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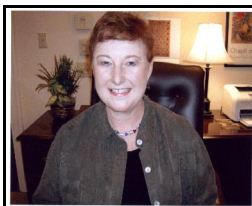
*Commentary:* by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

## Next Year in Toronto

What is a Biennial? It is an incredible experience that happens every odd year nationally and every even year regionally. A Union of Reform Judaism Biennial brings together Jews from all over the country (or the region) in worship, study, music, and friendship. Going to a Biennial can be a life-changing experience (as many people have shared with me). I have attended several Biennials, and have come home from each one of them inspired and with new energy and enthusiasm.

In our congregation we may have about 250 people attend services on the High Holidays. At a Biennial you attend services with 5,000 other Reform Jews from all over North America. Have you ever been in a room with 5,000 people reciting the *Shema* all at once? It is hard to describe. But it isn't about the number of people attending the convention. As one Biennial-attender, Donna Courtney, describes, "it is more about the feelings of excitement and enthusiasm and the opportunities available to learn. There are workshops on every aspect of Judaism and synagogue management that you can imagine. And if

you love Jewish music, you can hear performances and workshops by Rick Recht, Beth Schafer, Doug Cotler, Steve Dropkin, Sheldon Low, Jeff Klepper, just to name a few."



The variety and quality of events, lectures, and learning at a Biennial is amazing. At the 2007 Biennial in San Diego, Michael J. Fox received the Eisendrath "Bearer of Light" Award. He spoke eloquently about being a non-Jewish member of his Temple and how connected he feels to Judaism. His son had already become a Bar Mitzvah, and he and his wife were preparing for his twins' B'nai Mitzvah. Dr. Ingrid Mattson, president of the Islamic Society of North America, gave an inspirational speech about increased Muslim-Jewish cooperation. The president of the URJ, Rabbi Eric Yoffee, gave his Presidential Sermon at Saturday morning services in which he

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### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, January 8, 7 pm.** Sisterhood presents a "chick flick." (See Page 4)

**Saturday, January 10, 6 pm.** BINGO fundraiser for Religious School. (See Page 3)

**Wednesday, January 14, 9:30 am.** Mah Jongg Tournament. (See Page 3)

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# President's Report

**H**appy New Year. The year 2009 is already shaping up to be an exciting one for Temple Bat Yam. As I look at our calendar for January, I see many events that will help us raise funds and bring joy to our congregation.

Laurie Heller and Gail Schieber will be hosting a big \$500 cash prize Bingo and silent auction on January 10. All proceeds will go to the Religious School. Everyone should plan to attend this fun event.

On the following Wednesday, January 14, Dolores Pack is planning the first Mah Jongg tournament at the Temple. This fundraiser's proceeds go into the Temple's general fund. What a great idea. See Page 3 for details on these events.

For the fun of it, Hilda Plisko has planned a movie night on January 17 at 7 pm. The films are always interesting and have a Jewish theme. See Page 11 for details.

I am happy to report that Lee Klepper has agreed to chair Mitzvah Day and is planning the best one ever. If anyone is interested in working with him, please let him know.

Looking back, Sisterhood sponsored a terrific Hanukkah potluck dinner last month. Cheryl Taustin, Phyllis Alpern and Taylor Harvey arranged songs of the season to entertain us.

Our Temple membership has been steadily growing and services are well attended on Friday nights. We're still shooting for better attendance on Saturday mornings, however. Rabbi Susan Warshaw has a busy schedule teaching mid-week Hebrew to our pre-bar and bat mitzvah students and courses to adults interested in Jewish education. Please check our calendar on the website for upcoming events.

I am optimistic that 2009 will be a good year for Temple Bat Yam because your dedication and hard work will make it so.

—Larry Michnick

Wishing Everyone  
a Very  
Happy & Healthy New Year

## Board Briefs

**T**he next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7 at 4:30 pm. The next General Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Board approved a motion to prohibit fundraising appeals during Yom Kippur services. Appeals will be held only on Rosh Hashanah—Israel Bonds during the day time services and the Temple's appeal in the evening.

## Officers

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Larry Michnick</b>    | President      |
| <b>Stu Eisenman</b>      | Exec. VP       |
| <b>George Rosenstock</b> | Cong. VP       |
| <b>Sidney Eagle</b>      | Treasurer      |
| <b>Ivy Hecker</b>        | Exec. Sec'y    |
| <b>Jeannette Abrams</b>  | Cong. Sec'y    |
| <b>Jeff Thaler</b>       | Past President |

## Trustees

**Veronica Kahn, Hal Glick, Larry Pack, Jay Taustin, Sandie Wodlinger, Larry Caplan, Joyce Klein.**

## Board Members

**Rabbi Susan Warshaw**, Religious Education Director  
**Becky Brunet**, Religious Education Chair  
**Rina Thaler**, Youth Director  
**Marion Klein**, Sisterhood President  
**Richard S. Sternberger**, Founding Rabbi

## Newsletter Staff:

**Jeannette Abrams** - Editor  
**Gerty Apple** - Distribution  
**Ed Apple** - Printing  
**Contributors** - Leslie Segall, Rina Thaler, Marion Klein, Joyce Klein, Grayce Cohen, Sandie Wodlinger, Becky Brunet

## Shabbat Worship Services

Services begin at 8 pm every Friday. Services on the first, third and fourth Fridays will be accompanied by organ music. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 am. Family services are held once a month and begin at 7 pm, except in the summer.

## Fabulous, Fun Fundraisers

### \$500 BINGO

**T**he doors will open at 6 pm on Saturday, January 10, when the Temple will hold its Bingo fundraiser to benefit the Religious School. According to co-chairs Laurie Heller and Gail Scheiber, there will be 20 games of BINGO with a top prize of \$500. There will also be many other cash and gift prizes for winners. Game tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 and in advance for \$25. You will also be able to bid on items at the Chinese Auction and could win a big 50/50 prize.



So mark your calendar for this event and see how much fun you can have.

### Temple Kicks Off \$25,000 Raffle

**I**t's that time of year again when we raffle off a big \$25,000 cash prize. George Rosenstock and Jerry Selig, who are chairing this fundraiser, are asking every member of Temple Bat Yam to support this effort. Tickets are \$100 each, but since less than 800 will be sold, your chance of winning is much higher than when you buy a state lottery ticket. If you can't afford \$100, why not share a ticket with four friends.

If fewer than 750 are sold, the winner will receive 50 percent of all the money taken in.

Tickets were provided by George's company, *A Plus Screen & Glass*.

### Heckers Donate Shiva Prayer Books

**T**hanks to the generosity of Ivy and Larry Hecker, the Temple now has 15 new shiva prayer books. "This is a very kindhearted gift, and we appreciate it very much," Rabbi Susan Warshaw said. The books contain the special service that family and friends say at the shiva house after a loved one has passed away.

### Mah Jongg Tournament Planned

**G**et your tables together for the Temple's First Annual Mah Jongg Tournament set for Wednesday, January 14 from 9:30 am to 2 pm. Chairperson Dolores Pack promises a fun, fun, fundraiser. For a \$25 entrance fee, you and your friends will get lunch and a chance to win three big prizes: \$150 first prize, \$75 second prize and \$50 third prize.

January 5 is the deadline to RSVP to Dolores, 302-539-6969 or [Dolores@DoloresPack.com](mailto:Dolores@DoloresPack.com).



### 1...2...3 Lottery Game Restored

The 1...2...3 raffle, which inadvertently went dormant, has now been fully restored, thanks to Office Assistant Jamie Linebaugh. Her research and efforts have brought the winner's up-to-date. Anyone who chose to participate in the raffle at last August's picnic is being asked to confirm your number with Jamie. And, if you have not yet paid, please do so. The cost is \$50 per number. Remember, each Wednesday night, the last two digits of the Pick 3 Maryland Lottery number results in a winning number for 1...2...3 Lottery players (or the Temple, if on one purchased the winning number.) Here are the winners:

August 20, # 89, no winner; August 27, # 55, no winner; September 3, # 23, **Russell Selig**, September 10, # 85, no winner; September 17, # 58, no winner; September 24, # 05, no winner; October 1, # 90, no winner; October 8, # 21, **Jay Taustin**; October 15, # 19, no winner; October 22, # 26, no winner; October 29, # 00, no winner; November 5, # 91, no winner; November 12, # 17, **Steven Schieber**; November 19, # 31, no winner; November 28, # 18, **Gloria Nestler**; December 3, # 75, no winner; December 10, # 68, no winner; December 17, #10, no winner.

Please pick a number from the list Jamie sent you via email on December 18, 2008.

## Sisterhood Happenings

On December 11 we held our yearly Hanukkah party and gift exchange. Not your normal exchange though, we all brought a wrapped gift and there was the possibility that when we picked one, that gift would be “stolen” away and we would have to pick again. It was a lot of fun considering the weather was very uncooperative.

On a more serious note, the board and the general membership voted to name the Health Fair for Toni Jaffee. It will be known as the Toni Jaffee Annual Health Fair. We also discussed having donations sent in her name to the Health Fair, giving us more money to bring in more participants for future fairs.

Our Potluck dinner, held on December 19, was a great success. Approximately 80 people attended and there were many children to enjoy the event. We collected many nice, new toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. Later, at services, our own Cheryl Taustin and Phyllis Alpern, accompanied by Taylor Harvey entertained us with holiday songs.

On January 8, on “Chick Flick” night, we will be showing *Sex in the City*. Please plan to be there for a fun evening.

I wish you all a Healthy and Happy Holiday

—Marion Klein, President

### Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat

Is someone going on a trip or just returning safely from one? Did someone just have a baby or grand-baby?

If you have something to celebrate, why not sponsor a Friday night Oneg Shabbat and have your simcha announced from the bimah? Everyone would love to celebrate with you and your family and friends. If you are interested, please call Marsha Rosenstock at 410-629-1103 a week or so in advance and we will make arrangements.

### Gift Shop Has New Proprietor

Sisterhood and the Religious School have joined hands and will share profits made in the Temple Gift Shop. Laurie Heller will take over running the shop and promises to stock many items that will interest the congregation.

Currently, she is selling T-shirts and travel coffee mugs with the TBY logo. For more information, email Laurie, [queensgirl01@comcast.net](mailto:queensgirl01@comcast.net).

### Let's Show we Care

If you know of someone in the congregation or a relative of a congregant who is sick or has passed away, please contact Carol Schachter at 410-208-1917 or [carolee44@verizon.net](mailto:carolee44@verizon.net). She will see that the Rabbi and Sisterhood President are notified so that they can take the appropriate action.

### Cabaret Night Fun for All

Did we have fun, or what? Everyone attending the Sisterhood's Cabaret Night on November 20 enjoyed the singing talents of Cheryl Taustin, Phyllis Alpern, Michelle Schachter, Allen Brodsky and Chelsea Thaler. They were accompanied by Kathy Silva on the keyboard.

After the show, everyone stayed for wine and cheese and desserts provided by the Sisterhood.



Cheryl Taustin belts out a lively rendition of “Second Hand Rose.” As MC, She started with “Welcome,” from Cabaret, and put everyone in the mood



Taking a bow, are from right, Michelle Schachter, Phyllis Alpern, Cheryl Taustin, Allen Brodsky, Chelsea Thaler and Kathy Silva. Cheryl and Phyllis did a hilarious version of the “Meow” song by Handel, while Michelle showed why she is a successful band singer. Allen sang oldies, but goodies and Chelsea showed her talent as well.

—Photos by Marv Novick

## So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

**PROUD GRANDPARENTS**—Bert and Gloria Nestler report that they are extremely proud of their granddaughters, Sarah Rose and Hannah Grace Nestler. “The girls are tremendous gymnasts and their accomplishments this year are particularly worthy of a grandparents’ boasting! Both girls capped off a successful meet season by placing first place all-around (scores for all four events added together—beam, floor, vault and bars) in the USAG level 4 Florida State Gymnastics Competition. The meet, held last month at Polk Community College in Winterhaven, Florida, was attended by only those top gymnastics who at a prior meet accomplished an all-around score of 32 or better. Sarah’s first place score was an astounding 38.2, while younger sister Hannah’s first place score was 37.325. Bert and Gloria clearly have reason to be proud of their grandchildren’s accomplishments. Congratulations Sarah and Hannah Nestler! We are so proud of these girls.” Thanks for sharing this news with us.

**SMART STUDENT**—Congratulations to Bonnie Eisenman, whose proficiency in math won her the right to join two older classmates in the 25th Annual Eastern Shore High School Math Competition. The only junior among senior competitors from Stephen Decatur High School, she thanked her teacher for extending “this opportunity to me for two years and I love it.” Bonnie also noted in the December 11, 2008 *Bayside Gazette* article, “we have to be able to think outside the box and it does take a team effort to create the solution.” Parents Stu and Susanna and

## Free, Fun Movie Night

**I**t’s winter. That means Temple Bat Yam will be holding free movie nights until March. Hilda Plisko—our movie maven—has selected an interesting film for Saturday, January 17 at 7:30 pm. Entitled, *The Counterfeiters*, it is about a concentration camp inmate, Salomon Sorowitsche, who is in a comfortable position as the camp’s sketch artist. Then, he is suddenly swept away to another camp to create fraudulent pounds and dollars for the Nazis. This movie won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 1977.

The films for February 21 and March 21 have not yet been selected.



## Join Mitzvah Day Committee

**M**itzvah Day has been scheduled for April 26, 2009. I’m going to be co-chairing the event this year. Although I haven’t got a partner yet, I’d like to invite anyone interested in helping out to please contact me via email, [l.klepper@mchsi.com](mailto:l.klepper@mchsi.com) or by letter, Lee Klepper, 101 Pine Forest Drive, Berlin, MD, 21811 or Fax, 410-208-3475.

Some of the committees will hopefully be the same as last year: Salisbury Zoo clean up, Coastal Hospice teddy bear collection, Shepherd’s Crook food drive, to name a few. But I’d love to get suggestions for other activities as well. I’ve never done Mitzvah Day before so if I make mistakes in omitting the obvious please bear with me.

I’d like to invite anyone who participated last year and would like to help again, as well as newcomers, to contact me. Stu and Susanna Eisenman have been wonderful in steering me in the right direction and of course I have my Mitzvah Day survival guide but I’d like to start working on projects and would certainly appreciate getting committees going soon. Maybe we could get a group together and start brainstorming. I’m usually at Sunday School so perhaps meetings could be arranged for those times. Anyone interested in co-chairing, please contact me as well. Thanks.

—Lee Klepper

## Attention Mah Jongg Players

**Y**ou can order your card through Temple Bat Yam and it will be mailed directly to you in April. Sisterhood gets a portion of the sales.

Cost of Standard Card \$7.00  
Cost of Large Print Card \$8.00



Payment by cash or check (made payable to cash or to Barbara Southwell). The Mah Jongg League will not accept multiple checks. Barbara must receive your order no later than January 31, 2009. With payment, please include your name and mailing address, including zip code. Mail to: Barbara Southwell, 102 Pinehurst Rd., Ocean Pines, MD 21811. If you have any questions, Barbara can be reached at 410-641-5456.

## JANUARY 2009 YAHRZEITS

- 01 **Ida Poland**  
mother of Joyce Bowers
- 03 **Shirley Armstrong**  
sister-in-law of Jeannette Abrams
- Abraham Grodnitzky**  
father of Sylvia Schiff
- Sybil Karman**  
mother of Janice Spieler
- 04 **Samuel Fromme**  
father of Myra Novick
- 05 **Ella Davidowitz**  
mother of Nelson Davidson
- 06 **Ida Kaufman**  
mother of Jack Kaufman
- 09 **Bruce Allan Nestler**  
son of Bert & Gloria Nestler
- 11 **Morris Caplan**  
father of Lawrence Caplan
- 12 **Milton Glazer**  
father of Philip Glazer
- 13 **Dora Bader**  
aunt of Patti Leiner
- Jacob Mitnick**  
father of Herbert Mitnick
- 14 **Isadore Cohen**  
father of Janet Batlan
- Harriet Murek**  
mother of Esther Swartz
- Leon Murek**  
father of Esther Swartz
- Larry Smolins**  
father of Stuart Smolins
- Arthur Thaler**  
father of Jeff Thaler

- 16 **Herman C. Horwitz**  
father of Gladys Miller
- Rhea Komins**  
mother of Phyllis Wann
- Morris Levy**  
father-in-law of Elaine Levy
- 17 **Michael Guerrieri**  
father of Marilyn Levinson
- Joseph Sind**  
grandfather of Karen Abrams  
father of Judy Katsoyannos
- 18 **Jennie Sparco**  
grandmother of Gary Meyers
- 20 **Henry Herman**  
brother of Rena Walcoff
- 21 **Rebecca Brody**  
grandmother of Gladys Miller
- 26 **Rose Pack**  
mother of Laurence Pack
- 28 **Herman Eagle**  
father of Sidney Eagle  
grandfather of Harlan Eagle
- Ruth Harris**  
mother of Frederick Harris
- Marjorie Selig**  
mother of Russell Selig
- 29 **Frank Melitz**  
father of Sandra Wodlinger
- 31 **Ruth Starr**  
mother of Sylvia Burkom

### *House Committee Needs Painters*

We need help to paint the social hall sometime in January. We have the paint and equipment, we just need bodies. Call George Rosenstock at 410-629-1103 or email, [supezip@yahoo.com](mailto:supezip@yahoo.com).

Please keep those aluminum cans coming.

**TREE OF LIFE**  
Celebrate the good things in your life. Purchase a leaf for \$325 or a stone for \$1,025.

Please pick up the Tree of Life Request Form on the table in the Temple lobby.



## december 2008 CONTRIBUTIONS

### ART & FURNISHINGS

From Jeannette Abrams:

~ to Elaine Rabinowitz praying that you have a speedy and full recovery

~ to Sharon Caden my prayers, love and thoughts are with you

~ to Rabbi Susan Warshaw happy belated birthday, I hope you recover quickly from knee surgery and return to us soon

~ to Jack & Michelle Schachter, Happy Anniversary

~ to Samantha Schachter, Happy Birthday

~ to Bonnie Eisenman, Happy Birthday

~ to Pamela Smolins, Happy Birthday

~ to Gloria Furman, Happy Birthday

~ to Helene & Larry Caplan, Happy Anniversary

### GENERAL FUND

From Sylvia Burkom:

~ to Edith Friedman my thoughts are with you on the loss of your husband.

From Elaine & Harry Freedman:

~in honor of our son, Adam Freedman & Kristi Day's wedding, October 26.

From Jeff Yarchin:

~ in gratitude to Cheryl Taustin for singing at mother's funeral

From Gloria & Bert Nestler:

~ to Elaine Rabinowitz have a speedy recovery

From Sylvia Schiff:

~ to Edith Friedman in memory of your husband I was sorry to hear of your loss

From Gloria & Bert Nestler:

~ wishing Marsha Rosenstock a speedy recovery.

From Nanette & John Willmuth:

~to Ron Cohen thinking of you with best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery

### Yahrzeit Fund

From Leslie Segall:

~ in memory of my beloved mother Shirley Segall

From Ed Wirkman:

~ in memory of my mother Gertrude Wirkman

From Howard & Helen Hammerman:

~ in memory of Helen's father Arnold Wermuth

From Gloria & Bert Nestler:

~ in loving memory of Toni Jaffee

From Jeri Lipov:

~ in memory of Sam Stein, Jeri's grandfather

From Harry Freedman:

~ in memory of my mother Sadie Freedman

From Jeannette Abrams:

~in loving memory of my husband, Edwin F. Abrams

From Norman Katz:

~ in memory of my father Isidore Katz

From Janet Batlan:

~ in memory of my mother Evelyn K. Cohen

From Pam Smolions:

~ in memory of my father Augie Fiore

From Stu Smolins:

~ in memory of my brother Ron Smolins

**Memorial Plaques**  
**The Temple has a beautiful Memorial area for plaques honoring loved ones. Call the Temple office for more information.**

**It's another Mitzvah.**



## Religious School Report

**H**anukkah was the focus of religious school throughout the month of December. The students in every class enjoyed learning about the holiday celebration. Our Hanukkah studies culminated in a joyous Hanukkah party on December 14. Children devoured delicious potato latkes, ate Hanukkah cookies, and participated in numerous games and craft activities. We'd like to thank Rina Thaler, the Youth Group, and all parents who helped make this event a successful celebration for all children.

Also, a special thank you goes out to Laurie Heller for the sale of Hanukkah gifts and books on Judaism which members were able to purchase during religious school and the Sisterhood's Hanukkah Potluck Dinner. All proceeds were donated to the religious school for future events.

Josh Fine, former camper and now counselor, will be coming to TBY on **January 11 at 12 noon** to talk with families about children attending Camps Airy and Louise this summer. **This date and time has changed from what was published in the Decem-**

**ber newsletter.** Camp Airy, for boys, and Camp Louise, for girls, are located approximately one hour west of Baltimore. All children ages 7 and up and parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to hear about the exciting summer of activities offered by these two amazing camps. Every child and one parent per family who attends this meeting will be given tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters performance at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center on Monday, March 2. Be sure and mark your calendars now to stay after Religious School on January 11 and hear all about Camps Airy and Louise! If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Warshaw or Becky Brunet.

The Religious School Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 7 p.m. to discuss the goals and future plans for the religious school. Please contact me at 410-208-9296 if you would like to be a member of this committee.

Jim, Nathan, and I wish a Happy New Year to all!

—Becky Brunet, Religious Education Chair

### Learn About Camps Airy & Louise, Receive Tickets to Globe Trotters Game

**D**o you like to: skateboard, play lacrosse, go rock climbing, mountain biking, act in a play, dance, swim, go kart, play paintball, do gymnastics, make pottery, play soccer, build rockets, make friends and have fun? Then Camps Airy and Louise could be the answer to your question, "what am I going to do all summer?" There are special days like olympics, color games and mud madness. There are also camp shows, fairs, and trips to the ballgame, rollerskating, rafting and more. The great part is that you pick the activities that you like to do.

But the best part of camp, is the friends you make, and the memories you take home with you. Imagine spending one, two or even four weeks with other Jewish kids who enjoy the same things you do. Camps Airy and Louise have been Maryland's favorite camp for Jewish kids to meet for over 80 years. Several of our Temple Bat Yam teens have gone there. Both camps are located approximately one hour west of Baltimore. Camp Airy is

for boys, and Camp Louise is for girls ages 7 and up. The camps are located within a short drive from each other, and they do weekly activities together.

If you want to hear more about how you can have an amazing summer at Camp Airy or Camp Louise be sure to be at Sunday School on January 11, when Josh Fine (who grew up in Salisbury, went to Camp Airy as a kid, and is now a counselor there) will be coming to Temple to tell you more. Josh will be talking to kids and their parents at 12 noon, after class.

And, every child (and one parent per family) who attends will be given one ticket to the Harlem Globe Trotters Game at the Wicomico County Civic Center on Monday, March 2. Be sure and mark your calendars now to stay after Religious School on January 11 and hear all about Camp Airy and Louise.

For additional information, please contact Rabbi Warshaw or Becky Brunet.

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outlined his initiatives for the next two years. National Biennials always have Keshet (for college students) and NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth, for high school students) components as well.

And for those of you who like shopping, there are hundreds of vendors exhibiting their wares. Vendors come from all over North America and Israel and have truly spectacular things. You can find a special *tallit* or kippah, Judaica for the home, books, artwork, jewelry, as well as services and products for the synagogue. Just strolling through the exhibit hall is a fun experience, as you see old friends and stop to have a cup of coffee with new friends you have made.

The next Biennial will be held in Toronto, Canada November 4-8, 2009. Start to plan now to attend this very special event. Consider working this trip into your family vacation plans for 2009. Toronto is a great place to visit with lots of things to see and do. I would love for as many of us from Temple Bat Yam to go to Toronto as possible. Now is the time to schedule your time off from work and to start saving your money. I promise it will be an experi-

## **Arts & Furnishings Report**

This month Jim Brunet and George Rosenstock will prep the social hall walls for painting. After that is completed, Larry Michnick has agreed to help with the rolling. We already have some fine art work to display. If you would like to loan or donate art/ framed craft pieces for the social room, please all Jeri Lipov or Sandie Wodlinger.

The reorganization of the kitchen is well on its way. The cabinets and drawers would make any *bala-bosta kvell*. Arrangements have been made to have the kitchen professionally cleaned. Be prepared to wear sun glasses because the board has requested that every thing really shine.

Once the walls are painted and the kitchen gleams, think about have a family *simcha* at TBY.

—Sandie Wodlinger

## **Rabbi Plans Exciting Trip to Israel in Fall**

Dear Temple Bam

Please join me for a fantastic trip to Israel, October 19-29, 2009. We will see all the highlights, from spending Shabbat in Jerusalem (an unforgettable experience) to dinner and songs at a kibbutz in the Galilee.

Approximate cost at this time is \$3,600, double occupancy. Cost may vary depending in the airfare. We will be inviting other Jewish congregations on the Eastern Shore to join us for this wonderful experience.

I would like to know if you are interested so that we can proceed with detailed plans. I am so excited about this trip. I really think this is something you won't want to miss.

Shabbat Shalom, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Please respond to me at this e-mail address:  
[rabbiwarshaw@gmail.com](mailto:rabbiwarshaw@gmail.com)

## **Temple Website Has New Calendar**

Temple Bat Yam's website now has a calendar that shows all Temple activities in one convenient format. The new calendar is printable too. You may access the calendar page directly at <http://templebatyam-oc.org/calendar.html> or visit TBY's website at [templebatyam-oc.org](http://templebatyam-oc.org)

The events are each color coded for easy recognition. Also, be sure to check the calendar for Religious School dates and Friday and Saturday Services.

## Patrons, Benefactors Help Temple

**A**s the new fiscal year begins for Temple Bat Yam, there is hope that more members will opt to become Patrons and Benefactors. All it takes is an extra \$250 added to your membership dues to become a Patron, and an extra \$500 to join the ranks of Benefactor.

Here are the names of those members who gave this fiscal year.

### Patrons 2008-2009

Marsha Howarth  
Larry & Deanne Michnick  
Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz  
Allen & Phyllis Brodsky  
Lawrence & Helene Caplan  
Aaron & Grayce Cohen  
Gloria Furman  
Russell & Carol Selig  
Stuart & Pamela Smolins

### Benefactors 2008-2009

Melvin & Janis Schwartz  
Christopher & Judith Galuardi  
Jack & Michelle Schachter  
Philip & Jo Anne Glazer  
Jonathan & Terry Bell  
Bert & Gloria Nestler  
Lee & Jennifer Klepper  
Bruce & Cynthia Leiner  
Jeff & Rina Thaler  
Willam & Michy Woods  
Peter & Rebecca Zweigbaum  
G. Philip & Marlene Feldman  
Norman & Susan Oblon  
Jay & Cheryl Taustin

## Pledge to Pay Off Temple's Mortgage

**P**aying off our Temple's mortgage is our principal priority this year. Everyone is being asked to pitch in with a pledge. **Our aim is to pay off the mortgage by December 31, 2009.** Please fill out this form and mail it and your check, made out to Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Hwy., Berlin, MD 21811.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEDGE AMOUNT

\$2,500\_\_\_, \$5,000\_\_\_ \$10,000\_\_\_, \$15,000\_\_\_, \$20,000\_\_\_  
\$25,000\_\_\_, \$50,000\_\_\_, Other\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You

Contact Treasurer **Sidney Eagle** for further information.

## Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Make Me a Match

**W**ow! I am writing to you with exciting news for Temple Bat Yam. One of our members has made an extremely generous offer to help us achieve our goal of paying down the mortgage. He has committed to matching up to \$30,000 of what we make in donations within the next 90 days. In other words, for every \$1 in contributions that you and I make, he will match another \$1.

If there was ever, ever a time for you to consider a donation to help pay down our mortgage, this is it! If we can get that *mortgage monkey* off our backs, we can assure Temple Bat Yam's future and spend our efforts enriching the congregation. Making a contribution at this time is a no-brainer. This is such a deal!!!

I've just mailed in my contribution for \$1,000 to pay down our mortgage.

Won't you please take this opportunity to join me with whatever you can afford? Please mail your check payable to Temple Bat Yam to: Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD 21811.

If you would like to discuss this outstanding opportunity, please, please call me directly at 302-539-6969.

Larry Pack

## Methodist Church Members Attend Services at Temple



Rabbi Susan Warshaw (center) explains the Jewish service to members of the Stevenson United Methodist Church of Berlin. "The group has been studying the *mishkan*—the portable sanctuary the Israelites erected while they were wandering in the desert," the rabbi explained. Below, the visitors follow the service in our prayer book. They later joined us at the Oneg, where they were further welcomed by the congregation.



### Noel Community Thanks TBY

Katie Coffman, on behalf of the Noel Community, thanked the Temple for conducting the year 'round food drive for the needy. "The need for non-perishable food is greater than in past years. These generous donations will help stock the food pantries for immediate distribution," she said.

## Levy Library Report

The Levy Library Crew has finally completed the cataloging of the many recently donated books. What a great selection! Thanks go to all who have been so generous with their donations.

Remember, **Bagels & Books** will be held on Sunday, February 15 at 10 am in the social hall. The book is *Haven* by Ruth Graber. Candy Gusst will facilitate the discussion. You can pick the book up in the library.

If you have read a book with Jewish content and thought it was good, let us know. Contact Carol Schachter, [carolee44@verizon.net](mailto:carolee44@verizon.net) with your selection.

In other news, The High Holiday prayer books currently gracing the tables and floor of our library will soon have a new home. Barry Gusst is helping us by locating bookcases to store them. The Arts & Furnishing Committee, along with the rabbi, will decide where the most accessible and appropriate place for the shelves will be.

Also, in an effort to provide a cozy corner for reading, we have acquired a donated recliner. Sit back and relax while you browse our fine collection.

—The Levy Library Crew

## Bob Backman Launches New TV Station

On November 1, 2008, Bob Backman launched a new television station in Delmarva. WRDE is a dual network affiliate, running classic programming from the Retro Television Network during the day, then switching to a My Network TV affiliate during prime time. The Retro Television Network prides itself in carrying true classic television shows, such as *Emergency*, *Quincy*, *The Rockford Files*, *Adam 12*, *Nightrider*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Airwolf*, and many other favorites. RTN is also airing *Unreliable Sources*, a nationwide live, viewer call-in show that discusses such issues as politics, crime and entertainment.

When WRDE is not running regular network programming, time slots will be filled with a field of suggestions that have been submitted online by local residents. "The number of solicitations we've received has been extremely positive," Bob noted. "We're working on truly local shows—some with local radio hosts and some featuring local high school sports, ACC Football and Basketball, Philadelphia Phillies games, classic TV shows and much more," he added. WRDE-TV is MY RTN 9, Channel 9 on Comcast Cable, and over the air on Digital Channel 31.1 from Rehoboth Beach, DE. More information about WRDE-TV and how to enter ideas for programming can be found online at [www.new-tvstation.com](http://www.new-tvstation.com).

## Contribution Form

Please designate one: **Arts & Furnishings Fund, Yahrzeit, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Mortgage Fund, or General Fund.** Minimum contribution: \$5, Chai: \$18, Double Chai: \$36. *Send information & checks payable to Temple Bat Yam and Mail to:*  
**TEMPLE BAT YAM 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD 21811**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fund \_\_\_\_\_

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Message: (Sympathy, In Memory of, In honor of, etc.)  
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From: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Temple? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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### Join a Committee, Support Temple Activities

Temple Bat Yam has many important activities that benefit the congregation as well as the community. Please join one of these committees and help make our programs the best ever. Contact these chairpersons to sign up.  
**Membership** — Helen Hammerman, [helenh13@comcast.net](mailto:helenh13@comcast.net) or Ivy Hecker, [ivyhecker@earthlink.net](mailto:ivyhecker@earthlink.net).

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**House** — George Rosenstock, [supezip@yahoo.com](mailto:supezip@yahoo.com).

**Adult Jewish Growth** — Howard Hammerman, [howardh0336@comcast.com](mailto:howardh0336@comcast.com)

**Social Outreach**—Needs a chairperson. Oversees Mitzvah Day, connects with community charities and churches.

**Fundraising**—Needs a chairperson. Oversees and coordinates fundraising events.

**Sunshine**—Needs a chairperson. Sends out “get well” cards.

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