

THE MESSENGER

The Official Newsletter of Temple Beth Sholom | Sarasota, FL

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March Programs at TBS

March 5, 12, 19, 26 - 10:30 am - Jewish History with Rabbi Stuart Altshuler - **In-Person and via Zoom**

March 5, 12, 19, 26 - 12:30 pm - Mah Jongg - **Registrations Requested**

March 6, 13, 27 - 10:30 am - Jewish Ethics with Rabbi Stuart Altshuler - **In-Person and via Zoom**

March 9 - 12:00 pm - "Jana Paley, Volunteer #4023 Reporting for Duty" Jana Paley shares her personal Experience volunteering in Israel following the October 7th attack - **During Kiddush**

March 9 - 7:30 pm - Recital for Israel with Cantorial Student Leo Dworsky

March 12 - 11:30 am - Interview with Michael Freer, former representative of the largest Jewish population in the UK - **via Zoom**

March 14 - 1:30 pm - TBS' Distinguished Speaker Series with Daniel Gross - **via Zoom**

March 17 - 9:30 am - TBS Men's Club Breakfast program "Burt Bacharach - Top of The Charts" with Howie Friedman - **Registrations Requested**

March 23 - 6:30 pm - Purim Celebration "Esther Barbie & The Pink Pour-im Party" - **Free and Open to the Public**

March 30 - 12:00 pm - JNF Israel Update: What We Saw & Did during Our February Tour with Josh Mellits & Ned Holstein - **During Kiddush**



To keep up to date with all the great things happening at Temple Beth Sholom please visit our website, www.tbssrq.org or scan the QR code.



RABBI'S MESSAGE



Shalom, my dear TBS members,

Our congregation never stops! March is filled with a full agenda of learning, tefillah, triumph, celebration, and our continued soul-filled dreams of a secure Israel and an end to the nightmare we have experienced since October 7, 2023.

Our month begins with our guest Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Jack Wertheimer. The full agenda of his lectures is included in *The Messenger*, but there's more than the incredible resume of Professor Wertheimer. The author of numerous books, the former Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and considered the foremost authority on American Jewry, Dr. Wertheimer will be sharing with us his latest academic work on the state of American Judaism, American Jewry, and particularly the state of the Conservative movement. Having Dr. Wertheimer with us for the first weekend in March is a gift, a rare privilege to find out what is really going on with American Jews, with synagogue life, with the differences that we Jews have and how that is playing out in our organizational structure.

Jack Wertheimer won the 1994 National Jewish Book Award for *A People Divided: Judaism in Contemporary America*. He is the author of *Unwelcome Strangers: East European Jews in Imperial Germany*, *The American Synagogue: A Sanctuary Transformed*; *The Uses of Tradition: Jewish Continuity in the Modern Era*, *Tradition Renewed: A History of the Jewish Theological Seminary*, *Jews in the Center: Conservative Synagogues and Their Members*, *The New American Judaism: How Jews Practice Their Religion Today*, and many other critically acclaimed books.

Please join us for every session—you will not want to miss this rare opportunity to be with one of the most influential Jewish scholars today.

Besides our regularly scheduled classes on Jewish History (Tuesdays 10:30) and Jewish Ethics (Wednesdays 10:30), we also are looking forward to our Purim celebration Saturday night, March 23rd, at 6:30 pm with a very special Purim Shpiel planned and then Sunday morning, March 24th, 8:00 am when we will be reading the entire Megillat Esther.

While Purim is a “minor” festival and a holiday most people associate with lightness, costumes, hamantaschen (prune, chocolate, apricot, cherry, dates), giving Mishloach Manot (sweets to our neighbors), and even frivolity, there is, as we know, a serious side to Purim, a message very much relevant to what we Jews are experiencing today in the aftermath of October 7th.

Until we were “saved” by the heroics of Esther and Mordechai, the Foreign Minister of the Persian Empire (circa 5th century BCE) planned on exterminating the Jewish people and stated these ominous words to the world:

There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your (King Ahaseurus) realm, whose laws (Torah) are different from those of any other people

and who do not obey the king's laws, and it is not in Your Majesty's interest to tolerate them... let an edict be drawn for their destruction. Esther 3:8-9

These frightening words from Haman sound eerily like the Charter of Hamas, which openly calls for the destruction of Israel (called the "Zionist entity" because there is no recognition of any borders of the Jewish state) and the death of all Jews.

Why is there such antisemitism, then, running out of control even today, just 80 years following the end of the greatest mass murder, genocide, of a group of people in the history of humanity?

The verse from the book of Esther capsulizes the longest and the most virulent hatred in human history, antisemitism, by pointing to one common element of antisemitic movements and personalities, and that is the hatred for Jewish differences...our laws and culture are not like "theirs." The Roman Empire resented Jewish moral standards, the Christian Empire resented Jewish rejection of their messianic claims, the Moslem Empire resented the fact that Jews had no place for recognizing Mohammed's superior prophecy, civilized European society resented the fact that Jews remained committed to Judaism (the vitriol noted from Voltaire and his ilk), and today the massive hatred of our beloved Jewish state, a prosperous, thriving nation of people that returned as a phoenix, from the ashes of devastation, the Shoah.

Someone during one of my classes suggested that the United States would never abandon Israel, and my response was: "I hope you are right, but Jewish history teaches us to be forever careful, taking nothing for granted. With a growing sentiment, especially among young people in America, to disregard, even punish our ally, Israel, we Jews can never assume that life will remain as it is today, with generally great support for Israel. We certainly see a massive erosion of support for Israel taking place in Europe and a commensurate rapid and hateful rise in antisemitism in every European city.

The solution for us is Purim: remain strong Jews, be proud of who we are, raise the banner of Jewish life as high as ever before, never cower before those who hate us, as Mordechai and Esther taught us, and we shall succeed, we shall see the end of Israel's terrorist neighbors, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and even the Palestine Authority. The cost has been horrific, the unnecessary loss of our precious young men and women of the Israel Defense Forces, but we will triumph, right will win over wrong, and antisemitism will be defeated one day soon.

I wish all of you a joyous and blessed months of Adar I and Adar II and see you together each precious Shabbat and time together.

Shalom u'v'racha,

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

The Cantor of Leipzig

By Cantor Matt Austerklein



“The greatest cantor who ever lived was Johann Sebastian Bach.”

A non-controversial statement. Except, perhaps, when uttered by a Jewish choral conductor. When I recently heard this quip at a Jewish choral festival, I knew this wasn't just a dig at cantors. It also suggested that musical excellence of Bach's caliber — both in composition and performance — was rarely (if ever) to be found in the parochial milieu of the synagogue. Nevertheless, the music of J.S. Bach remains part of the regular diet of many high-level Jewish musicians, even composers and cantors. For some, it is part of their daily practice to develop their piano skills; for others, it is music to which they return regularly for inspiration. Many of these Bach-loving *yidn* were raised in the musical heyday of the mid-late 20th century, where Bach's music was not just lauded in American culture but in that of suburban synagogues that supported sophisticated music and large ensembles worthy of executing sacred masterworks.

But whither Bach himself? How is it that Jewish cantors or conductors should hold a Baroque master up as a hero? Such a question requires us to take a deep dive into the Jewish adaptation of Western aesthetics, nationalism, and musical aspirations.

J.S. Bach lived in Leipzig — a city with no Jewish residents. Banned in the 15th century and only permitted brief sojourns in the town, the few Jews who visited Leipzig were the merchants (or musicians) attending its annual trade fair. Jews were nevertheless very much a part of Lutheran religious discourse in Leipzig— namely, as the baddies of the New Testament, excoriated for their sins across the vast corpus of eighteenth-century anti-Jewish preaching. As Bach scholar Dr. Michael Marissen maintains, there is every reason to assume that Bach was privy to the same antisemitic views as the Lutheran theologians of his time, as is evident from his personal library, church practices, and compositions.

Yet Bach's early legacy was largely preserved and advanced by Jews. Long before Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) helped to instigate the “Bach revival” of the 19th century, Mendelssohn's aunt, Sara Levy (1761-1854), was studying pianoforte with Bach's sons and commissioning new works from them, collecting J.S.Bach's manuscripts, and hosting musical salons in 18th-century Berlin with Bach's music at the center. Levy's excellent keyboard skills were even cited as an important example of the Jewish contribution to German culture, part of the fast-advancing case for Jewish emancipation in Germany. As Dr. Rebecca Cypess has masterfully researched, Sarah Levy's multifarious musical activities and patronage made a huge impact on her own musical environment and shaped the perpetuation of J.S. Bach's music for generations to come.

The worship of Bach grew further in the nineteenth century as part of German nationalism, to which Bach represented an essential font of musical genius and creativity. The ability of Jews to contribute to this growing nationalistic spirit animated much of their musical activity, even as later generations (like that of Theodore Herzl) would hypothesize that Jewish participation in such nationalism was ultimately insolvent.

But the mastery of music conveyed more than national identity. In a way, Jews were a major part of the canonization process of “classical” music in Europe. Just as Levy and Mendelssohn collected and championed J.S. Bach, Jews were also among the nineteenth century’s foremost worshippers and collectors of Beethoven, including Ignaz Moscheles, Ferdinand Hiller, Joseph Fischhof, Joseph Joachim, and Heinrich Beer. As David Conway writes: “No firmer identification with the greatness of European music could be conceived than by paying homage to the Master by collecting his papers and personalia.”

What this reflects, to my mind, is an inherently Jewish way of thinking about canon. With their long-honed skills in studying Torah, Talmud, and commentaries, Jews knew all about the rehearsal and mastery of a written textual tradition. As new Europeans adapted to a majority culture, they negotiated this in a similar way — only this time with music as holy writ revealed through the genius of composers, who were the new prophets of culture. Thus, Bach took his place at the canonical core — or Torah — of European music. It is no small irony then that the Leipzig school — the most conservative, canon-driven, and classically-oriented movement of Romantic music — was also the one most populated by Jews.

So, what does Bach mean to Jews? The ideal of excellence, but also an opportunity to achieve mastery and leadership in Western culture. That leadership is perhaps needed now more than ever.

Recital For Israel

With Cantorial Student Leo Dworsky



**Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 pm
in TBS' Chapel**

Followed by a Dessert Reception

\$10.00 in advance (deadline is 3/4/24)

\$18.00 at the door

All proceeds will be sent in support of Israel

Leo is a junior and pre-cantorial student pursuing a Bachelor of Music (BM) in Vocal Performance and Religious Studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He has performed with the Mill City Professional Opera, Rochester Symphony, and WCCO Channel Four. He also has a private studio teaching voice and piano students.

Please visit templebethsholomfl.org/events to register. All proceeds raised will be sent in support of Israel. Contact the Susan Debronsky at 941.955.8121 or susan@tbssrq.org.

Chaverim:

Rabbi Epstein is standing before his congregation, ready to give his High Holiday sermon.

Unfortunately, he can't focus on spiritual matters, as the physical ones are more pressing. "Friends,"

Rabbi Epstein begins, "unfortunately, I must report that a massive hole has been found in the roof of the synagogue.

"Now I have good news and bad news for you," the Rabbi continues.

"The good news is that we have the money to repair it; the bad news is that the money is in your pockets."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Clearly, this is not a joke about Temple Beth Sholom as we have recently demonstrated that when an emergency occurs, such as the horrors of October 7, our members stand proud, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to help our Israeli brothers and sisters. This is but one distinguishing quality that makes TBS such a very special place.

Our January Shabbat Weekend with the Choral Torah Collective was one of the most exciting events for us. Along with Cantor Austerklein, they conducted beautiful Shabbat Services in our sanctuary. However, the true beauty came from our many congregants who accompanied them as they chanted the various prayers with beautiful and moving melodies. Our guests were genuine magicians, but the magic came from us. We are a congregation that loves to sing, and our services are the most beautiful in Sarasota and beyond. We proved this again on Saturday night when our TBS members accompanied the Choral Torah Collective with a number of Israeli masterpieces, filling the sanctuary with magnificent music. Temple Beth Sholom is indeed a musical congregation.

Our Passport to Israel program, co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club, provides funding incentives for teens to go to Israel and develop even greater connections both to Eretz Yisrael and to the Jewish people. We should be very proud of what this does for the next generation.

How many other congregations have a Bikkur Holim Committee that reaches out to their members in hospitals, special care facilities, or shut-ins? Each week, I see messages to members of the committee indicating that there are individuals who are lonely, in pain, or even frightened about their futures. Almost instantaneously, various committee members write back, speaking about how they reached out to various people and providing updates on each and every one of these individuals. We genuinely care about our extended family.

Then there are the many gatherings after services, at Sunday breakfasts or various programs when people reach out to each other to catch up on their lives, providing support to individuals experiencing difficulties, exchanging humorous stories, chatting about various occurrences, or just kvelling about their children or grandchildren!

I am just scratching the surface. We have great programs, the most knowledgeable and highly skilled daveners, Torah readers, and individuals who chant Haftorahs with gusto! We have committees that have worked on the beautification of our social hall, our corridors,

and our magnificent chapel. They do this as an act of love for this congregation.

These are just a handful of examples of what makes our synagogue community so very special. We often take these incredible gifts for granted. However, there is no doubt in my mind that Temple Beth Sholom is a very special place, and that's why we call it home.

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

A Message From The TBS Membership Committee **Hatikvah**

by: Ned Holstein, on behalf of TBS' Membership Committee

Sometimes, hope seems very distant.

So many beautiful young soldiers dead—why did it take us so long to see how profoundly beautiful each and every young person is?

So many enemies of our beloved homeland—how violently she is hated!

So many uprooted, displaced, suffering Jews in Israel—how difficult it must be with children, soldiers, or hostages!

So many lies, so many vicious lies. Each lie hurts.

So helpless, we feel so helpless and without hope.

But at Temple Beth Sholom, we remember that over 80% of Americans stand strong with Israel and see through the lies. At TBS, we understand that those who scream in the streets are only a very narrow slice of America and that their violent antics prove our point over and over.

At Temple Beth Sholom, we sing Hatikvah, break bread, and savor wine with other lovers of Zion. We say the ancient words and sing the old songs. In under a month, we raised over \$600,000 for two gleaming ICU all-terrain ambulances for Magen David Adom. At TBS, we are planning a solidarity Mission to Israel in March. At TBS, we have members who have gone with Hadassah on a fact-finding mission to inspect the savaged villages and pick crops in the shadow of Gaza. And at TBS we have Rabbi Stuart Altshuler, whose stalwart love for Israel is longstanding, passionate, and intense. He reminds us that we Jews have weathered many worse storms and will emerge from this dark cave stronger and more united than ever.

Join us and rediscover your hope and joy!



Temple Beth Sholom

Sarasota's Conservative Synagogue
invites you to join us for our
2024 PASSOVER SEDER

Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
1050 S. Tuttle Ave, Bldg. 2 Sarasota, FL 34237

Warm - Interactive - Musical

A Traditional Kosher Passover Dinner with
Seder led by Rabbi Stuart Altshuler &
Cantor Matt Austerklein

Members: \$140.00 each
Non-Members: \$175.00 each
Kids: (12 & Under) \$70.00 each
(Member's Children/Grandchildren only)

Catered by:

MICHAEL'S
ON EAST



TBS 2024 Passover Seder

Non-Members: \$175.00; Members: \$140.00;

TBS Member's Children/Grandchildren (12 & under): \$70.00 (Deadline: April 10 by noon)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member Meals: _____ # Kids Meals: _____ # Non-Member Meals: _____

Chicken: _____ # Brisket: _____ # Eggplant Puttanesca: _____ (No substitutions allowed)

I would like to sit with _____

Seating requests will be considered (but not guaranteed) - Tables will be set for maximum of 8

Amount enclosed: _____ Bill Member Account: _____ Office will call for credit card: _____



Celebrate Purim

with

Temple Beth Sholom

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 6:30 pm

GO WILD-MAKE SOME NOISE & NOSH
AT THE FESTIVAL OF LOTS WITH TBS!

Barbie Esther
&
The Pink Pour-im Party

INTERACTIVE MEGILLAH
COME IN COSTUME!

Purim Service
Sunday, March 24
at 8:00 am
during Minyan with full
megillah reading

"Barbie Esther & The Pink Pour-im Party" is an original Purim Spiel written by the congregation of Beth El Synagogue in Minneapolis, and performed by TBS' talented members, directed by Cantor Audrey Abrams

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!

For questions and to RSVP, please email - kelly@tbssrq.org

SISTERHOOD



January is always a really special month for Sisterhood because of our **Annual Sisterhood Shabbat**. Mara Winn, our Sisterhood Program Vice President, was responsible for finding Torah readers and participants for this event. Many thanks to all those women who participated. We honored Belle Probst as this year's "Woman of Achievement." A beautiful testimonial to Belle was given by Donna Lerner. The morning was capped off with a delicious Kiddush lunch beautifully prepared by Kathy Burt.

The Torah Fund committee has been hard at work planning the **Torah Fund Day of Study**. This will take place on Wednesday, March 20. We will be honoring **Molly Ballow** as our **Light of Torah**. Our speaker for the Torah Study portion of the program will be Amanda Phillips Hollander, Director of Teaching and Learning at Makom Community. Her Torah teaching will be related to this year's Torah Fund theme, All Israel Is Responsible for One Another. As you know, our Sisterhood has historically been a great supporter of this. Torah Fund provides funding and scholarship money to the five Conservative Jewish Rabbinical Seminaries located around the world. Our future Rabbis, Cantors, and Jewish educators are trained at these schools and help ensure our future.

Our **1st Annual Sisterhood Game Day** took place on February 22. I want to thank Carol Shatoff, Julie Kupersmith, Adele Tannenbaum, Felicia Servetz, and Audrey Weisberg for planning this fundraising event. Many others also contributed their time and talents. Marshall Horwitz, showman extraordinaire, hosted an exciting 60s trivia game after our lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped in executing this event and to everyone who attended the Game Day.

One of our ongoing activities and fundraisers is our **Birthdaygram Program**. Every three months, you receive a list of ladies with upcoming birthdays. For only 60 cents per recipient, your name can be added to a card that is sent to these ladies. We regularly receive feedback from people who have received a birthday card telling us how much this meant to them. **Lois Portnoff**, who has coordinated all of this for a very long time, is stepping down. I welcome **Melissa Servetz** as our new **Birthdaygram chair**. If you would like to help with this, please let me know or speak directly to Melissa. The Birthdaygram Program is a wonderful way to keep in touch with old friends and initiate contact with new ones.

I ask for your continued support of our social action projects. We continue to collect toiletries for SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center). We also purchase other necessities that they request. They are always grateful for the donations that we make. Please continue to support our local food pantry and family service organization with a sponsorship of a **Bimah Basket**. Sisterhood sent checks to **All Faiths Food Bank** and the **Jewish Family and Children's Service** in December, and we will send a second contribution at the end of our fiscal year. We contribute 60% of our profits to these organizations. Evie Mitchell and Martha Sherman work diligently to keep these donations coming.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

TORAH FUND



MOLLY BALLOW - 5784 LIGHT OF TORAH

*We're so excited & we just can't hide it!
Sisterhood Torah Fund Day is almost here!*

TBS Sisterhood will honor Molly Ballow as our 5784 Light of Torah at our annual Torah Fund Day of Study on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Sign-in begins at 9:45 am, and our celebration ends after a lovely lunch. Pre-registration is required, and the \$40 couvert (as usual) is to be paid to TBS Sisterhood.

Formal invitations were mailed at the end of January. If you have not yet received your invitation, or if you know of others who would like to participate, please contact Sheila Maslow at the TBS office. Sheila is also accepting the event RSVPs, which are due by March 6th.

Molly has been active in Conservative synagogues and their Sisterhoods all of her life. Up north, Molly served as Co-Vice President of Torah Fund for a decade. When the Ballows retired to Sarasota, they became involved members at TBS. Molly immediately joined Sisterhood, became our Sisterhood President, and then became TBS Co-President!

After Molly retired from nursing, she fulfilled her lifelong goal of learning to read Hebrew, and then she became a Bat Mitzvah in memory of her parents. Molly is a passionate quilter who loves reading, walking, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Molly's poise and cheerful demeanor promote a positive, warm milieu for us all.

Please note that the \$40 event couvert to TBS Sisterhood and donations to the Torah Fund to congratulate Molly are separate. To honor Molly, send a check payable to TORAH FUND to TBS in an envelope marked "Sheila." You can also donate on-line:

<https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund> (be sure to identify our Temple Beth Shalom Sarasota, FL). If you haven't already given your personal gift to this year's Torah Fund campaign, you can do so at the same time.

Julie A. Friedman, Torah Fund Committee

SOCIAL ACTION

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLES

Thank you to Julie Friedman, Sheryl Glickman, Debbie Marshall, Marsha Mason, Evie Mitchell, and Belle Probst for donating casseroles in January, and thank you to Marsha and Irving Mason for delivering them to the Salvation Army! The Salvation Army feeds many people daily, and they are most appreciative of our donations.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE - RECIPE

- 1 1-lb. package of frozen green beans
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1/2 cup of mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon of lemon juice
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- 1 cup crushed cheese crackers

Cook green beans according to package and drain. Arrange them in a buttered casserole dish (**use 9x13 "Disposable Aluminum Pan"**). Mix soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and cheese and spoon over the beans. Top with crackers. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool, cover with foil and freeze.

Put your last name on a piece of masking tape on the foil. Bring to Temple the week of delivery and put into the walk-in freezer in the kitchen.

SPARCC

We are still collecting personal care items for SPARCC. If you are traveling you may have the opportunity to bring back some of the hotel supplies of shampoo, lotion etc. They also appreciate individually wrapped personal products. They are appreciative of everything we bring them.

BIMAH BASKETS

Please continue to celebrate your milestone events with a donation to Bimah Baskets. Donations for Bimah Baskets are divided among Sisterhood's projects which aid TBS, All Faiths Food Bank and the JFCS.

You can become a sponsor of one or two baskets in honor of a special occasion or in memory of your loved ones on their yahrzeits. Contact Evie Mitchell (evmit@comcast.net) or 941.554.8529. Prices are (1) \$56.20 or (2) \$93.50 for credit OR (1) \$54 or (2) \$90 for checks payable to TBS Sisterhood, delivered to TBS Sisterhood, 1050 S. Tuttle Ave. Bldg. 2, Sarasota, FL 34237.

LAPTOP DONATION DRIVE FOR AREA FOSTER KIDS

The Children's Guardian Fund (CGF) and Sarasota Technology Users Group (STUG) have teamed up to collect used computer laptops. With a long history of recycling and safety, the STUG sanitizes the hard drive with a seven-step process that protects the donor's information. They then refurbish the laptop and install software that is typically required for school. Refurbished laptops are distributed to area students in foster or state care through the CGF and the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Temple Beth Sholom is proud to support this special program to help local families in need. Please contact Troy Jones (troy@tbssrq.org) for more information.

Susan Prohofskey, **Chair,**
TBS Sisterhood
Social Action Committee

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MEN'S CLUB



Our Breakfast Program series continues on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 9:30 AM as we present “Burt Bacharach - Top of The Charts with Howie Friedman.” As always, we recommend advance reservations so that we can plan our food purchases, but walk-ins are always welcome. (Pictures below from some of our past breakfast programs.)

The Passport to Israel Program, which provides financial assistance to our youth when they are accepted into an educationally relevant program in Israel, has thus far assisted twenty-two students with financing totaling \$16,000. Our partnership with TBS Sisterhood in this worthy endeavor has enhanced the value of each student's financial grant.

Watch the weekly TBS e-blast of upcoming programs for information about the Men's Club's kayaking, tennis, and golf groups.

Joel Servetz
Men's Club President



- 1 - January 14, 2024 - The Jackie Robinson Story with Drs. Barry & Richard Zamoff
- 2 - February 11, 2024 - World Wide Wrap - Merrill Oltchick showing the proper way to wrap Tefilin
- 3 & 4 - February 11, 2024 - Life in The Circus with Chuck “Chucko The Clown” Sidlow

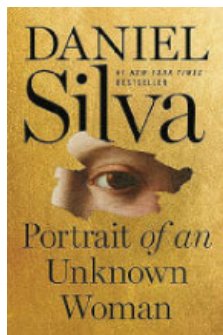
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LIBRARY HOURS

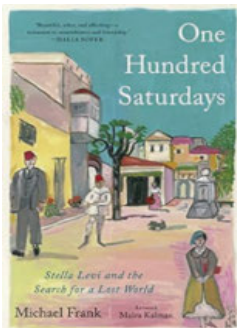
The Main Library (near the Sanctuary) and the Library Alcove (near the Social Hall) are open whenever the synagogue is open for your browsing or borrowing pleasure! (The Main Library may be unavailable if there is a class or meeting.) Please use the self-checkout system to take out material (be sure to write your name and phone number legibly on the card). All the DVDs and the newest books are in the Alcove. The Main Library also has interesting books arranged by fiction, biography, and nonfiction subjects such as the Bible, holidays, history, and Israel. See the labels on the top of each bookshelf.

Please return all items in the Book Return Cart near the Main Library.

NEW BOOKS IN THE ALCOVE



Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Daniel Silva, 2022 – In this novel, legendary spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon undertakes a high-stakes search for the greatest art forger who ever lived.



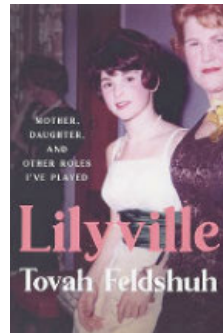
One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank, 2022 – Stella Levi was born into the mysterious world of Jewish Rhodes in Italy, witnessed its destruction, and lived to tell the tale. In 1944,

all of the Jewish residents of Rhodes were rounded up by the Germans and transferred to Auschwitz. The author recounts Stella's upbringing in Rhodes and her experiences during and after the Holocaust.



Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman by Abby Chava Stein, 2019 – Abby Stein was raised in a Hasidic Jewish community in Brooklyn, isolated in a culture that lives according

to the laws and practices of 18th century Eastern Europe, speaking only Yiddish and Hebrew and shunning modern life. Stein was born as the first son in a dynastic rabbinical family, poised to become a leader of the next generation of Hasidic Jews.



Lilyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played by Tovah Feldshuh, 2021 – From Golda to Ginsburg, Yentl to Mama Rose, Tallulah to the Queen of Mean, Tovah Feldshuh has always played powerful women who aren't

afraid to sit at the table with the big boys and rule their world. But offstage, Tovah struggled to fulfill the one role she never auditioned for: Lily Feldshuh's only daughter.



Debby Marshall
Idelson Library Coordinator

TBS SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PRESENTS SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND *with Dr. Jack Wertheimer*



American Jews and the Return of History

Friday, March 1, 2024

6:00 p.m. in TBS' Sanctuary and Livestream

How Some Synagogues Are Forging New Paths

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:30 a.m. in TBS' Sanctuary and Livestream

The American Jewish Philanthropic Enterprise

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:30 a.m. in TBS' Sainer Social Hall



Temple Beth Shalom invites the community to its annual **Scholar-in-Residence weekend, March 1-3, 2024**, featuring Dr. Jack Wertheimer, the Joseph and Martha Mendelson Professor of American Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary. His area of specialization is modern Jewish history, with a focus on trends in the religious, educational, and organizational sectors of American Jewish life since World War II.

Dr. Wertheimer is the author or editor of more than a dozen volumes. He is the leading authority on American Judaism. His book *The New American Judaism: How Jews Practice Their Religion Today* was awarded a National Jewish Book Award for the best book in American Jewish Studies.

The weekend begins March 1 with an Erev Shabbat service led by Rabbi Stuart Altshuler and featuring visiting cantorial student Leo Dworsky from Minneapolis. Dr. Wertheimer will address the congregation during the service on “**American Jews and the Return of History.**” The service will be followed by an oneg and dinner.

The Shabbat service will include the presentation “**How some synagogues are forging new paths.**” Dr. Wertheimer will discuss how many synagogues are transforming themselves by rethinking their prayer services and how they relate to congregants. A kiddush will follow.

On Sunday morning, there will be a third presentation by Dr. Wertheimer, “**The American Jewish Philanthropic Enterprise,**” where he will discuss how Jewish giving operates differently from earlier forms of philanthropy and is changing once again before our eyes.

Please join us for these special events.

For more information about the weekend and to register, please visit our website tbssrq.org or contact Kelly Nester in our administrative office 941-955-8121 or kelly@tbssrq.org.

When making donations to Temple Beth Shalom, please consider the Freund Scholar in Residence Fund, in order to assist us in perpetuating this fund for future years.

by: Eric Faerber

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Turning Points in Jewish History: The Modern Period

with Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:30 am

In-Person & Zoom

Join Rabbi Altshuler as he discusses Jewish history not in a linear fashion, year by year, but by the significant turning points in Jewish

History: The Modern Period. From Enlightenment in Western Europe to the aftermath of the Holocaust; the establishment of the State of Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Jewish Ethics: A Way to Life & A Blueprint for A Better World with Rabbi Altshuler

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, at 10:30 am

In-Person & Zoom

Join Rabbi Altshuler as he presents "Jewish Ethics: A Way to Life & A Blueprint for A Better World." In this series, Rabbi Altshuler will cover a variety of topics, from "Anger: Righteous anger and anger we need to get rid of" to "Tzedakah."

TBS Men's Club Breakfast Program Presents

Burt Bacharach - Top of The Charts

With Howie Friedman



Sunday, March 17, at 9:30 am

in TBS' Sainer Social Hall

\$15 per person

Registrations Requested

Email Kelly Nester (kelly@tbssrq.org) to register or for more information

TBS Men's Club is proud to host Howie Friedman, an educator and historian, as he presents a spectacular visual presentation of **The Life & Music of Burt Bacharach**. A Jewish boy from Brooklyn, NY, who wrote hundreds of hit songs. Lets us go back to the 50s and 60s and enjoy the story and music of one of the greats in the music world. This one-hour presentation will begin at 10:00 am, followed by a Q&A session.

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TBS' Distinguished Speaker Series:

An Interview with Daniel Gross

Interviewed by Jonathan Goldberg, KC

Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

We are pleased to invite you to the first presentation in our distinguished speaker series for 2024. The presentation will be by Daniel Gross, award-winning journalist and author. He will be interviewed by pre-eminent trial advocate Jonathan Goldberg KC, who is a congregant at Temple Beth Shalom.

Daniel Gross received his bachelor's degree in American history and government from Cornell University, his master's degree in American history from Harvard University, and an honorary PhD in humane letters from Lake Forest College. He is one of the most widely-read writers on finance, economics, and business history. Over the past three decades, he has reported from more than thirty countries, covering everything from the dotcom boom to the global financial crisis and the Great Recession of 2008–2009.

Gross worked as a reporter at *The New Republic* and *Bloomberg News*, wrote the "Economic View" column in *The New York Times*, and served as Slate's "Moneybox" columnist. At Newsweek, where he was a columnist and correspondent, he authored seven cover stories. He is a bestselling author of eight books, including *Forbes Greatest Business Stories of All Time*; *Generations of Corning*; *Dumb Money: How America's Greatest Financial Minds Bankrupted the Nation*; and *Better, Stronger, Faster: The Myth of American Decline and the Rise of a New Economy*.

His latest book, *A Banker's Journey: How Edmond J. Safra Built a Global Financial Empire* will be discussed during this interview with Jonathan Goldberg KC. Edmond Safra was the champion of the Sephardic Jewish Diaspora and considered the greatest banker of his generation. His remarkable journey from Beirut via Italy, Brazil and Switzerland to New York will keep you enthralled! You will not want to miss this presentation!

Jonathan Goldberg K.C. is known as one of the United Kingdom's leading trial advocates and defenders. His rate of acquittals in high-profile jury trials is second to none.

He has appeared as Defense Counsel in many of the most famous criminal trials of the past four decades. He makes regular appearances at the *Old Bailey*, and has appeared in courts throughout the United Kingdom as well as Malaysia, Ireland, Bermuda, the Caymans, and Gibraltar. He has argued frequently in the House of Lords, Court of Appeal, and Privy Council. For several years he wrote a column in the *Jewish Chronicle* entitled "Ask the QC."

Twice he has been named *The Times of London* "Lawyer of the Week." (It is very rare to be awarded this accolade twice.) He has served as a member of the Presidency of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, and in 2016 he was appointed President of the Tribunal of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

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3 (23 Adar I) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai – Mitzvah Day 10:00am	4 (24 Adar I) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	5 (25 Adar I) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Beginning Hebrew Class 9:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish History Class 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	6 (26 Adar I) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish Ethics Class 10:30am	7 (27 Adar I) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	8 (28 Adar I) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen Candle Lighting 6:17pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	9 (29 Adar I) Vayakhel Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 7:12pm Rectal for Israel with Cantorial Student Leo Dworsky 7:30pm
10 (30 Adar I) Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Aviva's Eight over 80 10:00am TBS Spring Training Ball Game 1:00pm	11 (1 Adar II) Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	12 (2 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Beginning Hebrew Class 9:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish History Class 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	13 (3 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish Ethics Class 10:30am	14 (4 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Board of Directors Meeting Zoom & Multi-purpose room 4:00pm	15 (5 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:21pm	16 (6 Adar II) Pekudei Shabbat Services 9:30am Delicate Dilemmas 12:00pm Havdalah 8:16pm
17 (7 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Men's Club Breakfast Program: Burt Bacharach - Top of the Charts with Howie Friedman 9:30am Youth Purim Party 1:00pm	18 (8 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	19 (9 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Beginning Hebrew Class 9:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish History Class 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	20 (10 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Sisterhood Torah Fund 10:00am	21 (11 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	22 (12 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:25pm	23 (13 Adar II) Vayikra Erev Purim Parshat Zachor Shabbat Services 9:30am Purim Celebration "Barbie Esther & The Pink Pour-im Party" 6:30pm Havdalah 8:19pm
24 (14 Adar II) Purim Purim Service with Minyan 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai followed by Purim Carnival 10:00am	25 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	26 (16 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Beginning Hebrew Class 9:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish History Class 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Aviva Havurah with Rabbi Altshuler 3:30pm	27 (17 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish Ethics Class 10:30am	28 (18 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	29 (19 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:28pm	30 (20 Adar II) Tzav Parshat Parah Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:23pm
31 (21 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai 10:00am						

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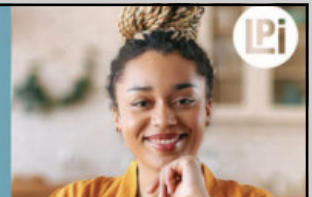
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