


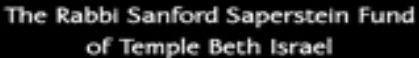


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Tue. Oct. 6, 8:15 pm  
Rabbi Harold Kushner  
On Fear



Wed, Oct. 14, 8 pm  
How to Change the World:  
Jeffrey Sachs with Howard Gardner



Mon, Oct. 26, 8 pm  
Michael B. Oren and  
Yossi Klein Halevi  
Thane Rosenbaum, moderator



Thu, Oct 29, 8 pm  
Alan Dershowitz vs.  
Dennis Prager:  
The Left, the Right and  
Judaism in America  
Les Gelb, moderator



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sometimes it takes my breath away...the whirlwind of activity in our temple fairly makes the building vibrate. The services, the programs, the classes, the meetings, the library, the gift shop...and I can go on and on.



It's obvious we have created a soul-stirring and mind-enriching environment for our congregation. What is not so obvious is all the volunteers who put so much time and energy into making our temple the dynamic place it is.

It would be impossible to give credit to all those who are responsible. They volunteer with full hearts and dedication. You can see them frequently at temple each working on his/her particular area of interest.

Summertime is a particularly good time to work on some of the projects that need attention. For example, our beautiful but unbelievably heavy front doors have now become as easy to open as pushing a button.

The Summer Program was varied and fun. Our activities give congregants the opportunity to participate in programs that are not offered during the rest of the season. This was largely the result of creative planning by Maye Lavinson.

Florence Katz and her committee continued the Temple Tuesday program during the summer...bringing homebound seniors to our synagogue for lunch and discussion. This is meaningful activity of the Senior Outreach Service.

Our gratitude to Ruth Engman who was responsible for securing bimah honors for our summer services and to Ralph Einstein who was frequently at temple attending to financial issues.

I could go on and, in doing so, mention many, many other volunteers to whom we owe so much. Please know your temple sincerely thanks you all...and so do I.

Thanks are due to the efforts of Charles Ackerman, past president, and the generosity of Nate Benderson.

You may have noticed recently our Yizkor Wall has brighter lights. Thank you to Richard Olin, who researched and implemented the change. Richard lends his talents to many aspects of temple life.

Bob Berns our new House Chair, was frequently at temple this summer keeping a sharp eye on our building's systems and making sure our maintenance expenses remain reasonable.

Organizing High Holyday arrangements such as bimah honors and ushering assignments is a major summer undertaking—kudos to past president Jerry Rosenthal, Joe Miller, Donald Kayton, Bob Chalphin, Ken Marsh, their committees and Men's Club. The smooth rhythm of the holidays attests to the success of their efforts.

**Elaine Weill**

# WORSHIP SERVICES

**FRIDAY EVENINGS 8:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 AM**

**Sukkot**

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 10:00 AM

**Simchat Torah / Yizkor**

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 10:00 AM

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

## LEADERSHIP CIRCLE PLAQUE BEING CRAFTED

A handsome plaque to recognize those who are part of the Temple's new Leadership Circle is under development, ready for unveiling at a luncheon ceremony in the Chanukah celebration period ahead. Almost 50 members have contributed over \$50,000 to the Temple's operating funds, making possible enriched activities in ritual, education, social and outreach.



Because like its predecessor program, The Pillars, this is a long term activity, an annual giving mechanism, it's important that there be Temple-wide understanding of the recognition procedures.

We will carefully proofread each name being inscribed, using the spelling in the Annual Directory. For couples, we will use the name of both the wife and the husband—for example, Marge & Bill Sandy. We will use the familiar rather than the formal name—Bill rather than William.

At the top of the plaque will be the recognition year. We start with 2010. So we recognize forward rather than backward—the honor is for the year ahead. This lets us close the plaque each year as late as October 31st, so if you know fellow congregants who want to be part of the Leadership Circle but didn't get around to it, there is still time to participate. As each new year is put at the heading of the plaque, technology permits members to change their giving levels—Gold, Silver and Bronze or to end their participation. Even though we use beautiful materials such as marble in the plaque, this one particular donor wall is always kept up-to-date, so we will not have a proliferation of plaques.

If you have a particular way you would like to have your name(s) shown, or you have any questions, please contact Mary in the Temple office or Temple Vice President Bill Sandy.

**Bill Sandy**



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

### THE STORY OF CAPTAIN HULL

Never before in human history has knowledge on virtually any topic been as accessible as it is today. The exponential growth of data processing and digital technology has placed entire libraries at our fingertips.

However, information is not necessarily wisdom and accessibility does not always produce surety. Many now feel awash amid a sea of on-line services, mushrooming cable channels and omnipresent cell phones. New Age technology has not precipitated a New Age peace of mind.

Sometimes, we allow our cyberspace mindset to inhibit trust in what has consistently served as a faithful source of guidance: our instincts and intuition. The story of Eleazar Hull suggests how we should balance our reliance on technology with a knowing wisdom gained from firsthand experience.

Hull was a revered sea captain during the era of the great sailing ships. He was renowned for completing cargo voyages from New Bedford, Massachusetts across the sea in record time. His understanding of the currents, winds, tides and vagaries of sailing was unsurpassed.

Though possessing no formal navigation training he was considered one of the most astute helmsmen among New England mariners. When asked how he steered his vessel so flawlessly over treacherous stretches of ocean he would reply, "I go up on deck, listen to the wind in the riggin', get a drift of the sea, take a long look at the stars, and then I set my course."

But Hull lived in an age of change. One year the advance of business caught up with him when insurance agents demanded he use the latest navigational equipment and meet prescribed standards of formal instruction. Much to their surprise and relief, Hull said he always wanted such schooling and to know something about science.

He studied diligently, graduating at the top of his class. He then returned to the sea and was away for a year-long voyage. On his return, many friends wondered how he liked navigating by the book after so many years doing it his way. "It was wonderful," he told them. "Whenever I wanted to know my course, I would go to my cabin, pull out my maps, work through the proper equations, and then set a course with mathematical and nautical precision. Then I would go up on deck listen to the wind in the riggin', get a drift of the sea, take a long look at the stars, and then correct my computations for errors."

At a time when we are inundated with expertise at every turn, it is important that we still take time to "listen to the wind in the riggin'." Don't shy away from trusting your instincts in deference to those who supposedly know so much more. In making decisions, rely on your own experience and powers of perception in addition to other information you may receive.

**Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

will be chock full of prominent speakers. telecasting live from the 92nd St. Y to the Temple. Mark your calendars with the following dates and topics and make your reservations by calling the Temple office at 383-3428.



**Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 8:15 PM:** Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of the best-selling book "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" will discuss his new book titled "Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World."

**Wednesday, October 14, 8:00 PM:** Harvard Professor Howard Gardner will conduct a one-on-one interview with Jeffrey Sachs based on the simple inquiry: "What can we learn from what you have achieved?"

**Monday, October 26, 8 PM:** Michael B. Oren, the new Israeli ambassador and distinguished journalist and author, Yossi Klein Halevy will discuss the world's obsession with Israel and the tempestuous politics of the Middle East. Halevi is a contributing editor and the Israeli correspondent of The New Republic.

**Thursday, October 29, 8 PM and Saturday, November 21, 8 PM:** Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law School Professor, will debate Dennis Prager, prominent talk show host, on subjects such as Zionism, democracy, torture, social justice and other pressing issues. Lee Gelb, author of several books on foreign policy, will moderate.

The second debate will pit Alan Dershowitz against Jeremy Ben Ami, American Foreign Policy expert and head of J Street, the new "liberal" Israel lobby. Eliot Spitzer, former governor of New York will moderate. Live audience members will be able to cast their votes to determine whether Dershowitz or his opponents made more convincing arguments.

These sessions are open to the community. Contact the Temple office at 383-3428 for further information. For more details, refer to the Temple website: [www.tbi-lbk.org](http://www.tbi-lbk.org).

**Doris White**

**BETH ISRAEL WOMEN**

Some new faces will be joining the leadership team for the coming 2009-2010 season:

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The officers and the Board of Trustees meet regularly on the first Monday of each month. Executive Committee meetings are called at the discretion of the President.

General Membership meetings, including the Paid-Up Membership Luncheon, take place on the third Monday of each month and include a program of interest.

**Sheila Zinder**

**BOOKS AND BROWN BAG**

Books and Brown Bag Bunch will hold its first meeting on Monday, November 9 at 1 p.m. *The Great Escape* by Kate Merton is the story of nine Hungarian Jews who escaped from Europe during the Nazi era. All these men made major contributions in their individual fields. Facilitator is Doris White. Participants can bring lunch; coffee and dessert will be available starting at 12:30 p.m.



**Gloria Sabin and Linda Berliner, Co-Chairs**

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI**

The first session of the ever-popular Lunch With the Rabbi series will occur on Monday, November 9th 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 subject in November will be U.S.-Israel Conflict on the Two-State Solution and Leveling Settlements.

Lunch is open to 2009-10 paid-up Men's Club members for a one-time fee of \$35 for all five lunches, using the coupon in the Bulletin. A coupon is also provided to pay your Men's Club dues of \$40 if you have not already done so. Separate checks for each would be appreciated made out to the TBI Men's Club.

**MEN'S CLUB**

***Shalom Again Klezmer and Dinner***

**November 8th at 5:00 PM**

At our annual welcome back for a new year of temple activity, we will greet, sing, dance (if you will) to the joyous freilich sounds of Klezmer, a product of Eastern European Yiddish Culture that our parents and grandparents brought with them to the United States in the 1880's. The music is complemented by wine, drinks and with your choice of a sumptuous roast chicken dinner or fish and dessert. Advance reservation: Temple members, \$20; At the Door and Non-Members, 25.00.\*

***Samuel Norich, Publisher of the Jewish Forward***

**Tuesday, January 19, 2:00 pm**

Meet and hear Mr. Norich tell the *Forward's* story and continued role as **the** Jewish Newspaper in the U.S. Founded in 1897 and still publishing today in English and Yiddish. It once boasted a readership even greater than the New York Times. It served as a major connection as the Jewish immigrant population grew particularly in New York and other cities in the first half of the 20th Century. The presentation is followed by a reception with Mr. Norich. Temple members, \$15; Non-members \$20.

***Men's Club Opera Night***

**Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm**

Mark your calendar now for this always sold-out performance by the Sarasota Opera Players back for its seventh year. Its continuing by-demand return tells the whole story.

***Classical Jewish Music from Biblical Times to the Present***

**Sunday, March 14. 3:00 pm**

Paul Green, accomplished clarinetist, faculty member of Florida Atlantic University demonstrates this music through video, recorded archives as well as live performance by him and his accompanist of Jewish Music from the Renaissance, classical eras as well as contemporary classical Jewish music. Followed by a wine and cheese reception with Paul Green.

***The First Basket, A Jewish Basketball Documentary***

**Sunday, April 11, 2:00 pm**

An entertaining and surprising account of the early days of Basketball. David Vyorst, its producer and director will add his comments and insights. He uses archival information and using the rich history of Jewish participation in basketball starting with the immigrants on New York's lower East Side and now its continued growth in Israel.

*\*Why the \$5.00 difference for advance reservation vs. at-the door pricing? Primarily our knowing up-front the response to the event makes planning more efficient. Over-ordering refreshments can be very expensive; under-ordering leads to unhappy people.*

**Donald Kayton**

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## The Gala



The frost hasn't gathered on the pumpkin yet, so to speak, but it's time to think about January, January 10, in particular. That night is **Gala Night** as you all probably know by now. Last summer, we raised the price of tickets, but this year, in acknowledgment of the financial problems in the country, we have left the price the same. We are hoping for a really good turnout, a chance for all to spend a lovely evening celebrating together. There will be no auction either. We aren't certain if that will help attendance or hurt it! But the food will be wonderful, the music quite danceable, and we hope to have a splendid evening.

This year the Gala is being handled by several of us. Each member of the committee has taken the responsibility for one aspect of the evening. All we need is **YOU** to make it a complete success. We hope to see you there.

**Judy Goldstein**



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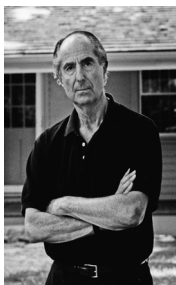


### OUR LIBRARY CAN ADD TO THE ENJOYMENT OF HOLIDAYS

Jewish Holidays are more fun when you understand more about them. This is the kind of help that is at your fingertips on the shelves of Temple Beth Israel's Library. For example, there is *The Sukkot/Simhat Torah Anthology* by Rabbi Phillip Goodman. Rabbi Goodman's anthology is a comprehensive overview of Sukkot and Simhat Torah. It celebrates these Jewish Holidays from the past to the present. There is a chapter of writings on Sukkot in Post-Biblical times, Sukkot in Talmud and Midrash, Sukkot in Medieval Jewish Literature, Sukkot in Jewish Law, the Liturgy, and Hasidic Tales and Teaching.

Also covered are Sukkot and Simhat Torah in Art, the development of the Sukkat, the holidays in many lands, poetry and short stories. The book is a valuable treasure for the understanding and feeling for these holidays. The call number is z243 GOO. Other books about Jewish Holidays are found close by with the same call numbers.

Another way to spark up your life is to curl up with a good book from a spellbinding Jewish author of the caliber of Philip Roth. Roth is noted for his insights into Jewish and American identity. He has won awards from the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle award, the PEN/Faulkner Award, and a Pulitzer Prize for his 1997 novel, *American Pastoral*. The Library owns *The Human Stain*, *The Plot Against America*, *American Pastoral*, *The Counterlife*, *Everyman*, *Exit Ghost*, *The Ghost Writer*, *I Married a Communist*, *My Life as a Man*, and *The Human Stain*. These books are in the Fiction Collection. There are also two biographies, *The Facts and Patrimony*, a *True Story*.



The books are here for you to enjoy.  
**Marjorie Sandy, Librarian**

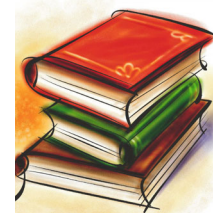
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to work in the BIW Judaica Shop. One day per week. Two hour shift. Monday thru Thursday. All applicants are welcome. Call Alice 954-3236 or Elise 358-6323. All help is greatly appreciated.



## MELTON PROGRAM AT TEMPLE BEGINS OCTOBER 28

The popular Florence Melton Adult Mini-School returns to the Temple on Tuesday October 27 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. The hallmark of this outstanding two-year Jewish learning program is its informative and provocative curriculum materials. This is not the Jewish education you received in religious school.



The two first year classes, Rhythms and Purposes, focus on Jewish observance and theology while the second year covers Ethics and Dramas (Jewish history).

The Melton School will meet at the Temple from October to mid March. Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Aaron Koplin will once again teach both first and second year students. The cost of the program is \$525.00. This tuition enables the Jewish Federation of Sarasota to contract with the Melton School to hold the program in our area and includes the extensive curriculum materials you will receive. Snacks and drinks are provided for each session.

Last year's classes at the Temple generated a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming back a large second year class and greeting many newcomers taking the first year. For more information and to register for the program please contact Rosa Mandelblum at the Federation at 371-4546.

## Rabbi Katz's weekly seminar resumes on Monday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m.

The seminar includes topics that touch on Jewish history, culture, and current events. The materials and discussion are often quite revealing.

There are no prerequisites, just an inquiring mind and an interest in exploring Judaism from multiple perspectives. It is always nice to call the office to convey your desire to attend. We look forward to another stimulating year.

## MEN'S CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

Starting Thursday, October 8th, at 7:00 PM the Men's Club will present a movie the second Thursday of each month.

Admission is free, and refreshments are provided. No reservations are required. The first movie is *The Reader*, an award-winning, R-rated movie with a Holocaust-related theme previously shown at the Burns Court Cinema.

## A TASTE OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

SAVE THE DATE-SUNDAY, NOV. 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am to 4pm

Surprises galore will greet you at the Beth Israel Women (BIW) annual HANUKAH HAPPENING!

Delicious food, prepared from our newly minted Cook Book, will be available for you to enjoy. The Cook Book will also be on display for your perusal and purchase.

Our BIW Gift Shop is chock-full of Holiday Items that will amaze you; items for Hanukah that include menorahs, candles, toys and beautiful crystal items and much, much more to enhance your holiday table. Our fun and famous Pink Elephant will return with a great number of used items and some new items as well for you to buy and enjoy.



Famous and luscious New York BABKAS will be back by popular demand and our inventory of slightly used BOOKS is fantastic! An excellent variety of SEE's Candy will sweeten your day of shopping. Our ORCHID LADY will be selling her colorful display of gorgeous plants, and our 50/50 raffle will also be included in the day's activity and fun!

There will be something for everyone. Bring your friends and family to enjoy this special day. The proceeds will enable BIW to continue their support of many local community charities. See you there-rain or shine! Plenty of parking available!

**Shirley Fein**

## 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.

## WOMEN ON OUR OWN

Thanks go to Women On Our Own (WOOO), under Maye Lavenson's very able leadership, for the donation of \$500 presented recently to the Board of Trustees.



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| <b>13</b> Mr. Michael Chisling    | <b>30</b> Ms. Molla Gelwarg      |
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| <b>7</b> Laurence & Jean DeLynn      |
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| <b>8</b> Herbert & Joan Sapstein     |
| <b>8</b> Art & June Stern            |
| <b>9</b> Martin & Marjorie Heller    |
| <b>14</b> Ev & Shirley Behrendt      |
| <b>18</b> Gerald & Suzette Seigel    |
| <b>20</b> Sam & Bunny Gourse         |
| <b>22</b> Howard & Betty Isermann    |
| <b>25</b> Melvin & Jan Goldsmith     |
| <b>25</b> Stanley & Maureen Siegel   |
| <b>30</b> Mort & Lillian Bloch       |



## Yahrzeits

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

### October 2, 2009

Helen Thall  
Sam Edelman  
Louis Miller  
David Colburn  
Ann Cutler  
Joseph Schwartz  
Fanny Gottfried  
Robert F. Green  
Freda Jacobson  
Maurice Mandle  
Esther Mandle  
Fanny Tarlofsky  
Sara Oper  
Syd Peterman  
David Peterman  
Hugo Roth  
Myron J. Salle  
David Cooper  
Harry Lenow  
Wendy Wallace

### October 9, 2009

Ruth Shub  
Phyllis Brodansky  
Louis H. Cohn  
Sarah Klein  
George Zetrin  
Ruth C. Salk  
Morton Silver  
Elmer Pollack  
Toby Rosen  
Lambert Schwartz  
Vivian C. Stein  
Sidney Sinick  
Morris Taub  
Milton Levine  
Rhoda Turow  
Dorothy Cohen  
Leo Goldstein  
Isador Cohen  
Morris Zippert

### October 16, 2009

Esther Benderly  
Susan Carol Benenson  
Milton Jacob  
Ben Zion Winer  
Herbert Edelstein  
Jason Abbott  
Willard Goodheim  
Louis Jacobson  
Stanley B. Loeser  
Sylvia Milter  
Albert Reiter  
Anna Rosenthal  
Jack Cohen  
Esther Salle  
Rosalie Sapp  
Samuel Seigel  
Eric Shoengood  
Lillian Kushner  
Alfred Tick  
Sylvia Milter

### October 23, 2009

Isaac Benderson  
Solomon J. Miller  
Mildred Edelman  
Samuel Lipschultz  
Minnie Epstein  
Seymour Roth  
Max Kohn  
Blanch Kohn  
Anne Heller  
Molly Horwitz  
Arthur Lieb  
Max Schmier  
Ruth Markus  
Nat Miller  
Sam Miller  
Herbert Setlow  
Goldie Piolet  
Jennie Pressman  
Ernst Heumann  
Edith Haas  
Stanley Eisler  
Herman Richter  
Frances Sabin  
Dina Beth Salle  
Jacob Hulitt  
Lina Wolf

### October 30, 2009

David Leavitt  
Stanley Miller  
Oscar Dinkin  
David Field  
Sophie Gass  
Dorothy Becker  
Harry Goldberg  
Max Weisman  
Lillian Kupperman  
William Green  
Jessie Licht  
Alexander Licht  
David Hamovit  
Albert Sroge  
Helen Lippe  
Labe Leibowitz  
Louise B. Cohen  
Suzanne Libit  
Audrey Frush Marcus  
Rolf Gottlieb  
Albert Orlin  
Harvey Pearlman  
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