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**DON'T MISS BETH ISRAEL WOMEN'S  
ANNUAL LUNCHEON  
AND FASHION SHOW**  
ON  
MONDAY JANUARY 25 AT 11:30  
AT  
**MICHAEL'S ON EAST**

**FASHIONS BY SAKS**




# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, it is the last day of Chanukah and Christmas is right around the corner. A week ago Donald and I joined with nearly 60 other members of Temple Beth Israel to attend Shabbat services aboard the cruise ship, Zuiderdam. We had recently visited the Panama Canal and just left Costa Rica. We were on our way home.



There were many people at the service that evening saying the blessing over the Chanukah candles. We were from all over the world. Our Judaism brought us together as we recited the common language of our people.

The joy of coming together was evident. We were seated there with strangers but, not really - our commonality was palpable. We all chose to come together to feel the comfort of shared ideals. We were individuals and we were members of a people.

I looked around at those gathered for the Chanukah service and tried to determine if there was anything . . . anything about us that would identify us as Jews. I wondered, if I passed each one on the ship's deck would I know he or she was Jewish?

Well, you know...sometimes we think we can and other times we're surprised as how wrong we were. I do this little exercise occasionally because of an experience I had many years ago.

Picture this: It was a cold, blustery evening up north during one of those years when the Chanukah and Christmas holidays coincided. I was rushing about with our four children. It was dinner time and we had been doing many errands. We were tired, hungry and, finally, on our way home. And then, I remembered one more stop I had to make. Feeling pressured, I explained to the children we'd be in the department store no more than a few minutes and then be on our way home for dinner.

So there we were, me, quickly leading the way, our four children, ages 4 to 13, walking behind me, single file, in a nearly deserted department store. As we hurried along, Santa Claus, who was enthroned off to our right, raised his hand in greeting. We all smiled and waved back as we rushed past. Santa then, in a jovial, booming voice, called out, "Ho Ho Ho, Happy Chanukah!"

How did he know? To this day, I wonder...

*Gail Weill*

# WORSHIP SERVICES

**FRIDAY EVENINGS 8:00 PM**

**SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 AM**

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

## PARTICLE PHYSICS AND YOU ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Near Geneva, Switzerland is located a seventeen mile circular tunnel built 600 feet below ground. This newly completed, world's largest particle accelerator may soon reveal how the universe actually began. By smashing atoms at high rates of speed, the accelerator will help scientists discern the most fundamental building blocks of Creation.



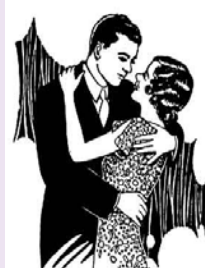
How timely and exciting that Dr. Yoram Rozen, who spent two years in Geneva working on projects associated with the accelerator, will be the featured speaker at Beth Israel's Technion Shabbat on January 15. An associate professor of physics at the Technion for the last twelve years, Rozen is a highly regarded scholar in the field of particle physics.

Born in Haifa, Professor Rozen received his BA and MA at the Technion before earning his doctorate at Syracuse University. His work on a project sponsored by Cornell University led to the discovery of "penguins," a whimsical name given to a rare but critical process involved in analyzing particle physics.

While we presume the subject of particle physics can be complex, Dr. Rozen will present his work and the status of current research in the field in a highly accessible manner. We look forward to the opportunity to learn about one of the most exciting and far-reaching scientific pursuits today.

# The Gala

*Important DATE!*



**JANUARY 10, 2010**

**THAT VERY SPECIAL NIGHT**



## EXCERPTED FROM THE 2009 INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Religion seeks to evince value by making distinctions, by marking sacred from profane, the righteous and honorable from the unjust and disreputable, higher calling from lower callousness. Don't our holidays and traditions represent the desire to slow things down, to draw attention to values and sensitivities that are getting more and more lost in the mix?

Yet while this is all very important and valuable, I also think that religion can, to its detriment, be too parochial. So focused can we be on pursuing our own faith-conditioned approaches to renew meaning and value in our world, that we lose sight of the universal forest in favor of our own particular religious trees.

Obviously, our particular faiths have unique and special areas of concern that we want to see respected and appreciated, but unless we come together and galvanize action in the realm of collective social conscience and responsibility we will be viewed in less significant terms by those moving away from their traditional faith identities.

It isn't just a question of the preservation of our faiths, but of their perceived relevance. It is also not a matter of seeking to dilute our convictions, but together strongly directing them where they can and must make a difference.

What I'm suggesting is what makes Thanksgiving so powerful. It is every American's holiday. At this time of the year we all stop together, we all hearken to the same voice, we are all touched by a common sense of gratitude, desire to share, and goodwill. But it must last more than one day. Religion's role is to extend its meaning.

It was once asked: When the travail of man will have been fulfilled and Kingdom of God will be at hand, what sacrifices will then be offered? For man would then be perfected, no longer prone to sin. There would be no need for atonement. The answer given is that all sacrifices would be abolished except one. Which one? The Thanksgiving offering. Why? Because a formal expression of gratitude remains essential, even in an ideal society. Gratitude not simply for a plentiful harvest, but for the opportunity to share in redemptive relations with others. Gratitude for our God-given gifts of human aspiration and enlightened vision, for being endowed with the sustaining promise of tomorrow, of new beginnings, and the indomitable striving for human dignity before our Maker.

Recall that at the time of America's first Thanksgiving observance, which took place at Jamestown in 1619 on the occasion of the arrival 39 new settlers to the settlement, food was scarce. Nevertheless, there was compelling gratitude for having survived the journey and the possibilities that lay ahead. Only later was a Thanksgiving Day for the purpose of celebration and feasting as well as prayer, decreed.

So beyond a day off, the football games, and the major eating, we should be thankful, in the profoundest sense, for the opportunity to be thankful...A time to reaffirm values and reaffirm the creator that grants us the chance to enshrine those values in daily life. A time for the experience of family, fellowship and a semblance of national unity that enables hope for the future.

And locally, a time of gratitude for our association with this special place, a locale so uncommon that we are told that when our time comes and we arrive at the Pearly Gates to ask to be admitted to Heaven, we will be told that, in fact, we have just left it. Gratitude that this jewel of an island, seeks to retain the qualities that make it so distinctive. Gratitude in the knowledge that what has been created and preserved here will be come that much more prized due to the disfigurement of places elsewhere. Gratitude for finding ourselves not just anywhere or at any time, but here and now. Let us count our blessings.

**Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz**

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### BETH ISRAEL WELCOMES DR. REUVEN FIRESTONE FEBRUARY 5-7

Few individuals are more informed about contemporary Islam, including the spread of its extremist elements, than Temple Beth Israel's 2010 Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Reuven Firestone. Professor of Medieval Judaism and Islam at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles our distinguished scholar will share three enlightening presentations over the weekend.

Friday evening's talk is entitled: "Whose Jerusalem? The holy city in Judaism, Christianity and Islam." On Saturday morning he will use the morning's Torah portion, *Yitro*, to compare Moses' place in the Torah with his role in the Qur'an. At a Sunday morning brunch beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Firestone discusses the implications of Abraham's prominence in Judaism and Islam as well as Christianity. There is a \$10.00 pre-paid cost of Sunday's program. A question and answer session will follow.

A native of Santa Rosa, California who studied at Antioch College and Hebrew University before being ordained at the Hebrew Union College and earning his Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic studies at New York University.

Dr. Firestone has received a prestigious fellowship to spend a year studying holy war in Islamic tradition and been invited to lecture at the some of the most highly respected academic institutions here and abroad. He is the author of several noted books including: *Journeys in Holy Lands: The Evolution of the Abraham-Ishmael Legends in Islamic Exegesis* (SUNY Press) and *Jihad: The Origin of Holy War in Islam* (Oxford University Press). Dr. Firestone lives in Los Angeles with his wife Ruth H. Sohn, a rabbi, and three children.

## BETH ISRAEL WOMEN



As this is the time for New Year resolutions, I'd like to suggest one that should be considered by many here at Temple Beth Israel, including myself. How nice would it be if, from here on out, we make a sincere effort to make our reservations for attending Temple functions in a timely manner? We are fortunate to have so many reminders for everything on our calendar.

Yet, despite the newsletter, the internet, the posters, the flyers and the announcements from the bimah every week, too many of us wait until a day or two before an event to call and make a reservation. Many times the need to collect money at the door becomes an added burden to the already daunting task of checking people in against two sheets...., those who have paid and those who have not. Trying to guess the final count for a lunch or dinner so that food can be purchased is always a stab in the dark.

Witness our recent Hanukkah dinner, for which there were only 40ish people signed up at the time the brisket had to be ordered. A few days later, we actually served dinner to 160ish guests. We don't want to prepare too much food, nor do we want to have too little so that we have to turn people away. We hate to say "no" to anyone and realize that last minute hitches (and illnesses) can alter the best laid plans. But the difference of 120 guests a few days before a dinner! I know we can do better than that. Let's all help to make the jobs of those who run the events as easy as possible.

With that being said, don't forget to sign up for the BIW Fashion Show to be held on January 25, 2010 at Michael's On East. Sak's will provide the fashions, so please join us for a very special afternoon. Send your response card and check to the Temple.



Two last things. If anyone makes "Fran's Easy Macaroni & Cheese" in our sisterhood cookbook, please change it to read 2 cups of milk. I made it recently just as I submitted it and I thought it was a bit dry. My daughter, who gave me this recipe, says that she adds extra milk too.



Sheila Zinder

## Books and Brown Bag

The next meeting of Books and Brown Bag will be held on Monday, January 11, at 1:00p.m. The discussion of Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay will be led by facilitator Marjorie Sandy.

Coffee and Dessert will be available starting at 12:30. Books and Brown Bag is sponsored by Beth Israel Women.



Gloria Sabin and Linda Berliner

## NEW TIME...NEW LOW PRICE...NEW NEWS



### The Jewish Connection

Monday, January 18th, 7:30 pm with Jewish *Forward* Publisher, Sam Norich. Temple Members \$10, Others \$15. Make your reservation early and get your tickets now for **admission with no waiting.**

Do you have special memories or photos of your parents, grandparents or relatives who read the *Forward*? Please bring them to the Temple office so we can post and share them with our congregation.

Bob Chalphin's grandmother, read the Jewish *Forward* as did hundreds of thousands of Jewish emigrants. So, please tell us of your parents, grandparents or relatives who you remember did read the *Forward*.

With your help we can tabulate how many of you, our members, recall who in your family did read the Jewish *Forward*. We will share the information with our speaker, Publisher Sam Norich. (Use the form on the reservation page insert.)

And, even more interesting, should you have some special memories and/or photos with the Jewish *Forward*, please bring them to the Temple office so that we can post and share them with the congregation.

## THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE,

along with **Al Grossman**, would like to thank all who contributed to our wounded veterans in local VA Hospitals. We raised a total of \$2,306.00—which is wonderful! If you would like to participate in this most worthy project, it is not too late. Checks can be made out to DAV Post 97 and sent to Al Grossman, 5524 Chanteclair, Sarasota, FL 34235. The members of this VA Post will be making several visits to the hospitals, and each veteran will receive a "goodie" bag from our Temple. These visits are made on a regular basis. **Our service men and women did not let you down, so please—don't let them down.**



## MEN'S CLUB

Opera night at Temple Beth Israel is perennially a sellout. The exquisitely talented young people who compose *The Studio Artists* of the Sarasota Opera Association perform works of classical Opera as well as popular Broadway productions.

The Sarasota Opera Association is recognized as one of the country's leading training ground for young performers. Their apprentice program receives hundreds of applications annually for the limited 24 positions. These students arrive with previous training at conservatories around the world and often have master's degrees in music and voice. Their training in Sarasota usually includes acting, singing and staging. Occasionally, in Operas requiring a large number of performers, these apprentices participate in the chorus during performances.

From this apprentice group are chosen 12 of the most advanced and talented young people to perform as *Studio Artists*. These *Studio Artists* train as understudies of principal roles and actually perform in principal roles in cases of emergencies. In addition they participate in minor roles in the Sarasota Opera performances.

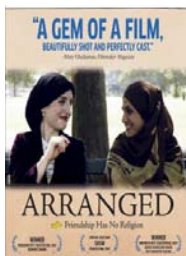
Opera Night at Temple Beth Israel will be on February 23 at 7:30 p.m. reserved seating is available for sponsors at \$50 per seat sponsors tickets go on sale January 23. General admission tickets are available at \$25 per seat in advance and \$30 per seat at the door.

Seating is limited to 300 and Temple Beth Israel sanctuary.

**Donald Kayton, President, Men's Club**

## MOVIE NIGHT - THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 "ARRANGED"

This movie is all about freedom of choice. Rochel is an Orthodox Jew, and Nasira is a Muslim of Syrian origin. They are both first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn, NY. Over the course of the year, they learn that they also have something else in common - they are each going through the process of getting "arranged marriages" through their respective religious and traditional customs.



Friendship has no religion. With both family pressure on the one hand, and the rejection of traditional values by the outside world on the other, Rochel and Nasira will have to rely on each other and their friendship to pull through this difficult time of their lives, striving to be strong women in charge of their own happiness, while keeping their deep religious and cultural convictions.

The scenes of the young women being introduced to prospective suitors are very enjoyable and probably make watching the entire movie worthwhile. **Barry Bakal**

## SPECIAL CONCERT AT TEMPLE TUESDAY MORNING JANUARY 19

The American Guild of Organists is holding its regional conference in Sarasota January 17-20. We are honored that Beth Israel has been selected to host one of the conference's music events on Tuesday morning, January 19 at 9:00 a.m.



Cantor Robert Marinoff will present a one-hour program of stunning High Holy music (several pieces have never been heard in Sarasota) accompanied by a professional choir and our own Ann Stevenson Moe on the organ. We invite Temple members and guest to join conference attendees for this special performance. The cost is \$5.00 for Temple members and \$20.00 for non-members. Wake up and hear this beautiful music!

## JANUARY 20 TBI DINES UPDATE

The deadline for reserving a place at one of the TBI Dines gatherings on Tuesday, January 20 is fast approaching. Please call the office by January 10 to register for the program so you can join other Temple members in a private home for a delicious meal and stimulating conversation.

The aim of TBI Dines is to create an opportunities for Temple members to get to know each other better in a warm and informal setting. After you have registered for the program you will be assigned to a dinner whose contact will contact you about what appetizer, side dish, dessert, or beverages to bring. We encourage all TBI members, couples and singles alike, to participate in the evening. Don't miss out on a great event. Last year's TBI Dines received rave reviews.



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS JANUARY 22

The especially spirited Friday Night Live service returns to the Temple Friday evening January 22. Featuring instruments and the music of Craig Taubman and other popular Jewish composers, FNL attracted great interest at the Temple and beyond when it debuted last year. FNL has become a national phenomenon and TBI's version of the service is second to none. Experience what FNL is all about.



## LIBRARY



## NEW BOOKS ARE CAREFULLY SELECTED

People ask me where I get the titles of books to add to the Temple Library's collection. It is a rigorous process with criteria in keeping with our goal to be an outstanding repository of Jewish knowledge. Sources abound. There are book reviews in *the Forward*, *Hadassah Newsletter*, *New York Times Book Review*, *Jewish Book World*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, and *Publisher's Weekly*. Also, I am open to suggestions. Put a note in the Temple Library Mailbox, and I will be glad to consider them.

There are lists from the Jewish Library Association. One recent list is of some women authors of adult books. The Temple Library owns the following: *Praise Her Works: Conversations with Biblical Women* by Penina Adelman, *I Will Wake the Dawn: Illuminated Psalms and the Song of Songs* by Debra Band, *The JPS Bible Commentary: Esther* by Adele Berlin, *Discovering Jewish Music* by Adele Berlin, *On Women and Judaism* by Blu Greenberg, *Not to Worry: Jewish Wisdom and Folklore and a Time to be Born* by Michele Klein, *Lost Love: The Untold Story of Henrietta Szold* by Baila Round Shargel, and *Genesis: the Beginning of Desire* by Avivah Gottlieb Zornber.

Our Library is continually adding to the collection. Recent arrivals include:

***Madame Secretary*** by Madeline Albright, an autobiography by the highest-ranking woman in American history who shares her remarkable story and provides an insider's view of world affairs during a period of unprecedented turbulence.

***Why Are Jews Liberals?*** By Norman Podhoretz, Neoconservative Podhoritz takes on a provocative subject.

***Anne Frank: the Book, the Life, the Afterlife*** by Francine Prose. The author describes Anne Frank's book as a "consciously crafted work of literature" hoping that it would be read by the public after the war.

***A Safe Haven: Harry S. Truman and the Founding of Israel*** by Ronald Radosh. An account of Truman's vital contributions to Israel's beginning.

***Louis D. Brandeis: a Life*** by Melvin Urofsky. A comprehensive biography of an American legal giant who dedicates his life and career to improving the lives of others.

When you realize how much care, how many steps it takes to bring outstanding Jewish centered books to you, it underscores the importance of the final step, which is you visiting the Library and unlocking the wonders to enrich your own life.

**Marjorie Sandy, Librarian**

## "YOUTH STRIKES A CHORD" BEGINS JANUARY 26

Dr. Ann Moe, Beth Israel's superb and dedicated music director, has arranged a special music series, "Youth Strikes a Chord," at the Temple during the first three months of 2010. On Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. the spectacular Booker High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble led by Director Ned Rosenblatt will perform. This talented group of students recently won the National High School Jazz Competition at Berklee College in Boston for the second consecutive year.



On Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 Adelaide Boedecker, an acclaimed soprano now studying at the University of Florida will perform music from classic opera and Broadway. A native of Sarasota, Boedecker is a fast-rising artist who has already garnered several prestigious awards for her vocal artistry. Tony Offerle, a bass-baritone and head of U of F's Opera and Theater Department will sing several duets with Ms. Boedecker.

On Sunday, Marching 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. the Temple will be filled with the music of the University of Tampa's famed *Big Band*. This seventeen-member group under the direction of Jim Burge will play the music of Benny Goodman and other greats from the Big Band era.

A reception will be held after each concert to enjoy some refreshments and meet the performers. The cost for each performance is \$12.00 for Temple members and students (package of \$32.00 for all the concerts) and \$15.00 for non-members (package is \$40.00)

If you would like to sponsor one or all of the performances to help offset their cost please contact the office. Minimum sponsorship is \$100.00. Sponsors will receive prominent recognition. More importantly, sponsors will know that they have made an important contribution to the excellence and health of the Temple's music program.

## Flowers, Onegs and Kiddush

Celebrate a Simcha with the Temple Family. Remember a loved one, honor birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a grandchild or great-grandchild.



It's a Mitzvah to share. To reserve a Friday evening date contact Selma Horowitz 346-8225 or the Temple Office at 383-3428.

To sponsor a Saturday Kiddush call the Temple office.

## **A POMEGRANATE!**

Now that I have your attention, let me tell you about Pomegranates.... There are two Pomegranate trees on a wall in our lobby. One of them is filled with the names of Temple members who have supported our Endowment Fund. But why a Pomegranate tree? A legend within Judaism tells that each and every pomegranate contains 613 seeds, representing the 613 commandments of Torah. There's more, but that's for another time.



Have you heard about our New Endowment Fund? It's been completely remade to suit your needs as well as those of our Temple. We have also partnered with The Gulf Coast Community Foundation in order to bring the best opportunities to you and TBI. This partnership enables your New Endowment Fund to offer a program of gifting to our Temple that guarantees a most attractive return on your money for the rest of your life.

We can not only secure the future of Temple Beth Israel with this gift, but we can enjoy high rates of interest on the principal right now.

Norman Reiter is the chairman of the Fund. He would like to tell you all about this new opportunity over lunch. Please give him a call at 941-504-3770.

**Suzanne Lutkoff**



### **LUNCH WITH THE RABBI**

The ever-popular Lunch With the Rabbi series will occur on Monday, January 11th at 12:30 PM featuring delicious Nosh-A-Rye corned beef or tuna fish sandwiches with all the fixins. If you have trouble locating the room, just follow the aroma of the kosher pickles.

The topic will be "Senate: 13 Jewish members; House : 45 Jewish members - Will we see a Jewish President in our lifetime? Would we want one?"

Please use the coupon in the Bulletin to make your reservation. You may also use this coupon to pay your Men's Club dues of \$40 if you have not already done so.

If you have not signed up for the series of five lunches, separate checks for each lunch would be appreciated, made out to the TBI Men's Club.

## **TIKKUN TOUR VISITS MANATEE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Water is our most vital natural resource. That's why its availability, safety, and treatment have become increasingly important issues both locally and around the world.

All water treatment facilities are not the same. The H2O we drink in Florida is treated differently than the water found elsewhere in the United States. To learn more about the state of our water, a special tour of the water treatment facility serving Longboat Key has been arranged for Beth Israel members on Wednesday morning, January 6.



We will discover where our water comes from, its quality, treatment and future. Rabbi Katz will also offer insights about the significant role water has played in Jewish tradition and history.

This program is another in a series of Tikkun Tours sponsored by the Temple's Social Action Committee. While the morning promises to be fascinating, space is limited. Please communicate your interest in participating in the tour by contacting the office no later than December 21. The tour will last from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Just last month the *New York Times* featured a front page article (that also appeared in the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*) about the growing issue of water and waste treatment.

## **SCHMOOZING AND CRUISING**

Temple Beth Israel really knows how to throw a party, and with the help of Holland America the party became a wonderful social event! The ports of call were of interest to many, but more than that, was the camaraderie of doing activities with our group. From talking at dinner, to taking a tour of Curacao's Jewish heritage, we grew to know each other several layers deeper than we could possibly do on Longboat Key.



We laughed together at the nightly entertainment, and shared going through the Panama Canal as well. All in all, it was a wonderful experience. We even celebrated a lovely Chanukah aboard as well.

If another cruise like this is organized at some future date, it would be a terrific way for those who were not on this journey, to deepen friendships and to relax and let *someone else* make your bed and cook your meals!!

We were delighted with the entire trip.

**Judy Goldstein**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 2  | Mr. Murray Scheiner   | 18 | Mrs. Joan Dropkin       | 29 | Mrs. Barbara Blumfield |
| 4  | Mr. Kenneth Bornstein | 18 | Mr. Richard Levine      | 29 | Mr. Robert Nelson      |
| 4  | Mrs. Claire Yablin    | 18 | Mr. Jerome Salle        | 30 | Mr. Albert Lerman      |
| 5  | Mr. Robert Blumberg   | 18 | Mrs. Muriel Schwarzman  | 31 | Mrs. Lenore Benderly   |
| 5  | Mrs. Bonny Israeloff  | 19 | Mr. Daniel Goldreyer    | 31 | Mrs. Myra Goldstein    |
| 5  | Mrs. Ruth Kreindler   | 19 | Mrs. Clare Levin        | 31 | Mrs. Florence Levitt   |
| 6  | Mr. Stuart Brodzansky | 20 | Mrs. Eileen Dunn Berger | 31 | Mrs. Gabrielle Miller  |
| 6  | Mrs. Joelle Hamovit   | 21 | Mr. Bernard Fishman     | 31 | Mrs. Selma Pearl       |
| 7  | Mrs. Hadassah Bacaner | 21 | Mr. Sy Klionsky         |    |                        |
| 7  | Dr. Helga Wall-Apelt  | 21 | Mrs. Beverly Smerling   |    |                        |
| 7  | Dr. Stanley Zeeman    | 23 | Mrs. Ada Eisenfeld      |    |                        |
| 9  | Mrs. Gloria Bakal     | 23 | Mrs. Susan Johnson      |    |                        |
| 9  | Mrs. Cookie H. Stern  | 23 | Mr. Richard Katz        |    |                        |
| 9  | Mrs. Doris H. White   | 24 | Mr. Fred Green          |    |                        |
| 10 | Mrs. Dorothy Stevens  | 24 | Mrs. Marsha Ross        |    |                        |
| 12 | Ms. Susanne Olin      | 25 | Mr. Stanley Adelman     |    |                        |
| 12 | Mr. David S. Young    | 25 | Mrs. Lillian Bloch      |    |                        |
| 13 | Mrs. Shirley Fein     | 25 | Mr. Aaron Brenner       |    |                        |
| 16 | Mr. Howard Isermann   | 25 | Mrs. Beatrice Einstein  |    |                        |
| 17 | Hon. Simon Bernstein  | 25 | Mr. Peter Roth          |    |                        |
| 17 | Mr. Ira Zippert       | 26 | Mrs. Reeva Shoengood    |    |                        |
|    |                       | 27 | Mr. David Cohen         |    |                        |
|    |                       | 27 | Mrs. Joyce R. Paley     |    |                        |
|    |                       | 28 | Mr. Howard Lieb         |    |                        |



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1  | Michael & Nancy Eisenstat |
| 4  | Norman & Lenore Asher     |
| 21 | Roger & Judy Goldstein    |
| 22 | Shelly & Joyce Paley      |
| 22 | Noel & Toby Siegel        |
| 26 | Sam & Polly Smullin       |
| 28 | Irwin & Mina Leibowitz    |

## MEMBERSHIP

Two 'social hours' were held, one at The Sanctuary and one at L' Ambiance. There was lively conversation and membership questions were answered at each event. Rabbi Katz spoke beautifully about Temple Beth Israel to neighbors. As a result of this initiative several new members joined TBI and there was interest among many others. We will also hold three such events in January.



Plans are underway for a New Member Shabbat dinner in March. It will take a concerted effort of our current members to increase our membership. There is a new member pricing rate until January 26th. This incentive is good through May, 2010. Tell your unaffiliated neighbors and friends.

There are blue membership packets in the Temple lobby.

**Nancy Skadron**, Membership Chair

*Grammy Award-Winning singer Doug Cotler will perform at the Temple's Cabaret Night on March 10. Mark your calendar to see one of today's truly premier Jewish entertainers.*

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous member of the congregation, subsidies are available for those TBI members who would like to experience the Gala but are financially unable to do so. Please call Rabbi Katz if a subsidy could allow you or someone you know to attend the event.

## TIDBITS



◆ Elise Galinsky has served the Beth Israel Gift Shop for many years as Co-Chair with Alice Taich. Alice writes, “Since it has been necessary for me to give more time as a caregiver, I was unable to give enough attention to the Shop. I personally want to thank Elise for all her efforts and support, not only to the Gift Shop but also to the Sisterhood and the Temple as well.” Elise recently announced her resignation from the Gift Shop and volunteers will be needed to run the shop and help out. Come forward and volunteer. Do not let the Gift Shop die.



◆ Sandie Cutler-Cohen, who put together the cookbook, “The Secret Ingredient” thanks everyone who participated in the creation of the cookbook and the sampling of recipes at the Holiday Bazaar. She reports: “Fifty BIW members and friends graciously prepared their recipes for all to enjoy and manned the tasting tables along with five of our husbands: David Cohen, Sy Klionsky, Herb Waltzer, Irv Shuman and David Solomon.

When any event is successful there are always a certain number of individuals who deserve special recognition. I am most grateful to my co-Chairperson, Elise Galinsky for her guidance and know-how; Leah Grant for saving my life in the kitchen; David Aura for his patience and calm; and Stuart Brodzinsky for his willingness to help out.

I saved the last spot for my husband, David, who not only wore many hats for this event but who patiently experienced the birth of ‘The Secret Ingredient’ over a period of many months. To those who have purchased the cookbook, I say thanks and may you always enjoy a hearty appetite and a love of cooking. To those who contributed your recipes, thank you for sharing your ‘secret ingredient.’

◆ Check your January calendar. Have you ever seen so many events—concerts, lectures, programs, meetings, sermons, satellite telecasts all in one month? The “stars” for this month are Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize winner for economics and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, appearing by satellite telecast from the 92<sup>nd</sup> St. Y on January 19 and January 28 at 8:00 PM respectively.



◆ The starring event is the January 10<sup>th</sup> Gala. You can get tickets online. Just call the Temple 383-3428. This is our major fundraising event.

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Morton B. Weiss  
Joseph Boardman  
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Fredrick Phillips  
Ruth Sticker  
Ike Saks  
Donnie Silbert  
James Katz  
Hilda Friedenthal  
Robert Shapiro  
Hannah Zinder

## January 8, 2010

Lillian Davidson  
Sam Kalowsky  
Rubin Bazarsky  
Jacob Benderly  
Alvin Bernstein  
Ann Libman  
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Hedwig Einstein

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Pauline Hilcoff  
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## January 22, 2010

Herbert Lee  
Irene Bader  
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Sam Berman  
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## January 29, 2010

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Jan 28



Ruth  
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A PROGRAM ON JEWS AND MUSLIMS/JUDAISM AND ISLAM

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FOR ITEMS AND EVENTS APPEARING IN THIS MONTH'S BULLETIN  
EACH EVENT MUST HAVE A SEPARATE CHECK**

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**LUNCH WITH  
THE RABBI**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 11  
12:30 PM**

Please save me a seat at Lunch with the Rabbi (**reservations are required**).

- I am a member and would like to sign up for this lunch @ \$7.
- I am a member and would like to sign up for this lunch and the next two luncheons @ \$21.
- I would like to join the Men's Club @ \$40

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEN'S CLUB  
SPEAKER**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
7:30 PM**

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

Please sign me up for the Samuel Norich Lecture (**reservations are required**).

- Cost for members \$15.00  Cost for non-members \$20.00
- No of seats \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us of your parents, grandparents or relatives who you remember reading the *Forward*. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BIW LUNCHEON**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
12:00 PM**

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

Please save me a seat at the BIW Luncheon (**reservations are required**)

- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) @ \$10.00 for BIW Member(s)
- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) @ \$12.00 for non members and guests
- Sign me up for BIW Membership for \$40.00.

No of seats \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**SCHOLAR  
IN  
RESIDENCE  
BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
9:30 AM**

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

Please sign me up for the Scholar In Residence Breakfast (**reservations are required**)

- Cost is \$10.00 per person

No of seats \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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