

# The Shofar



## Temple Beth El Israel

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**December 2019**  
**KISLEV / TEVET 5780**

### Upcoming Events.....

#### December:

3	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10 AM
4	Brotherhood Board Meeting	7:30 PM
6	Family Service	7 PM
8	Treasure Coast Jewish Film Festival-Vero Beach	2 PM
10	Sisterhood Paid Membership Luncheon	12:30 PM
11	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 PM
15	<b>Brotherhood Health, Gift &amp; Craft Fair</b>	2 PM
17	Ritual Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
20	New Member Shabbat	7:30 PM
25	<b>Brotherhood Latkes/LoMein &amp; a Movie</b>	5 PM
	<b>Outdoor Chanukah "Candle" Lighting</b>	6 PM
27	<b>Chanukah candle lighting service</b>	7:30 PM

*Tickets for all events are available at the Temple office*

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Bruce Benson

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### ***From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson***

Another year is almost over - but that leaves much to look forward to. But first - a question.

And it's a war related question:

Who imagined and created the concept of guerilla warfare?

Answer at the bottom!

We Jews have two end-of-year days to experience self-reflection. Taking advantage of these opportunities gives us an opportunity to "reset" our goals and the trajectory of our life journey.

On one of those "New Year" celebrations, we enter into a period of deep review of our past year and create a hopeful and spiritual road to move, and hopefully jolt, us forward. It sends us into 10 days of deepening spirituality.

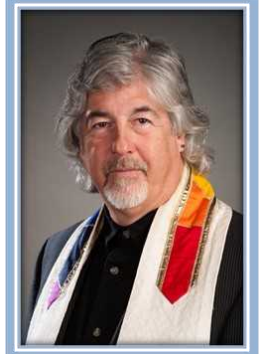
The other has become a time to celebrate and mark the passage of time. With parades and regality, we encourage joy and wish each other a Happy New Year, pretty much the same as for Rosh haShana. I don't know about you, but as I move through life's journey, I am growing far more connected to Rosh haShana than secular New Year. I like what it allows me to attempt. To become....

But to all, let us celebrate anyway - it's a good time to mark a date in our timeline and hope that our two New Years, together, will bring us the strength and resolutions we seek. So it is with our lives. Let us use the secular and religious, in tandem, to bring ourselves closer to the day when we can achieve all we want for our world, our families, and ourselves. That is my resolution for this New Year. To try and bring the two closer together. How about you?

On other notes:

Please help the temple stay as vibrant as it is and help it become even more so. Come to our special events. Rabbi Bob Alper is an old friend and a very funny man. Trust me.... Come see for yourself. Bring a few friends.

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*The President's Communication Corner .....*

December is the last month of 2019 but the beginning of the process to determine the slate for the 2020-2021 Board of Directors. Serving on the Board is a privilege and a responsibility. It takes time, involvement in temple activities, and commitment. And it can be very rewarding.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the TBEI Board of Directors, as either an officer or trustee, please pick up a "Request for Consideration" packet from the temple office. The packet includes a description and qualifications for each Board position as well as a form for you to complete.

Not sure if this is for you? Attend our monthly Board meetings to see what we do there, read the information in the packet, and then make your decision. The Nominating Committee is looking for people who will show responsibility, commitment to the temple, and leadership qualities. Are you one of them?

~Tobi

*Rabbi Benson's Cell Phone Number is: 561-601-8294*

**Our officer's phone numbers:**

Tobi Rettig ~ President	340-4372
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Sue Klatch ~ Treasurer	336-7175
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Belle Sidel/Maryann Polk ~ Sisterhood Co-Presidents	785-5337/908-279-3859
Ellis Bromberg/Len Epstein ~ Brotherhood Co-Presidents	414-218-2535/807-4713

*Help support the Temple.....*

*By participating in our  
programs and fund-raisers*

*Let's greet and make visitors (and our own members) feel welcome when they come to services, in the social hall, after services or after special events.*

*Invite people you don't know to sit with you and get to know the people that come to our Temple. Saving seats in the Social Hall for the people we already know is not the way to meet and get to know our fellow congregants and guests.*

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Thanksgiving rush is over and now Chanukah is just a few weeks away. The end of another secular year is only a few weeks away, as well.

This month we are looking forward to our Sisterhood Paid up Membership luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope all of the eligible members have made their reservations and lunch requests by now. We have planned this as a purely social event. A time to meet with old and new Sisterhood friends. Rabbi Benson has graciously consented to join us with his guitar for the afternoon. A big "Thank You" to Sue Schlein and Doris Haendel and members of the board for organizing the luncheon.

Our Sisterhood book club will be meeting Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Temple library at noon. We will be reviewing the book "Identical Strangers", by Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein. Thank you to Hermas Grayless for arranging to get the majority of the books we will be reading this year, from the Port St Lucie Public Library "Book in a Box" program.

Sisterhood usually sponsors the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat, but on December 13<sup>th</sup>, Sue Klatch will be sponsoring the Oneg in honor of her Birthday.

We wish our program chairperson, Dorothy Janin a speedy recovery.

Our first meeting of the new year will be January 14<sup>th</sup>. Save these dates; Our 2020 Sisterhood fund raisers will be a Mahjong/Card Party on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and our annual Fashion Show will be April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We wish you a Happy Chanukah and hope to see all TBEI Members at our Friday evening Onegs and upcoming Fund Raising Events.

Co-Presidents: Belle Sidel and Maryann Polk



You can celebrate your special occasion with your friends, fellow congregants and/or relatives at an Oneg on a Friday Night at TBEI.

For a minimum of \$75 you can sponsor your special event. Why not sponsor an Oneg with friends for a joint celebration?

Two weeks prior notice would be greatly appreciated.

Please call or email the Sisterhood Co-Presidents to make arrangements.



*Can you spare an hour a month to help set-up the Oneg on Friday mornings?  
The Sisterhood needs volunteers . If you're available let Belle or Maryann know.*

### TBEI Sisterhood Book Club



**Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019  
at 12:00 pm**

December's Book is:

**Identical Strangers** by Paula Bernstein

January's Book is:

**Undress Me In the Temple of Heaven** by Susan J. Gilman

For more information please call

Belle Sidel 772-785-5337 or Hermes Grayless 713-447-4507

The New Enjoyment Books are here  
They are on sale in the Judaica Shop



**\$35**

**\$35**

*We have many new & beautiful  
items in the Judaica Shop*

*Stop in and browse*

## BROTHERHOOD NEWS :

The Brotherhood had a very well attended meeting on November 19 featuring an excellent presentation about Florida's hurricanes from Mike Lyons, Chief Meteorologist at WPBF/Channel 25.

And we're looking forward to two major events in December! On December 15, we're holding our 2019 HEALTH, GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR from 2-6 pm, which should be fun and interesting for all! Admission is free. Let the Temple Office know if you'd like to have a booth or be a sponsor of the event.

Then, on December 25, plan to join us for our LATKES AND LO MEIN DINNER AND A MOVIE. Starting at 5 pm, we'll celebrate Chanukah with the lighting of Chanukiahs inside and outside, and latkes; and the typical "Jewish December 25," with a delicious Chinese dinner and a film, the classic comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* starring Zero Mostel and Phil Silvers. The cost is \$18/person; \$5 for children 12 and under. The sign-up deadline is December 18. Hope to see you there!

Ellis Bromberg  
TBEI Brotherhood Co-president



For more information about  
what's happening in the Temple  
check out the flyers  
in this issue of the Shofar



DON'T MISS OUR CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING  
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH  
FOLLOWING THE BROTHERHOOD LATKES & LO MEIN DINNER  
Beginning at 5 PM  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE TEMPLE OFFICE

**AND SAVE THE DATE !!!!**

**FEBRUARY 28th - SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA POT LUCK DINNER**

PLEASE.....

Notify the Temple office or call the Rabbi if a family member, or if you are aware, a fellow congregant is ill, has had an accident, or is in need of the Rabbi's services.  
The Rabbi can only help if he is informed that he is needed.



# **SISTERHOOD PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 12:30 PM

This luncheon is a thank you to all the ladies who have joined our Sisterhood. There will be NO charge.

A boxed lunch will be catered by Bagel Break.

## **PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:**

- Tuna salad
- Egg salad
- Chicken salad

All salads come on a bagel and include chips and a cookie.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FOR THIS LUNCHEON IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019.** No reservations will be taken after that.

If you are planning to attend, please call Doris Haendal at 772-344-8857, and tell her your salad choice from the list above.

**This past month:**



*Our Ohel Moed students participating during the Family Service on the first Friday in November.*



*Our Ohel Moed students practicing for the Family Service on the first Friday in December with Rabbi Benson and their teacher Rhoda*



If you take pictures at any of our functions, please send them to me so we can all share your photos. Send them to: [faithkrumenacker@comcast.net](mailto:faithkrumenacker@comcast.net)



**Stop in and visit our Judaica Shop for your Chanukah shopping.  
We have many new and beautiful items on sale.  
If you can't come in on a Friday night before services call for an appointment**

**Linda 871-1205**

**Faith 343-7639**

Join us for  
Shabbat.



*Upcoming Family services  
will be on the following dates:*

**2019**  
December 6th

**2020**  
January 10th  
February 7th  
March 6th  
April 3rd  
May 1st  
June 1st



*Friday night Torah services  
(usually the 3rd Friday each month):*

**2019**  
December 20th

**2020**  
January 17th  
February 21st  
March 20th  
April 17th  
May 15th  
June 19th

**WE HAVE SO MANY GREAT EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS**

**JOIN US AND SUPPORT OUR FUNCTIONS**

**The Shaofar** has updates each month with corrections, new addresses and/or phone numbers, and new member information for you to add to your Temple Telephone Directory to keep it current.

**Welcome New Member:**

Claire Falik  
10535 SW Sunray Street  
Port St Lucie, FL 34987  
561-313-1039

Temple Beth El Israel  
Membership Directory



**Welcome Back:**

Arnalda Alwood  
180 SW Dalton Circle  
Port St Lucie, FL 34953  
772-873-5218

**Welcome all new and  
returning members to  
our TBEI family.**

*Don't forget to bring  
your Chanukiah to  
temple on Friday night  
December 27th*



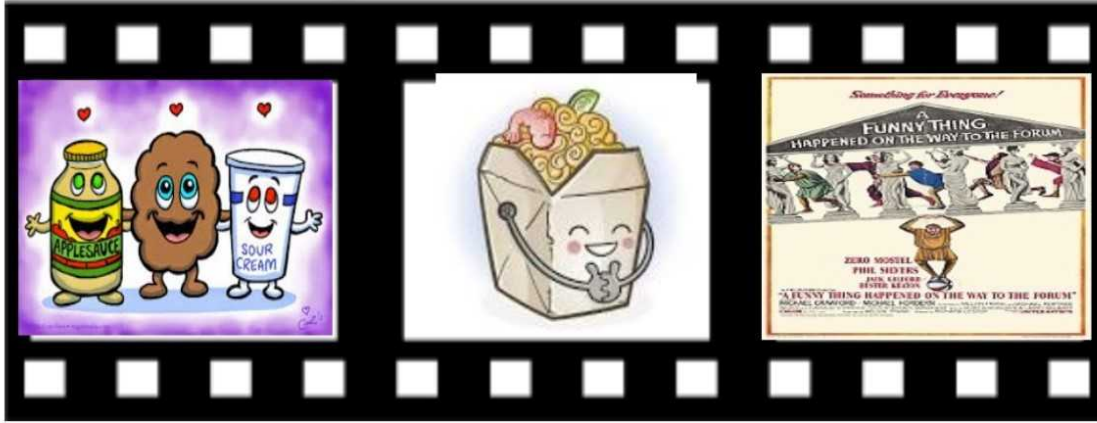
*We'll supply the candles*

**DO A "JUBER" MITZVAH ~ ~**

**IF YOU LIVE IN A COMMUNITY, OR NEAR WHERE SOMEONE ELSE LIVES, WHO CAN'T DRIVE AT NIGHT OR JUST NEEDS A RIDE TO GET TO THE TEMPLE, PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE TO FIND OUT IF YOU CAN HELP ANOTHER MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME TO SERVICES.**

# TBEI Brotherhood Presents

## Latkes, **Lo Mein** & **A Movie**



Wednesday, December 25, Starting at 5 PM

**\$18 per person / \$5 for children under 12**  
**Buy tickets at the TBEI office Monday – Friday 10 AM to 4 PM**  
**by Wednesday, December 18**

Or online at [HTTPS://tbei-103383.square.site](https://tbei-103383.square.site)

**Join the TBEI family as we light the Chanukah candles,  
dine on Latkes, Chinese food and dessert.**

**Then enjoy the classic comedy film:  
*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum***

**Temple Beth El Israel**  
**551 SW Bethany Drive, St Lucie West 34986**  
**772-336-2424**



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In February, international star, JULIE BUDD is coming to perform for us at the Lyric theater. As an internationally known star, she, through an extraordinary career, has performed with Frank Sinatra, Joan Rivers, appeared on the Johnny Carson show, has AMAZING stories to tell, still sings all over the world and is coming to us from a performance in LAS VEGAS. JULIE BUDD IS the real deal. She is also one of the kindest, most giving people I've ever had the opportunity to know. She is helping us make this a big – no, a *huge* success. Let us help her help us.

As God said to the man that complained that God never let him win a ticket, the answer was: Help me a bit - BUY A TICKET. Let's take God at his word and take a chance. BUY THE TICKET.

In answer to the question: it was.....Judah the Maccabee. They built tunnels under the old city about 200 yards from the temple walls, would come out, do their work and disappear under a barrel for none to see. (I know what you're thinking - but it's true)

Have a wonderful secular New Year, put a little Rosh haShana in it and be safe.)

Rabbi B

**Our Judaica Shop has a large selection of Chanukah items that are great for gifts and Chanukah candles at very discounted prices!!**



### **This past month:**



Mike Lyons, Chief Meteorologist at WPBF - ABC was the speaker at the Brotherhood General Meeting last month and was very informative and interesting.



We celebrated Evelyn, Faith & Rochelle's Birthdays this past month





Temple Beth El Israel



ADULT EDUCATION

# Anti – Semitism

**A Comprehensive Analysis of the Causes  
and Consequences of Anti-Semitism  
Through the Ages—From the Greco-Roman  
Period to the Present Day.**



**A Ten Lecture Series**

**On Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 11.a.m.**

**On the following Dates:**

November 6  
November 13  
November 20

December 4  
December 11  
December 18

January 8  
January 15  
January 22  
January 29



**Presented by Dr. Larry Giltman**

This course is free. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# TREASURE COAST JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday  
December 8

Refreshments  
2:00 PM

Film  
2:30 PM



Temple Beth Shalom

Vero Beach

772-569-4700

## THE TOBACCONIST

A moving drama about loss of innocence. Seventeen year old Franz journeys to Vienna to apprentice at a tobacco shop. There he meets cigar smoking Sigmund Freud, a regular customer, and over time the two very different men form a singular friendship. When Franz falls desperately in love with the music-hall dancer Anezka, he seeks the advice from the renown psychoanalyst, who admits the female sex is as big a mystery to him as it is to Franz. As political and social conditions in Austria dramatically worsen with the Nazis arrival in Vienna, Franz, Freud, and Anezka are swept into the maelstrom of events and each has a big decision to make: to stay or to flee.

Please visit our remarkable website at [www.tcjff.com](http://www.tcjff.com)  
See trailers, schedule and much more.

DONATIONS ARE \$6.00 PER PERSON

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There will be a discussion, led by the Rabbis, following the film.

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## HEALTH GIFT & CRAFT FAIR



Sunday  
December 15, 2019



FROM 2PM-6PM

YOU COULD WIN ONE OF  
OUR PRIZES OR **GRAND**  
**PRIZE OF 50% OF RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS SOLD.**

TICKET

To buy raffle tickets, become a sponsor  
or arrange a display space contact the  
Temple office **772-336-2424** Monday  
thru Friday 10am-4pm.

HOME DEPOT  
KID ZONE

PSL Sheriff Dog Show

FUN FOR EVERYONE INSIDE AND OUT!

*December Birthdays*

- 1 Claire Ann Kreiss
- 4 Linda Greenwald
- 5 Ellis Bromberg
- 8 Patricia Karet
- 9 Ednah Ashley
- 10 Judith Orange
- 10 Hannah L. Pollack
- 12 Keith Ashley
- 12 Suzanne Klatch
- 14 Robin Tosky
- 15 Michael Cohn
- 16 Diane Goldberg
- 18 Arnold Marks
- 18 Michael Seigel
- 18 Alice Tartak
- 20 Susan Polakow
- 23 Lauren McFadden
- 25 Katherine Isenburg
- 30 Sandy Solon
- 30 Daniel Wolf



CONGRATULATIONS

*December Anniversaries*



- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Simon Beauchamp
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lippman
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Silverberg



If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed in the Shofar contact the Temple office and ask to have your special day included on our list.



*OOPS.....*

*Did you pick up the wrong tallit bag on Yom Kippur after the break-fast? Please check your tallit bag to see if it's yours. The bag that's missing belongs to Len Epstein and has his name tag in it.*

*If you mistakenly took the wrong bag, please return it to the temple.*

*Thank you for checking.....*

*Len Epstein*

Thank you to the following members for sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush in the past month:

- Ohel Moed Parents
- Sisterhood
- Stu Schechter in honor of Tobi, Evelyn & Faith's Birthdays



*A grateful thank you to everyone that has been helping at our Bingo game. Our game has been very successful and we could use help whenever you are able to give some time - any Monday between the hours of 5:30 and 9:15.*

**IDA RUBIN BOOK OF LIFE**

GET WELL WISHES TO ROZ INFELD:

Ruth Siegel & Naomi Saphire  
Doris Haendel  
Karol & Richard Levine



GET WELL RICHARD SCHNABOLK:

Ruth Siegel & Naomi Saphire  
Cecile & Sam Levy  
Ferne & Bill Barishman  
Doris Haendel  
Karol & Richard Levine

**PLEASE CALL KAROL LEVINE  
TO SEND IDA RUBIN CARDS  
240-285-3039**

GET WELL TO RENE SAFEER:

Doris Haendel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVELYN POULTER & FAITH KRUMENACKER

Rochelle Lustig

GET WELL TO CECILE LEVY:

Karol & Richard Levine  
Ferne & Bill Barishman

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO RABBI BENSON:

Ferne & Bill Barishman

**LEAH WILLIAMSON  
CHAPTER OF HADASSAH**

The next General Meeting is  
Tuesday, January 28th  
at 12:30 pm

The speaker will be Gavin Gumbinner  
Supervisory special agent for the FBI

Brotherhood & Sisterhood are invited

We wish everyone a  
Happy Chanukah!!

Arlene Schweitzer & Sue Schwartz  
Co-Presidents



*Please call Miriam Cassel  
at 336-3819 to volunteer  
for a Haftorah reading.*

**DECEMBER ONEG SPONSORS  
HAFTORAH READERS & KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

SPONSOR/OCCASION	HAFTORAH READER/SPONSOR/OCCASION
<b>12/6</b> Oneg Sponsored by Ohel Moed Parents	<b>12/7</b> Read by Judy Mendelson Kiddush sponsored by Hannah Pollack In honor of her Birthday
<b>12/13</b> Oneg Sponsored by Sue Klatch in honor of her Birthday	<b>12/14</b> Read by Marvin Mendelson Kiddush sponsored by friends of Rosalye Sapiro in her memory
<b>12/20</b> Oneg Sponsored by Temple Membership Committee In honor of our new members	<b>12/21</b> Read by Richard Levine Kiddush sponsored by Ritual
<b>12/27</b> Oneg Sponsored by Sisterhood	<b>12/28</b> Read by Saul Bronstein Kiddush sponsored by Ritual In honor of Dan Wolf's 97th Birthday

Temple Beth El Israel  
*PRESENTS*

# Rabbi & Comedian Bob Alper

Saturday  
January 11, 2020  
7:00 p.m.  
Tickets \$25



**Robert "Bob" Alper** has a unique background. He is an ordained rabbi who served congregations in the northeast for 14 years and then began working full time as a comedian for the next 30 years. He still leads annual High Holy Days' services and bills himself as "the world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy—intentionally."

He has a wide following and has performed to adoring audiences all across North America—at corporate events, theatres, conventions, private events, churches, and, naturally, synagogues.

Tickets are available at the Temple office.

551 SW Bethany Drive, Port St. Lucie Tel: (772) 336-2424  
Office hours: Mon-Thurs 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Friday night Candle Lighting Schedule:



December:

6	5:11 pm
13	5:13 pm
20	5:18 pm
27	5:20 pm

Lighting the Shabbat Candles:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם  
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וציוונו  
להדליק נר של שבת: (אמן)

Baruch ata Adonay, Eloheynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitz-votuv, v'tzivanu l'hadlik nayr shel Shabbat.

Praised are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through the Mitzvot, and enjoined upon us the kindling of the Shabbat lights.



**ADULT ED IS BACK!!**

Dr Larry Giltman will continue to present a lecture series entitled:

*A Comprehensive analysis of the causes and consequences of Anti-Semitism through the ages:*

*From the Greco-Roman period to the present day.*

*The remaining dates of this course are on the following dates: December 4, 11, and 18, January 8, 15, 22 and 29.*

There is no charge for this course.

Our new Shofar advertising year begins with the September issue.

If you or anyone you know would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter please contact the Temple office for details.

Rates are as follows per year:

- FULL PAGE.....\$325.00
- HALF PAGE.....\$200.00
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faithkrumenacker@comcast.net



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# Good Yom Tov

wishing all a Happy Chanukah  
from your Sisterhood friends at TBEI

Ferne & Bill Barishman

Debbie Brateman

Miriam & Arno Cassel

Linda & Bernie Chazin

Cynthia & Martin Cohen

Fran Cooper

Eve & Len Epstein

Hermas Grayless

Linda & Edward Greshes

Doris Haendel

Kathy & Ray Isenburg

Dorothy Janin

Carol & Marty Kahn

Pat Karet

Eileen Katzman

Marian & Benjamin Kirman

Sue Klatch

Faith Krumenacker

Karol & Richard Levine

Cecile & Sam Levy

Judy & Marvin Mendelson



Elaine & Gerald Morton

Judy Orange

Maryann Polk

Evelyn Poulter

Tobi Rettig

Bernice Rosmarin

Rona & Ronald Rothenberg

Rene & Harvey Safeer

Naomi Sapphire

Susan & David Schlein

Sue & Les Schwartz

Belle Sidel

Ruth Siegel

Lauretta & Arnold Silverberg

Sandy Solon

Fran Tama

Alice Tartak

Meta & Vic Thomas

Ronni Winer &

Ray Feldman

Harriet Zbarsky



For a \$5 donation you can still be listed in the  
Passover issue of the Shofar

## CHANUKAH.....

The kindling of the Menorah is the focal point of the Chanukah holiday, symbolizing religious freedom and the strength of the Jewish spirit. The menorah is kindled on each of the eight nights of Chanukah. This year Chanukah begins on Sunday night, December 22nd. The candles are lit right after sunset and usually stay lit for at least a half hour after sunset. The Chanukah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles and after the Havdalah candle at the end of Shabbat. The candles are lit from left to right.

The background of the flyer is a colorful illustration featuring various Mahjong tiles and playing cards. At the top, there are tiles with the characters '伍萬' (50,000), a circular floral tile, a red diamond tile with '10', and a green dragon tile with '5'. On the right, a woman in a green crown and patterned dress holds a tile with a blue bird and a green lotus. On the left, a tile with the character '中' (Chung) is visible. At the bottom, a man in a green crown holds a tile with three green circles, and another tile with '三萬' (30,000) is shown. To the right, a tile with '六萬' (60,000) and '九萬' (90,000) is visible, along with a tile with '見我' (See me).

Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Israel

*Presents*

## MahJong/Card Party

**CATERED BY TOO JAYS**

**Tuesday, February 11th  
at 11:30 a.m.**

**Tickets - \$20 per person**

**Tickets available at the Temple Office**

**Open 10-4 Monday to Thursday ~ 10-3 Friday**

**551 SW Bethany Drive**

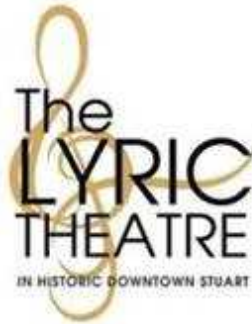
**Port St Lucie**

**772-336-2424**

**Ticket deadline is February 5th**

# Julie Budd

*In Concert at*



***Saturday***  
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***7:00 p.m.***

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### ***Our Monthly TBEI Library Book Review.....by Sheilah Korinow***

The book I have chosen to review is Jewish Humor - What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews, written by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Because our Temple is welcoming Rabbi and comedian Bob Alper on January 11th, I thought this might be helpful in examining the important facets of Jewish Humor and understanding more about its use. As Sigmund Freud wrote about Jewish jokes: "I do not know whether there are many other instances of a people making fun to such a degree of its own character." This is the subject of Jewish Humor. Rabbi Telushkin, as the cover states, "identifies the keystones of Jewish character: family love and torments, relations with God; the push of anti-Semitic oppression and the pull of assimilation; chutzpah and its flipside, self-denigration; the love of learning, the passion for arguing, the commitment to justice - and others."

There are a number of specific issues that Rabbi Telushkin addresses. As the book states, among them are:

- How Jews cope with persecution and discrimination
- How Jews view money and financial success
- What Jews think about sex
- How Jews see rabbis and other religious leaders
- What Jews think about violence
- What Jews think about assimilation and intermarriage with non-Jews
- How Jews see each other

I recommend reading the list of chapters on pp. 11 and 12 - each one has an interesting name and in italics lists the topics to which the chapter refers. For example, one chapter is "Oedipus, Shmoedipus, as Long as He Loves His Mother": 'The Inescapable Hold of the Jewish Family'

Topic: *Between Parents and Children*

I also recommend reading the Introduction - "What is Jewish about Jewish Humor"? In it, we find that Rabbi Telushkin states there is no one sentence that can capture the essence of Jewish humor. He writes that "Jewish humor reveals a great *many* truths about the Jews, but no *one* great truth" - and some important truths are left out. However, the issues Jews really think about are expressed in Jewish humor. And what makes a joke Jewish? Rabbi Telushkin writes: "Obviously, it must apply to Jews, but more significantly, it must express a Jewish sensibility." This sensibility concerns subjects and values that receive "disproportionate attention" among Jews - such as: anti-Semitism, financial success, verbal aggression, and assimilation. Again, these are very significant topics for Jews. Jews feel anxious about these subjects - and what does one do to deal with anxieties and fears? You laugh at them. Thus, they are less threatening.

Other jokes have nothing to do with Jewish anxieties, writes Rabbi Telushkin, "but they reflect the distinctive thought patterns of the Jewish mind." Don't forget, though, many non-Jews share one or more Jewish obsessions, making Jewish jokes attractive to them. However, it is said that over the last 50 years or more, some 80% of the country's top comics have been Jews.

Rabbi Telushkin discusses the issue of telling ethnic jokes with the dangers of negative stereotyping. Also, there are self-critical jokes which, the book states, Freud claims are "one of the distinguishing and characteristic features of Jewish humor." As you can see, before you even start looking at the chapters, a cohesive discussion is presented just in the Introduction.

Within the chapters, you will find numerous jokes, but this book also includes a logical discussion about each joke, which I think are enjoyable to read. The explanations of the jokes make you appreciate what it's all about. Here are some examples of the humor in the book.

1. How do we know Jesus was Jewish? Four reasons:
  - a. He was thirty, unmarried, and still living with his mother
  - b. He went into his father's business
  - c. He thought his mother was a virgin
  - d. And his mother thought he was God

Here's a reflection on the Jewish psyche:  
2. What's a Jewish telegram?  
Answer: It reads, "Letter to follow. Start worrying."

And from the world of business:

3. Levine meets his friend Schwartz.
 

"I heard your factory burned down." he says.  
"Sh,sh" Schwartz answers, looking around anxiously.  
"Next week."

Relating to materialism:  
4. A Jewish man goes into an expensive store.  
"I want to buy your finest Montebanc pen for my wife's birthday." he tells the salesman.  
"That'll certainly be a big surprise," the salesman says.  
"It certainly will. She's expecting a mink coat."

Relating to self contempt:

5. I grew up to have my father's looks, my father's speech patterns, my father's posture, my father's opinions, and my mother's contempt for my father,

There are even Jewish curses:

6. May all your teeth fall out, except one. And that should ache!
7. May you win a lottery and spend all of it on doctors!
8. You should have a lot of money, but should be the only one in your family with it!

I can't even begin to tell you how many great jokes there are in this book. But even more important are the discussions that accompany them. The reader can certainly see Jewish humor from all angles. Who doesn't enjoy laughing - in fact, it's healthy for you! Oh, and don't forget to buy a ticket to see Rabbi Alper who will be at our temple on January 11th.

To check out this book, please remember it is now located standing on the 4th shelf, 3rd section of the library as you enter on the left. Remove the slip from the small wooden box next to it, fill it out, and then return the slip to the box. When you finish reading the book, place it where you originally found it.

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a complicated relationship between an aging father and his special-needs son, whom he abandoned while he was still a young boy.



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March 15, 2020  
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Vero Beach

*The Samuel Project* is a story about a boy who gets to know his grandfather for the first time when he makes him the subject of an animated art project for his school.

*Refuge* tells the story of a Jewish-American woman who moves to Vienna and befriends an Ethiopian Jewish refugee.



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*Humor Me* is a comedy about an aging, widowed father who refuses to engage emotionally with his recently divorced son – and who is desperate for approval.



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January 7th	<i>Undress Me In the Temple of Heaven</i>	<i>Susan J. Gilman</i>
February 4th	<i>Blackbird House</i>	<i>Alice Hoffman</i>
March 3rd	<i>Don't Stop the Carnival</i>	<i>Herman Wouk</i>
April	~ No Meeting ~	
May 5th	<i>People of the Book</i>	<i>Geraldine Brooks</i>
June 2nd	<i>We Were the Lucky Ones</i>	<i>Georgia Hunter</i>

All books except for the November and May books (which need to be purchased) are complimentary from the St. Lucie Library System "Book-in-a-box"

The book club meets following the Sisterhood Board meetings at 12 noon in the Temple library.





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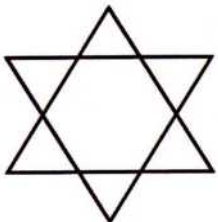
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Doris L. Sawicki  
Rose Schumer  
Rosalie Sherman  
Morris Siegel  
Ruth Silverberg  
Mildred Sklar  
Mamie Slomowitz  
Ida Solon  
Sadie Staiman  
Clara Trachtenberg  
Billie Weinberg  
Arthur Weinshank  
Ralph Wishnia

12/7-12/13

David Belsky  
Maurice Brateman  
Phyllis Cooper  
Harry Firestein  
Arthur Fuss  
Sylvia Giltman  
Sophia Goldman  
Elizabeth Graner  
Frieda Hartog-  
sohn  
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### Yahrzeit

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12/14 -12/20

Gay K. Barland  
Jeanne Berger  
Bess Berson  
David Bieber  
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Dr. Bradley Timpf  
Lillian Tornansky  
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Florence Zarovsky



12/21 -12/27

Irving Barenberg  
Bernard Bernheim  
William Birnbaum  
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Edward Cagan  
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Grace Dabrusin  
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Sylvia Hartogsohn  
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Ceil Lesser  
Beatrice Lisansky  
Margaret Meadow  
Rabbi Max Meyer  
Martin Moskowitz  
Betty Prepon  
Rhoda Saxe  
Harry Schneider  
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12/28 -1/3

Albert Axler  
Bernard Baloff  
Milton Barishman  
Tillie Baron  
Esther Beauchamp  
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Rose Brandsschain  
Fannie Brown  
Andrea L. Camras  
Jose' Miguel Da Cesia  
Harry Fields  
Max Fink  
Rissa Fink  
Frances Friedman  
Franklin Geltman

12/28 -1/3

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Harry Halper  
Richard Handler  
Bertha Jacobs  
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Lillian R. Kanarek  
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Joseph Klein  
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Irving Lerner  
Pearl Honig Levine  
Eugene Levitt  
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Eva Pieck  
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Sandra Puchaski  
Emma Rubin  
Meyer Rubin  
Sima Rubin  
Irving Schnapp  
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Joe Selkin  
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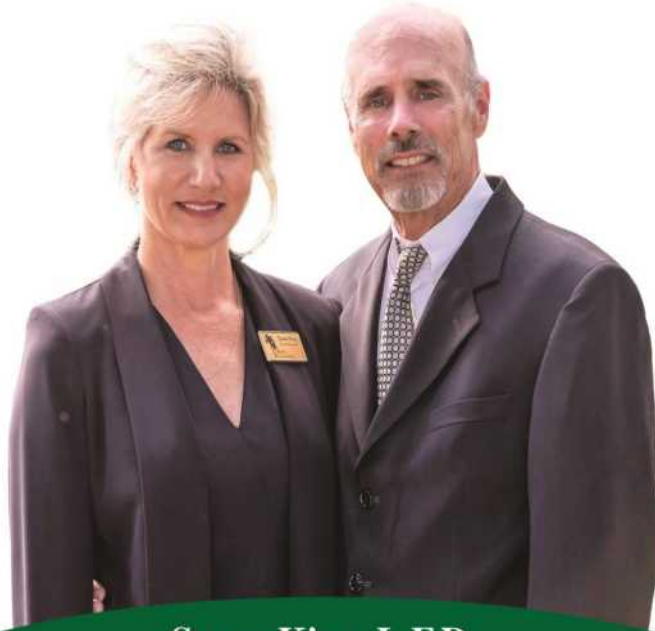
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<b>8</b> 10 KISLEV 9:30 AM Sanctuary Rental 2 PM Treasure Coast Jewish Film Festival - Vero Beach 6 PM Sanctuary Rental 	<b>9</b> 11 KISLEV 12:30 PM Bridge 5:30 PM Bingo	<b>10</b> 12 KISLEV 12:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting 6 PM Ohel Moed	<b>11</b> 13 KISLEV 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 10 AM Adult Ed "Anti-Semitism" 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting	<b>12</b> 14 KISLEV 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Weight Watchers	<b>13</b> 15 KISLEV 5:11 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Service	<b>14</b> 16 KISLEV Vayishlach 9 AM Torah Study 9:30 AM Ohel Moed 10 AM Service
<b>15</b> 17 KISLEV 2 PM Brotherhood's Health, Gift and Craft Fair 9:30 AM Sanctuary Rental 	<b>16</b> 18 KISLEV 12:30 PM Bridge 5:30 PM Bingo	<b>17</b> 19 KISLEV 6 PM Ohel Moed 7:30 PM Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>18</b> 20 KISLEV 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 10 AM Adult Ed - "Anti-Semitism" 12:30 PM Bridge	<b>19</b> 21 KISLEV 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Weight Watchers	<b>20</b> 22 KISLEV 5:14 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Torah Service 	<b>21</b> 23 KISLEV Vayeshev 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
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<b>29</b> 1 TEVET Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 2 9:30 AM Sanctuary Rental	<b>30</b> 2 TEVET Chanukah - Day 8 12:30 PM Bridge 5:30 PM Bingo 	<b>31</b> 3 TEVET 				

# January 2020 4 Tevet 5780 - 5 Shevat 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Happy New Year!!</p>		<b>1</b> <small>4 TEVET</small>  New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> <small>5 TEVET</small> 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Weight Watchers	<b>3</b> <small>6 TEVET</small>  <b>5:22</b> 12:30 PM Bridge <b>7 PM Family Service</b> 	<b>4</b> <small>7 TEVET</small>  Vayigash 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
<b>5</b> <small>8 TEVET</small> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Rental <b>1 PM Sunday Bingo</b> 	<b>6</b> <small>9 TEVET</small> 12:30 PM Bridge 5:30 PM Bingo	<b>7</b> <small>10 TEVET</small>  Fast of the Tenth of Tevet 6 PM Ohel Moed <b>10 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting</b> 12 PM Sisterhood Book Club	<b>8</b> <small>11 TEVET</small> 8:30 AM Weight Watchers <b>10 AM Adult Ed - "Anti-Semitism"</b> 12:30 PM Bridge <b>7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting</b>	<b>9</b> <small>12 TEVET</small> 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Weight Watchers	<b>10</b> <small>13 TEVET</small>  <b>5:27</b> 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Service	<b>11</b> <small>14 TEVET</small>  Veyechi 9 AM Torah Study 9:30 AM Ohel Moed 10 AM Service <b>7 PM Rabbi/Comedian Bob Alper</b> 
<b>12</b> <small>15 TEVET</small> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Rental <b>2 PM Treasure Coast Jewish Film Festival - Stuart</b> 	<b>13</b> <small>16 TEVET</small> 12:30 PM Bridge 5:30 PM Bingo	<b>14</b> <small>17 TEVET</small> 6PM Ohel Moed <b>12:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting</b>	<b>15</b> <small>18 TEVET</small> 8:30AM Weight Watchers <b>10 AM Adult Ed - "Anti-Semitism"</b> 12:30 PM Bridge	<b>16</b> <small>19 TEVET</small> 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Weight Watchers	<b>17</b> <small>20 TEVET</small>  <b>5:32</b> 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Torah Service	<b>18</b> <small>21 TEVET</small>  Shemot 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
<b>19</b> <small>22 TEVET</small> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Rental	<b>20</b> <small>23 TEVET</small>  Martin Luther King Day Office Closed 12:30 PM Bridge 5:30 PM Bingo	<b>21</b> <small>24 TEVET</small> 6 PM Ohel Moed <b>1 PM Brotherhood General Meeting</b> <b>7:30 PM Ritual Committee Meeting</b>	<b>22</b> <small>25 TEVET</small> 8:30 AM Weight Watchers <b>10 AM Adult Ed - "Anti-Semitism"</b> 12:30 PM Bridge	<b>23</b> <small>26 TEVET</small> 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Weight Watchers <b>7 PM Cemetery Board Meeting</b>	<b>24</b> <small>27 TEVET</small>  <b>5:38</b> 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Service	<b>25</b> <small>28 TEVET</small>  Va'era 9 AM Torah Study 9:30 AM Ohel Moed 10 AM Service
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