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Time Running Out on Bargain Price For Temple Israel's 'Go-Go' Party

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – November 4, 2009-Time is running out on the opportunity to save \$25 on each ticket to Temple Israel's "Temple a Go-Go" party with a purpose on Saturday night, November 21. Tickets are \$50 a person through November 13 and \$75 each if purchased later.

The event, which will begin at 7 pm at Temple Israel, 1376 East Massey Road, will feature both a silent and live auction, a cocktail buffet, live music and libations that will include the Go-Go martini, created especially for this event.

Memphian Clare Burson, who attended Temple Israel as a child and now is a nationally acclaimed singer and songwriter, will headline the entertainment. Also featured will be Temple's own talented ensemble, the Go-Go Garage Band.

"Temple a Go-Go" will be catered by celebrated foodie and restaurateur, Karen Carrier, and her team, Another Roadside Attraction. The wide variety of food will be a reflection of where Temple Israel's members come from – Israel, New York, Europe, the Delta and all points in between. The themed food stations will be located throughout Ettleson-Wax Social Hall and available as tapas or small plates style.

The two auctions will feature everything from an Israeli wine tasting to four tickets behind the dugout at a Chicago Cubs game. More than 150 items – some large; some small and some one-of-a-kind – will be up for bid.

Popular Memphis radio personality Tom Prestigiacommo will be the auctioneer.

Some of the more unusual items are:

- A one-week stay at a beachfront villa – Located between Seaside and Rosemary Beach, Florida, the villa has four bedrooms, four baths, bunk room and sleeps 10 comfortably. There is a private pool.
- An "iCarly Experience" – A VIP visit to the TV show "iCarly" and the winner (or winner's child) will actually appear in an episode. A private, special tour of "Nick On Sunset" – the television studio where iCarly is produced, and the winner will meet the stars of iCarly.
- "Tiger Experience with Coach Pastner" – Coach Josh Pastner will host two people at a University of Memphis basketball practice. The winners will have a photo taken with the team and receive a signed basketball. Also two court-side tickets and a parking pass for the Tigers' game with Tennessee on December 31, 2009 are part of the package.

Some of the other auction items on the list are an NJ Woods painting, Viking Cooking School classes, two tickets to the Michael Buble concert at Madison Square Garden in the spring of 2010, and dinner with the President of the Memphis Grizzlies on game night and sitting with him during the game. There will be a handmade sweater, sushi classes, and a Princess Birthday Party for 20 girls.

Those wanting to make reservations or learn more about the event should call Temple at 761-3130 or visit the web site at www.timemphis.org.

Burson's music has been described as an evolving blend of acoustic folk, rock and introspective lyrics. Her causal, expressive voice has also been compared to Lucinda Williams and Joni Mitchell.

"I've always leaned towards poetic simplicity and subtlety in my music – wanting to express as much as I can with the fewest possible words and musical flourishes" says Burson.

This was evident in her critically acclaimed releases *The In-Between*, *Idaho* and *Thieves*.

Her latest album, *Silver and Ash*, set for an early 2010 release, imagines her grandmother's life in Germany, from her birth in 1919 to her escape in 1938. For this project, Burson visited Memphis and conducted interviews with her two grandmothers, and ventured to the childhood homes of her ancestors in Germany, Latvia, Poland, Lithuania and he Ukraine. The result is an album that gives life to her grandmother's story. Produced by Grammy-nominated Tucker Martine, it includes Burson's lush string arrangements and rich vocals.

"All proceeds from Temple a Go-Go will help our Temple families who need Temple now more than ever before," said Debbie B. Lazarov, co-chair of the event. Co-chair Mary Trotz adds: "Religious services, pastoral counseling and support during life cycle events are key programs available to all members, regardless of their ability to pay."

According to Rabbi Micah Greenstein, "In the past, our members' generous annual commitments have covered the costs of these services; now over 25 percent of our members are unable to contribute toward these services, and many more can no longer contribute at the level they were because of lost jobs or reduced incomes."

The Platinum Sponsors of the event are Mary Shainberg and Rebecca Adelman; the Gold Sponsors are Nahon, Saharovich & Trotz, PLC and Tower Ventures; Silver Sponsors are Kelman-Lazarov, Inc.; Nancy and Richard Robinson; and Eileen and Steve Wishnia.

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