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Fun, Rare, Unusual Items on Auction Block At Temple Israel's November 'Go-Go' Party

MEMPHIS, Tennessee- October 1, 2009 - Everything from an Israeli wine tasting to four tickets to a Chicago Cubs game (behind the dugout no less!) will be auctioned off during the "Temple a Go-Go" party with a purpose.

The Saturday evening happening on November 21 will actually have two auctions – one silent and one live – with more than 150 items up for bid. The fun will begin at 7 pm at Temple Israel, 1376 East Massey Road and will also include a dinner buffet, live music and libations, featuring the Go-Go martini, created especially for the occasion.

Memphian Clare Burson, a member of Temple Israel and a nationally acclaimed singer and songwriter, will headline the entertainment. For more information about Clare visit www.clareburson.com. Also featured will be Temple's own talented ensemble, the Go-Go Garage Band.

Perhaps the most prized item on the auction – at least for Temple members – will be a reserved parking space for the High Holidays.

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, then sitting with him during the game.

There will be a handmade Shrug sweater, Sushi Classes, a Princess Birthday Party for 20 girls and a special iCarly live experience.

One item of special interest is the opportunity to join Temple Israel's most noted runner, Rabbi Micah Greenstein, for a series of training sessions and run.

Popular Memphis radio personality Tom Prestigiacomo will be the auctioneer.

The buffet will be catered by celebrated foodie and restaurateur, Karen Carrier, and her team, Another Roadside Attraction.

"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. "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 Greenstein, "In the past, our members' generous annual commitments have covered the costs of these services; now some 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."

Tickets are \$50 a person before November 13 and \$75 each if purchased later. Proceeds from the event will be used for those affected by the recession.

About 100 volunteers have been working on the event since early spring.

Those wanting to make reservations or get more information about the event should call Temple at 761-3130 or visit Temple's website at www.timemphis.org.

The Platinum Sponsors of the event are Rebecca Adelman and Mary Shainberg; 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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