened, Gamliel sarcastically asked Akiva, "So tell me, where is your sukkah now?" Though the Talmud does not recount Akiva's response, one can imagine the sage was still pleased that he'd had a sukkah long enough to fulfill the mitzvah of the lulav and etrog inside it.

As Rabbi Katz bid farewell to Temple members at the Sarasota Bay Club he rued that corn and lima beans hadn't been provided for them to eat. When this regret was greeted rather quizzically, Rabbi replied, "Well, I just thought it would have been nice to have had some succotash for you to enjoy." Amid a chorus of laughter and groans the Sukkah Boat then continued on its way.

Many thanks to David Aura without whose assistance and able seamanship the Sukkah Boat could not have made it out of port.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY....

MORE THAN IN NAME ONLY

On Yom Kippur I shared that the Hebrew name, *Yehudah* (Judah), meaning thanks or praise, is the origin of the word Jew. After Leah gave birth to her fourth son, she expressed appreciation to God for Judah by literally identifying his name, and subsequent tribe, with gratitude.

When the Assyrian empire destroyed all the northern tribes of Israel in 722 BCE, the southern tribe of Judah managed to fend off obliteration to survive relatively intact in exile in Babylonia. From that time forward, Judah became the name identified with the entire Jewish people.

By virtue of their collective appellation Jews are, therefore, by definition bound up with the idea of thanksgiving. This value has always been at the center of the Jewish ethos even when, during times of severe deprivation and trial, there seemed to be little reason to be thankful.

Recall the setting when our ancestors first ordained a day of thanksgiving. It didn't occur in a land flowing with milk and honey but in the desert wilderness shortly after their liberation from Pharaoh. There was no great harvest then, no horn of plenty, no tables brimming with a bounty of fruits and vegetables. Nevertheless, the Israelites were grateful because after so many years of enslavement they now possessed the harvest of freedom and were filled with newfound hope.

This deeply felt sense of appreciation most likely prompted the institution, thousands of years later, of the American Thanksgiving holiday we celebrate this month. In 1619, when thirty eight settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation, an extension of the original Jamestown settlement, a day of gratitude inspired by the Festival of the Tabernacles (Sukkot) mentioned in the Bible, was observed and declared, henceforth, to be perpetuated annually. This happened more than a year before the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts.

Though the Plantation's first harvests were meager, the settlers still considered their thanksgiving observance a time of blessing. Like the Israelites of old, despite the settlers' hardship, lay the promise of a new beginning. Only later was a Thanksgiving Day for the purpose of feasting as well as prayer decreed. The turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie we enjoy today are a material reflection of the bounty of liberty we cherish as Americans and Jews.

In ancient times, those who had survived a dangerous event like a frightening journey or a serious illness would bring a thanksgiving offering to the Temple in Jerusalem. Consisting of forty loaves of bread, it commemorated the safeguarding of one's life.

The Talmud notes that, unlike other offerings, this expression of gratitude included a great deal of food that had to be consumed in less than twenty-four hours. Since one person could not possibly consume such a large quantity in a single day, it is suggested that the Temple priests desired to have an individual's gratitude shared with others.

According to Jewish tradition, when the Messianic Age is at hand all sacrifices except one will be abolished because people will no longer sin. The Thanksgiving offering is to be retained because the human need to express gratitude is abiding.

When you sit down for the Thanksgiving Day be grateful not only for the food, but for the blessings of health, family and faith that make its full enjoyment possible.

SERVICE FOR SELMA KLINGENSTEIN ON NOVEMBER 5



Selma Klingenstein was one of those larger than life figures whose generosity and record of accomplishment leaves us in awe. Devoted to helping others, her philanthropy supported an array of organizations here and abroad including: Jewish Family & Children's Service of Sarasota-Manatee, Hebrew University, the Asolo Repertory Theater, and New College. She assisted refugees from the former Society Union and funded initiatives to aide those who are homebound and isolated in nursing homes. Selma was also a founder and active member of Temple Beth Israel.

A memorial service honoring Selma's life of giving and achievement will be held on Wednesday November 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Temple. Contributions to the Temple in appreciation of Selma's prominent and enormously helpful role in the community will be directed to the funding of special projects at the congregation.

RABBI KATZ TO OFFER WEEKLY CLASS

Rabbi Katz will share information on a wide range of Jewish-related topics including current events, culture, politics, history and religious observances at a class he is offering on Monday mornings from 11:00-12:00 at the Temple, beginning November 13.

He looks forward to a no-holds barred discussion of the newspaper articles, videos, readings, and other materials he will present. The only pre-requisite is an inquiring mind, a desire for stimulating discussion and a sense of humor.

Please contact Rabbi Katz to let him know of your interest in the class if you have any questions concerning it.



AN UPDATE ON THE KITCHEN

There are many physical aspects to our temple: the sanctuary, the library, the social hall....and then there's the kitchen. This facet of Temple Beth Israel is used far more often than most congregants realize. It is behind the scenes for Friday night onegs, Temple Tuesdays, special breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



Three years ago the Temple board approved the need for an upgraded kitchen facility. Plans were drawn up but due to higher costs they had to be modified. Leah Barker chaired this committee which included Arlene Krum, BIW president; Alice Taich, Gift Shop; and several other temple members: the Feins, the Paleys, and Sandy Cutler-Cohen, who all added input, according to Leah. (If any names were left out, it was unintended).

The remodeling took place over the summer. The old linoleum was replaced by non-slip tile; two movable three foot stainless steel tables were added; cabinets next to the stove were installed with granite-type surfaces; the sink and disposal were changed; a brand new commercial type stove with six burners, a broiler and grill, and two large ovens now graces the kitchen; and the hand-washing sink was removed. The old stainless steel refrigerator remains but a brand new one with an ice maker and freezer on the bottom was purchased, thanks to the gift shop.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

A man came into the office of the Temple and asked if he could have three Jewish National Fund blue boxes. When asked why he needed three boxes, he responded that they were for his grandchildren and this was his way of teaching "Tzedokah."



This is a great teaching tool for our grandchildren: It teaches them not only charity but also teaches them a respect for heritage. Blue boxes are available in the lobby. Please help yourself. Please return the filled boxes to the office.

Ruth Lerner 383-7302

CHANUKAH HAPPENINGS

Our Chanukah Happenings event this year will be December 14, 2008. Once again we will be having our "Pink Elephant" sale.

Please bring any new or slightly used gift items, small appliances, toys, jewelry, knick-knacks, household items and overall resalable goods to the Temple Judaica Shop.

Elise Galinsky and Alice Taich



BETH ISRAEL WOMEN

Highlight of the month will be the guest appearance of Marty Katz, the wife of Rabbi Jonathan Katz, on Monday, November 17 at noon. So turn in your reservations for a big turnout to welcome Marty.

A mouth-watering luncheon prepared by our own Beth Israel Women will be served. If you did not, for whatever reason, send in the coupon in last month's Bulletin, you have another opportunity to do so in this month's issue. Cost to members is \$10 per person and \$12 for non-members, who may call the Temple office at 383-3428 to make a reservation.

On Monday, December 15, at noon, come to the paid-up membership luncheon, featuring Rabbi Katz and his wit and wisdom. Reservations are a must and may be made by completing the coupon in the December Bulletin.

Check out Gloria Sabin's report on this month's Books and Brown Bag Bunch. Bring lunch; dessert and coffee will be available. It's not too early to be thinking about what you can donate to the Pink Elephant Sale to be held as part of Chanukah Happenings on December 14 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Donations may include any saleable household or other new or used items. Volunteers for Chanukah Happenings are needed to help out so please give a call to Elise Galinsky at 383-3609. More details about this exciting event will appear in next month's Bulletin. In the meantime, mark your calendar and contact Elise or Alice Taich at 954-3236 for more information.

In keeping with the season, Beth Israel Women will host a Chanukah dinner on December 22. Reserve the date. A reservation coupon and more details of the dinner will appear in next month's Bulletin.

The success of our planned events depends on the support of our BIW membership as well as members of Temple Beth Israel. Be a part—not apart. Shalom
Arlene H. Krum, President

ANNUAL GALA

We hope everyone has received the news that our glorious Gala will take place on **January 11, 2009**. This year we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary. The Gala is the Temple's major fund raising event of the year and we need as much support as you can provide, as a volunteer, a donor or a gatherer of worthwhile items to be auctioned.

Planning is underway, and there is much to be done. We need as many volunteers as possible to help make this event a huge success. Contact Judy Goldstein, Gala Committee Chair (jgandrg@yahoo.com)



Men's Club

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, November 9th at 6:00 PM, SHALOM AGAIN/"MEET THE NEW RABBI" Welcome Dinner. Reservations must be received by Thursday, November 6th. [See Back Cover]

Monday, December 8th, 12:30 PM, Lunch with the Rabbi. This is for paid-up members only. Rabbi Katz has agreed to take on controversial Jewish and Israel topics Cost: \$40 for five lunches. Attendees will be reminded by post card.

Thursday, January 8th, Thursday Night Movies, 7:00 PM. Movies will be shown the first Thursday of each succeeding month. Admission is free to Temple members and guests.

Sunday, January 18, at 2:00 PM Douglas Bloomfield, recognized commentator on Jewish affairs will discuss myths and facts on the Jewish lobby. Cost: \$10 per person.

Sunday, January 25th at 9:30 AM, Breakfast for visiting Scholar-in-Residence, Norman Cohen, who teaches at Hebrew Union College, NYC. Cost: \$10 per person.

Tuesday, February 3rd, at 7:30 PM, Opera Night, always a sellout. Admission: \$25 for regular seating, sponsors: \$50

Sunday, February 22nd, at 2:00 PM, Thomas Hecht, Middle East expert and lecturer.

AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Members of Temple Beth Israel and others are invited to a reception and briefing sponsored by AIPAC, The American Israel Public Affairs Committee featuring educator, writer and editor Professor Jonathan Adelman on November 6th at 3:00 PM at the Temple.

Professor Adelman, author of *Israel: History of a Revolutionary State*, will discuss the history of Israel: its politics and society. Dr. Adelman is a full professor at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver and is the writer and editor of 12 books.

He is a frequent and prominent speaker for various Jewish organization and has lectured at universities in Israel and China.

While the lecture and reception are open, reservations are required by November 4 and may be made by calling the Temple office at 383-3428 or E-mailing TBI-Admin@Verizon.net.



Tidbits

What a great way to start the New Year!

Responding to Rabbi Katz's compelling Yom Kippur appeal, the following 22 families and friends have so far contributed more than \$5,000 to Temple Beth Israel:

Gerald & Ursula Bamberger, Richard & Barbara Blumenthal, David & Madeleine Brenner, Robert Chalphin, Joan Dropkin, Mimi Edlin, Ralph & Bea Einstein, Aileen Farber, Dr. David & Marcia Goldberg, Merle & Norma Greenwald, Bernard Isaacs, Rabbi Jonathan & Marty Katz, Sy & Carole Klionsky, Dr. David Marcus, Don & Judy Markstein, Sanford Milter, Dr. Ann Stephenson Moe, Richard & Sheila Olin, Eric & Ruth Orne, Molly Schechter, Dr. David & Louise Solomon, Donald & Elaine Weill.

Care to Join them???

Twelve Hundred Pounds

A High Holy Day week food drive at Temple Beth Israel resulted in 96 bags filled with 1,200 pounds of non-perishable food items donated to the All Faiths Food Bank. The project was sponsored by the Temple's Social Action Committee co-chaired by Kathy Brooks and Sue Johnson. Publix Supermarket at Avenue of the Flowers generously donated the bags. All Faiths Food Bank distributed over 4.2 million pounds of food in 2008 and currently provides 9,200 meals per day. In the current economy they have seen the demand for their services increase by almost 15% in the last year, so they were most appreciative of the Temple's efforts.



Shalom TV

On Shalom TV, a Jewish television program available to Comcast, Bright House and Verizon FiOs customers (which was explained in the October Bulletin), is airing the appearances of both presidential candidates before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) until after the election. Both of the candidates speak on their positions regarding Israel.

Library Bookcase

Miriam Miller, our recently retired librarian, reports that a generous gift from Loris Birnkrant in honor of Rabbi Eisenstat enabled the Library to buy a new bookcase to house the many generous books the Rabbi has given. For a list of those books, call Miriam or drop by the Library.

A New Plaque

Adorning the wall of the Library is a new plaque which represents a book tree with leaves engraved with the names of donors who have contributed \$350 or more to the Library over the past few years.

LIBRARY



DECEMBER IS JEWISH BOOK MONTH and, to celebrate, Temple Beth Israel's distinguished Librarian Miriam Miller has for the first time, under the auspices of the Library, arranged a program featuring invited guest-author **Jennifer Anne Moses** to discuss her book *Bagels and Grits: A Jew on the Bayou* among other topics on **December 7 at 2:00 PM** at the Temple.

The excitement over this program is rising in anticipation of the personal appearance of the author of this book with the funny title. According to a review in the *Jerusalem Post*, "**Bagels and Grits** is an engaging rumination on the unending search for identity and the unexpected places this search leads us...Readers will feel that they are chatting with a new friend...over coffee."

Jennifer Anne Moses is also the author of a book titled "Food and Whine: Confessions of a New Millennium Mom." Her essays, reporting, reviews and travel and opinion pieces have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Commentary* and many other popular publications. Miriam urges those interested to mark their calendars for a pleasant afternoon at the Temple enjoying a lovely lady telling her story of her experiences with *Southern Living*.

Miriam says that Jennifer Anne Moses, a mother and a wife, has a wonderful sense of humor and will share her journey of self-discovery and her desire to commune with the Divine. Her book tells of her move from a liberal, affluent neighborhood of Washington, D. C. to the very warm and more insular world of Gospel and Christianity where most of her acquaintances were on speaking terms with Jesus.

There is no charge for this program and non-members are welcome, but reservations are necessary and may be made by contacting the

Temple Office at 383-3428 or E-mail at www.tbi-lbk.org.
Light refreshments will be served.

RABBI KATZ' INSTALLATION

In an atmosphere filled with warmth and anticipation more than 200 congregants and guests gathered in the sanctuary on Friday evening, October 24, for the formal installation of Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz. After the Rabbi introduced his family and visiting dignitaries, President Elaine Weill welcomed all to this special event. Marty Katz lit the Shabbat candles and young Emma Katz sang Hinei MaTov together with our enthusiastic congregation.

During the special service, Judy Weinstein, President of Sarasota-Manatee Federation, greeted the congregation, followed by the Reverend David I. Danner, Rector of All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church, our closest neighbor.

The installation commenced with President Weill's introduction of the Reverend John Gardner, minister and close friend of Rabbi Katz from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Reverend Gardner regaled the congregants with humorous stories and anecdotes involving he and the rabbi and the close friendship shared by their two families. The next speaker, Dr. Gary Zola, was the director of admissions at HUC in Cincinnati when Rabbi Katz applied there. Dr. Zola also knew Rabbi Katz' parents, and particularly his father, Rabbi Robert Katz, who also taught at HUC.

Rabbi Katz spoke of his early qualms about joining the rabbinate and noted how he found his calling. He also thanked Rabbi Eisenstat for his help and guidance in ascending the Temple Beth Israel pulpit. A very moving moment in this formal installation came when Rabbi Eisenstat passed the Torah to his successor, A symbolic yet definitive formality. Rabbi (Dr.) Zola then gave the priestly benediction, thus ending the ceremonies.

President Weill thanked Bernard Isaacs for chairing the Installation Committee; the TBI Men's Club, Beth Israel Woman and Women on their Own for sponsoring the oneg; and Pearl Kushner, assisted by Selma Horowitz for coordinating it.
Gloria Sabin



THE RABBI MICHAEL B. EISENSTAT MINIVERSITY OF JUDAISM



Temple Beth Israel will initiate this year's "Miniversity of Judaism" on Monday, November 17 at 2:00 PM, the first of five Bible Study classes titled "Sayings of our Fathers." The first session will be conducted by Rabbi Jonathan Katz, with subsequent sessions by Rabbis Michael Eisenstat, Howard Simon, Herbert Rose and Peter Kasdan on the third Monday of each month at 2:00 PM through the month of March. The Bible Study Series is free and open to the public. Register by contacting the Temple office at 383-3428.

The 12 other programs offered by the Miniversity will start on January, 2009. A catalogue of programs has been prepared and will be distributed to congregants in the next few weeks. The catalogue is immediately available through the Temple's website at www.tbi-lbk.org.

For non-Temple members there is a nominal fee depending upon the length of the individual course.

ARZA NOTES



ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, is the Reform Movement's national membership organization that connects Reform Jews to Israel. But for a great organization it sure is beset by a lot of misunderstandings, especially about money! Let's see if this can clear some of them up.

ARZA members are households, not individuals. Dues can be paid with your Temple dues or by sending a \$36.00 check to our Temple Office. Some congregations add the ARZA dues to the Temple dues.

ARZA doesn't raise funds for Israel. Other Organizations do, and we should support them. But ARZA doesn't. Instead, each time a household joins for ARZA, 18% goes directly to support IMPJ (Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism) the umbrella organization of all 24 Reform congregations in Israel), and 82% goes to support IRAC, the Israel Religious Action Center, the Reform Movement's Jerusalem-based agency to support civil rights, religious pluralism and other important causes in Israel. Occasionally ARZA raises funds to support its Israel engagement and education programs in the U.S., but it doesn't raise funds for Israel.

ARZA does not receive support from the URJ, Union for Reform Judaism. Each congregation pays annual dues to the URJ to support its activities and that money funds all the departments of the URJ. ARZA is not a department; it is an affiliate like the WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism.

Joining ARZA at \$36 per year for a household is not a huge financial commitment in terms of expressing your support for a vibrant progressive Jewish life in Israel. So, if you did not join when you paid your Temple dues (\$36 Option), you can start off the New Year by Sending a check for \$36.00 to the Temple Office and at "memo" write ARZA. For further information, call Al Grossman, ARZA/ World Union Chair, at (941) 377-8960

Al Grossman

KEEPING TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL SHIPSHAPE

The response to Rabbi Katz's Kol Nidre appeal to ensure Temple Beth Israel's financial future has been positive. One member sent a check for \$365.00 to express her appreciation of the congregation every day of the year. Here are some excerpts from his appeal:

The Beth Israel ship has been built. It is thirty years old. It is a rightfully proud lady. There is a lot happening on its decks. And yet, the passengers seem, perhaps, a little restless and distracted. Where is the ship going? Where is the next port of call? The seas look a little choppy and some say it should just stay anchored in the harbor for a while. Others wonder why build a ship if it isn't going to sail?

Right now, the ship needs to pay some fees that have mounted before it can leave port. This is not due to mismanagement, but rising costs and fewer passengers paying the full fare. Unfortunately, some people often board the ship, enjoy its activities, partake of the buffet and then leave with no consideration of the ship's upkeep. They think that since the ship is docked in the neighborhood they are entitled to use it regardless of the costs others have to provide to maintain it.

Or perhaps, they say, we have a ship back home that we are more committed to and maintain there. The SS Beth Israel is treated as just another commodity. How fortunate there are others who continue their dedicated support of the ship despite the fact that there are those who sometimes come aboard for a free ride. For them, participating in the life of the ship isn't a game, to see how much one can get without actually buying a ticket. They are on that ship because they realize how much it took to get it built. It means a lot to them. Just knowing that they are continuing to keep it afloat is enough. They pay full fare and even more just to know they are a part of the wonder of it.

Many Jews today give considerable funding to the arts. They also give to social service agencies they feel are doing important work. But what about the Temple? It too does valuable work. Without it we wouldn't be conducting a High Holy Day food drive that will result in a great deal of food being placed in the hands of those that truly need it. Without the Temple where would we memorialize our loved ones who have passed from us? Where would we hear the music of our faith? Who would organize visits and support for the ill and bereaved? Without this Temple, would Longboat Key have the same mystique? Would it feel as familiar to us, would it feel as much like home?

Books and Brown Bag Bunch

The first meeting of the Books and Brown Bag Bunch for 2008-2009 will take place on Monday, November 10, with lunch beginning at 12:30 PM and discussion at 1:00 PM of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. The facilitator is Doris Libman. Author Geraldine Brooks has received a Pulitzer Prize for her novel, titled "March." The book to be discussed concerns an Australian book conservator who is hired to restore the Sarajevo Hagaddah, an ancient and historic book. The Hagaddah contains various elements used by the author to trace the book's travels over 600 years.



Participants may bring lunch; coffee and dessert will be available. The discussion will last about an hour. All the books reviews will be held on the second Monday of each month. For a complete list of of the upcoming books, see the October Bulletin and/or the new Temple Directory. Books and Brown Bag Bunch is sponsored by Beth Israel Women and is open to all BIW members and their guests, space permitting.

Gloria Sabin is the coordinator.

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

For the past 30 years, Temple Beth Israel has sought to preserve its Jewish heritage through education and by example. Over the years, this Congregation has grown and flourished, thanks to the gifts of Time, Talent, and Financial Support that have been bestowed upon it.

The generosity of members continues to enable Temple Beth Israel to enrich the lives of our members through meaningful worship, life cycle events, cultural events and creative programming. Planned gifts are an essential part of Temple Beth Israel continuing Endowment program. By building our Endowment Fund, we are building our Temple's future.

Your Legacy can affect the future legacy of our Temple. Make provision for our Temple through your will or trust, or by any type of deferred gift. There are many opportunities to support Temple Beth Israel, however and Endowment Gift carries with it a special significance.

- Your generosity will help provide income in perpetuity, ensuring that the Temple will enrich the lives of Future generations.
- Your gift will be added to the Endowment Fund or you may choose to support a specific project or program.
- The assets left to the Temple are removed from your taxable estate, reducing the estate bill your heirs are required to pay.
- By remembering Temple Beth Israel when planning your estate, you ensure that Temple Beth Israel will continue to lead by righteous example; to bring ethics and spirituality of Jewish Tradition to bear in our personal congregational and communal lives.

Please consider finding a place for Temple Beth Israel in your will. For more information about Temple Beth Israel's Endowment, Call Norman Reiter or any members of the Endowment Committee listed in the new Temple Directory.

Norman Reiter, Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee

Help is Available from the Caring Committee

- Do you need a ride to Temple?
- Are you homebound?
- Are you facing any difficulties/do you need a call or visit?
- Let us know when someone is ill, or in the hospital.

Call the Temple office and leave your name and number if you would like to be contacted. 383-3428

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The caring committee needs volunteers who will offer their time for two hours a month. Please call Sheldon Paley at 383-0810. Leave a message.

HELP WANTED

Bulletin staff needs augmentation. We have some wonderful staff (I'm married to one of them), but the pace of Temple activities seems to be increasing and we could use some extra help so that we don't feel guilty taking time off to enjoy other pleasures. Interested? Call (795-0378) or e-mail (BerndorB@aol.com)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



1 Mrs. Joan Biller	11 Mrs. Miriam Greenberg
1 Mr. David Gorton	11 Ms. Bernice Mahler
2 Mr. Benjamin Krause	12 Mrs. Ursula S. Pearson
2 Mr. Martin H. Ross	13 Mrs. Jean DeLynn
3 Mrs. Bonnie Chisling	13 Mr. Joseph Gottfried
3 Mrs. Geraldine Phillips	13 Rabbi Herbert Rose
4 Mr. Murray Brinn	14 Mrs. Mina Leibowitz
4 Mrs. Charlotte Massik	14 Hon. Wm. B. Schwartz, Jr.
5 Mrs. Geraldine Clayman	15 Mr. Stuart Bergstein
6 Mrs. Francine Adelman	15 Mr. Joel Fedder
6 Mrs. Madeleine Brenner	16 Mr. David Dalton
6 Mrs. Sophie Pollack	16 Mrs. Lois Rosenthal
8 Mrs. Evelyn Lieberman	17 Mr. David Garelick
8 Mrs. Lilli Mesirov	17 Ms. Sue Jacobson
8 Mrs. Marilyn Weinstein	17 Mrs. Suzanne Schuster
9 Mr. Mark Beck	17 Mrs. Dorrace Zucker
9 Mrs. Florence Zox	18 Mrs. Ellen Sherrow
10 Mrs. Beverly Stone	18 Dr. Doran Stark

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1 Mrs. Gail Bachmann	1 Jack & Francie Weintraub
19 Mr. Jacob Pollack	5 Marvin & Annette Black
19 Mr. Nathan Benderson	8 David & Sandie Cutler-Cohen
20 Mr. William Berliner	10 Jim & Linda Albert
20 Mrs. Carole Klionsky	10 Sam & Roz Brott
20 Ms. Anne Virag	17 Ike & Ada Eisenfeld
21 Mrs. Lois Auerbach	18 Murray & Grace Goldberg
22 Mrs. Shirley Steinberg	22 Ronald & Arlene Krum
23 Mrs. Lillian Alpert	22 Harold & Claire Yablin
24 Mr. Morton A. Siegler	24 Herb & Bev Paskow
25 Mr. Everett Behrendt	27 Mort & Carol Siegler
25 Mrs. Ruth Golov	28 Merrill & Sheila Zinder
27 Mrs. Marilyn Shuman	29 Aaron & Janis Brenner
27 Mrs. Pearl Sunray	30 Alan & Beverly Stone
28 Mrs. Cheryl Taub	
29 Mrs. Cecile Dalton	
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