

BAT YAM

News and Views

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Commentary: by Rabbi Reena Spicehandler

Purim is Coming! Purim is Coming!

Multiplying Happiness in the Month of Adar

One of the things that I love about Judaism is the way in which following the yearly holiday cycle allows us to celebrate the whole spectrum of human emotions. We are contemplative on Yom Kippur, exhilarated by the Festivals, mournful on Tisha B'Av and Holocaust Remembrance Day—and on Purim—well on Purim we are positively silly. In fact, our joy is so great that we are told, “As soon as the month of Adar begins, our happiness multiplies.”

I wonder what it means to multiply happiness. On the most obvious level we celebrate our narrow escape from Haman's murderous plot with giddy relief. But Purim also provides opportunities for a freedom and playfulness that we can seldom afford in our daily lives. When we dress up in costumes and masks, we have the opportunity to try out new roles. We can shed our every day disguises and explore hidden aspects of our personalities. Why, one year I was even “long, tall Sally”!

Much of our joy originates in our sense of relief at a narrow escape and is enhanced by the playfulness and silliness of new costumes and masks. But I think that our happiness is truly multiplied by two other Purim customs: Giving charity to the poor and *mishloach manot*—sending Purim baskets to family and friends. We are supposed to include at least two kinds of ready to eat foods, usually *Hammentaschen*, as well as other sweets and fruits in these gift baskets. The customs of *tzedakah* and *mishloach manot* extend our joyfulness to those around us—to family and friends and even to strangers in need.

I invite all of you to share in Purim's joys this year. Our children will be celebrating during religious school with a carnival on March 9 and a mini-megillah reading on March 16. Our congregational Purim service will take place Friday evening March 21.

So don a costume, bake some Hammentaschen and come to Temple to hear the story of our miraculous escape as recounted in the *megillah*—and to see what aspect of my “inner rabbi” will be revealed this year!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 15—Free Movie Night. (See Page 3 for details).

Sunday, March 16—\$25,000 Big Cash Drawing. Ocean City Convention Center. (See President's Report on Page 2).

Friday, March 21—Purim Service. Dress up, have fun.

Sunday, March 30—Bus trip to see a Broadway show. (See Page 3).

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President's Report

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, only 267 raffle tickets have been sold for our \$100 raffle. The drawing will be held at the convention center at 4 pm on Sunday, March 16, so there is not much time left to purchase or sell tickets. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Also, I need volunteers to help at our booth at the convention center on Friday March 14 through Sunday March 16. The following time slots are available:

- 1 Friday March 14: 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- 2 Saturday March 15: 10:00 am to 1:30 pm
- 3 Saturday March 15: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- 4 Saturday March 15: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- 5 Sunday March 16: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please call or e-mail me if you have any time available to help.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at the Temple beginning at 8:30 am. The Agenda for that meeting is as follows:

- Opening Prayer
- Minutes from Previous Board Meeting
- Correspondence
- Future Board Meeting Dates and Times
- President's Remarks
- Treasurer's Report
- Issues From Previous Meetings
- Executive Vice President's Report (Including Executive Committee Report)
- New Business
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Other Committee Reports
- Good and Welfare
- Meeting Summary
- Adjournment

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend and observe.

B'shalom,

—Mike Waldman

Board Briefs

Attracting many new members is the main objective of the Board this year.

If you know someone who may be interested in joining our Bat Yam family, please contact one of our Membership Committee members: **Helen Hammerman, chair, Laurie Heller, Nancy Berg, Andy Benjamin, Jeri Lipov or Rina Thaler.**

Officers

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Jeff Thaler	Past President

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Veronica Kahn, Arie Klapholz, Hal Glick, Sharon Caden, George Rosenstock, Jay Taustin, Sandie Wodlinger.

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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

BOARDWALK RAFFLE

Once again we have a spot on the boardwalk in Ocean City from Springfest to Sunfest. We have purchased a 2008 candy apple red Ford mustang convertible. It will be displayed at Temple prior to Springfest.

Tickets cost \$1 each or 7 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. They are on order and will be available soon. The tickets are being paid for by both Sherwood Ford and the Bank of Ocean City.

Sellers will be needed for Springfest Thursday through Sunday. The rest of May, we staff the booth only on weekends until Memorial Day. After Memorial Day, we are on the boardwalk every day, three shifts each day.

We have already had several people express their interest in specific shifts. The shifts are 10 am - 2 pm, 2 pm - 6 pm, and 6 pm -10 pm, and not counting rain-outs we will be covering 136 days or 407 shifts. You can see by those numbers how important it is for everyone to do their share to make this event successful.

Please call the office and reserve the shifts you are able to work. This is a major fund raising event. Four years ago we were able to raise over \$44,000 for Temple.

Thank you for your support.

—Joyce Klein, boardwalk raffle chairman

We're Going to See a Broadway Show, Have Fun

The Temple Social Committee has planned a bus trip to New York to see a play, have dinner and lots of fun. **Laurie Heller** is chairing this event.

The date is **Sunday, March 30, 2008**. The comedy is: *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy*.

The bus leaves the Temple parking lot at 7 am. We'll have lunch in New York (near the theater), see the show at 3 pm and stop at Harold's deli for dinner. Call Laurie at 410-213-0088 or queensgirl@verizon.net for further information.



Health Fair co-chairs Helene Caplan (left) and Toni Jaffee greet visitors with a basket of apples (to keep the doctor away). Sandie Wodlinger and Debbie Resnick also chaired this event. Below left, Candy Gusst watches as husband Barry gets his blood pressure taken by a tech at the Atlantic General Hospital booth. The event, sponsored by Sisterhood and AGH, drew a good crowd from the community and was



Plan to Host a Havdalah

Havdalah services and potluck dinners will resume in March. These are hosted in the homes of members and have been held the second Saturday night of the month. If you would like to host a Havdalah please contact **Helen Hammerman** at 410-213-0336 and leave a message as to which month you are interested in having the Havdalah.

—Helen Hammerman, chair

Saturday Night at the Movies,

March 15 at 7 pm

Enjoy a free, fun evening in the social hall, have some snacks and enjoy the movie.

A Price Above Rubies.....a young woman married to a Hasidic Jew escapes her stifling environment by going to work for her jeweler brother in law...but escaping is not that easy.

—Hilda Plisko

Sisterhood Happenings

Sisterhood continues to thrive. This past January we had a very successful Health Fair in partnership with Atlantic General Hospital. Many thanks go to **Toni Jaffee** and her committee, **Sandie Wodlinger**, **Debbie Resnick** and **Helene Caplan**, also to **Caryn Klapholz** for her signs and **Veronica Kahn** for publicity. The doctors and other health providers are eager to return next January, and we look forward to seeing this important community outreach project grow.

We are a movie-loving congregation, judging from attendance at our Sisterhood "movies and munchies," and the Temple's movie nights. To help out, the Sisterhood Board recommended, and the Sisterhood membership approved at the February meeting, the purchase of a DVD movie system and screen. No more borrowing from many sources or creative jerry-rigging! While belonging to Sisterhood, the movie system is available for all Temple DVD-viewing needs. Please use it and enjoy.

Sisterhood will be using the new projector for our next General Meeting, Thursday, March 13, at 7 pm. After our meeting, Debbie Resnick, Sandie Wodlinger, and Jeannette Abrams will be showing an excerpt from the PBS series, *Jews in America*, then leading us in discussion. Come join us in Sisterhood and Jewish heritage that night.

Finally, Passover is around the corner, so mark your calendars for our community seder, Sunday, April 20, at 5:30 pm, at the Embers Restaurant. A letter will be mailed out shortly with details. Use the form on the back of the letter to make your reservations.

Spring is coming! Shalom.

—Eve Waldman, President

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 13, 7 pm. Sisterhood general meeting. We plan to show excerpts from PBS's *The Jewish Americans* and discuss how we relate. This should be a very informative evening.

Thursday, March 20, 7 pm. Rosh Hodesh Celebration at the home of **Debbie Resnick**. Purim, Bet Adar, *Bridging the Centuries, Woman to Woman*. **Sandie Wodlinger** will lead the discussion. Call Debbie at 410-641-5521 or Sandie at 410-208-3063 for further information and directions.

Sunday, April 20, Community Passover Seder, 5:30 pm at the Embers Restaurant. Mark your calendars for this special annual event. Always good food, a wonderful service and great fellowship.

Sunday, May 18, Bagels & Books, 10 am, Temple social hall. **Leslie Segall** will moderate the review of *The Slave* by **Isaac Bashevis Singer**. Come for breakfast and a lively discussion of this novel. This program is in conjunction with the Levy Library crew.

Friday, May 23, Sisterhood Shabbat Service, 8 pm. Special catered Oneg Shabbat will be served.

Sunday, June 1, Paid-up Membership Luncheon and Installation of Officers. Coral Reef restaurant in Ocean City.

If you know of someone in the congregation or a relative of a congregant who is sick or has passed away, please contact Caryn Klapholz at 410-208-0362 or email her, caryn149@aol.com. She will see that the Rabbi and Sisterhood President are notified so that they can take the appropriate action.

So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

GREAT GRAND NEWS—Congratulations to **Carol Schachter**, who recently became a great grandmother for the first time. Beautiful little **Elizabeth Ann Cebula** is the daughter of grandson **Lee** and **Susanna**, who live in Virginia Beach, VA, and the grandchild of her daughter and son-in-law **Becky** and **Stan Cebula**.

SMART KIDS—Bragging rights go to **Michelle Schachter**, who reports that daughter **Samantha**, Who attends Berlin Intermediate school made the Principal's list for earning straight A's for two terms in a row. Michelle further notes that sister "**Alex**, who has overcome many obstacles this year, is now reading above grade level in first grade at Showell elementary."

MISS APRIL—It will cost you \$75 if you want to see **Veronica Kahn's** Miss April in the Ocean City Calendar Girls calendar. The proceeds go to the Life Crisis and the Stephen Decator Junior Red Cross. "It's a tax deductible donation and benefits others," said Veronica.

FROM THE WEST—**Leslie Segall** and **Ed Wirkman** are enjoying their vacation in the Phoenix, AZ area. She reports that although it was cold when they arrived, the weather has warmed up and they are "chilling out." "There is so much to see and do here, Leslie noted.

MARATHON GIRL—My granddaughter **Sarah Gershelsky** recently completed running a half marathon in Austin, TX, to benefit The Childrens' Fund, a Houston charity that supports area youth. Sarah, **John** and my great grandson **Gabe** (9), live in Houston.

Enjoying a vacation in Aruba in late January are (from left) Samantha Schachter, Chelsea Thaler and Alex Schachter. The Schachters



and Thalers overlapped their vacations. They enjoyed fun in the sun, parasailing, and eating out, Michelle and Jack report. Jeff, Rina and Brandon also enjoyed being together. They all came

Operation Paperback

Operation Paperback is still collecting books for servicemen and women in Iraq and elsewhere.

I thank **Stu Eisenman** for handling the shipping for me. If you can help out with shipping costs, please send donations to Stu Eisenman, 24 Morning Mist Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

Thank you all and keep the paperback books coming.

—**Leslie Segall**

Book Review: *The Slave* by Isaac Bashevis Singer

I have been rereading *The Slave* while I'm here in Arizona. It's been at least 20 years since I first read this book, and I am struck by how different my reaction is to this tale on this current reading. It reinforces a truth I've learned over the years: what we read and how we interpret and respond to what we're reading is completely based on where we are in our own journey. This reread also has me wondering how much of my own path may have been influenced by this story.

The Slave is not an easy book to read. It's set in a time and place that none of us have ever experienced and most of us will find very difficult to relate to. Think *Fiddler on the Roof* without the music, without the comedy, with more complex characters and events, and a lot more angst. *The Slave* examines human nature in all its goodness and negativity, and how one man, Jacob, survives it all while adhering to his faith the best he can.

The Ocean Pines library can order the book for you, and Sussex County Libraries have copies on hand. I hope you will join us for bagels and our book discussion on Sunday, May 18 at 10 am at the temple. The public is invited to attend.

Mickie Scheff Scholarship

Each year, the Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam awards one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go toward college or special schooling tuition. Any member, child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of any member of Temple Bat Yam may apply. The scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2008. The check will be presented to the winner at our installation luncheon in June. Application forms are available in the Temple lobby and on our website. For more information, please contact **Eve Waldman** at 410-341-7679.

MARCH 2008 YAHRZEITS

01 **Celia Cohen**
mother of Aaron Cohen
Ella Gusst
mother of Barry Gusst
Jeanette Levin
aunt of Jerome Sandy
Jacob Schachter
father-in-law of Carol Schachter

02 **Peggy Goldstein**
mother of Lewis Goldstein
Molly Rubin
mother of Susan Berkman

04 **Bella Chaikin**
aunt of Jodi Sabo
Theodore Schneider
father-in-law of Norman Katz
Isadore Schoenbaum
father of Muriel Seigel

05 **Mayer (Mike) Segall**
father of Leslie Segall

06 **Abe Greenspan**
father of Michael Greenspan
Anna Stein
grandmother of Jeri Lipov

07 **Robert Gold**
brother of Heather Greenspan

08 **Gertrude Lewis**
grandmother of Sharon Lewis Caden
Sarah Schachter Solomon
mother-in-law of Carol Schachter

09 **Leon. I. Kahn**
father of Stan Kahn
Evelyn Weidner
mother of Patricia Sandy
Alex Weiner
husband of Millie Weiner

11 **Charlotte Klein**
sister of Donald Klein

12 **Herman Edelstein**
father-in-law of Gloria Stein
Gertrude Hammerman
mother of Howard Hammerman

13 **Sophie Spieler Feldman**
mother of Alfred Spieler

18 **Celia Glazer**
mother of Philip Glazer
Kenneth Isaacs
son of Alfred & Eleanor Isaacs

18 **Jean Peters**
aunt of Leah Lieberman, remembered by Jacob Lieberman
Isadore Schiff

husband of Sylvia Schiff

18 **Helen K. Stefanadis**
companion of Sy Longberg

19 **Harry M. Abrams**
father-in-law of Jeannette Abrams
Jerome Kaufman
husband of Dot Kaufman

20 **Bernard Katz**
father of Joane Wolpin
Robert Papetti
brother-in-law of Hal Glick

21 **Dorothy Franklin**
mother of Stanford Franklin
Julia Goldberg
mother of Larry Goldberg
Samuel Levin
father of Phyllis Brodsky

22 **Michael Glick**
brother of Hal Glick
Marlene Diane Walman Levin
sister of Bill Walman

23 **Charles Beem**
father of Eleanor Goldsmith

24 **William Paul**
grandfather of Amy Eskridge

25 **Joyce Caplan**
cousin of Sharon Lewis Caden

26 **Catherine Crosten**
mother of Elaine Freedman
Mary Presto Di Ianni
mother of Patti Selig
Jennie Schneider
mother-in-law of Norman Katz

27 **Harry Hershman**
father of Barbara Southwell

28 **Morris P. Goldberg**
father of Marsha Sandler

30 **Jack Berger**
father of Leonard Berger
father of Richard Berger
Morton Goldstein
father of Lewis Goldstein
Jacqueline Levy
sister of Nancy Berg
Malachi Alexander Nestor
grandson of Marilyn Furman
Susan Elizabeth Stolz
niece of Lionel Saltzberg

31 **Leon Bartz**
father of Marsha Rosenstock
Jeanette S. Frank
sister of Lionel Saltzberg

MARCH 2008 CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL Fund

From Gloria and Bert Nestler:

~ for Hal Glick, a swift recovery.

~ our heartfelt sympathy for Marvin Rubin in memory of Bert's beloved sister, Faye.

From Barbara and Lew Meltzer:

~ To our good friend Hal, Our deepest prayers and get well wishes.

From Larry and Ivy Hecker:

~ for Hal Glick, we wish you a speedy recovery!

~ for the birth of our grandson, Ian Gitlow Hecker.

~ Happy Birthday wishes to H. Hammerman.

From John and Nanette Willmuth.

~ to Hal Glick, you are in our thoughts as we wish you a speedy recovery. If you and Chris need anything don't hesitate to call.

~ to Harold Rabinowitz, keeping you in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

MORTGAGE Fund

From Jeannette Abrams:

~ to Michelle Schachter, Happy Birthday!

~ to Arie Klapholz, Happy Birthday!

~ to Bert and Gloria Nestler, Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to Bert.

~ to Dot Kaufman, Happy Birthday.

~ to Hal Glick, you're always in my prayers.

~ to Elli Kaufman, wishing you a full and speedy recovery.

~ to Esther Swartz, condolences on the loss of your dear brother, Morris.

From Marla Watts and Gary Watts.

~ to Esther Swartz, our deepest sympathy at the loss of your brother, Morris.

From Joyce and Don Klein.

~ to Esther Swartz, our deepest sympathy on the loss of your brother, Morris.

From Mr. And Mrs. Russell Selig

~ to Kathy Klausner, in memory of Jonathan - your beloved husband.

YAHREZEIT Fund

From Stu Smolins,

~ in memory of my father, Larry Smolins

~ in memory of my mother, Bessie Smolins

From Gloria and Bert Nestler:

~ in fond memory of our son, Bruce.

From Sandie Wodlinger:

~ in memory of my mother-in-law, Sara Wodlinger.

~ in memory of my father, Frank Mellitz.

From Marilyn Levinson.

~ in memory of my father, Michael A. Guerrieri.

From Elaine Freedman,

~ in memory of my father, Edwin Crosten.

From Steve Rosen,

~ in memory of my mother, Rhea Rosen.

From Sylvia Schiff.

~ in memory of my mother, Bessie Grodnitzky.

From Doris Mitnick,

~ in memory of my father, William Kleiman.,

From Herbert Mitnick,

~ in memory of my father, Jacob Mitnick.

From Sylvia Burkom

~ in memory of my mother, Ruth Starr.

From Gertie Apple.

~ in memory of my father-in-law, Morris Apple.

From Harold Goldsmith:

~ in memory of my father, Abe Goldsmith.

From Mae Goldstein:

~ my husband loved his family and was always there for them, also helped his friends with an open heart!

~ in memory of my mother, Gussie Schwartz.

~ for my grandmother, Tillie Axelrod, wonderful, caring person, not only to her family but to anyone who needed help!

From Larry and Ivy Hecker:

~ in memory of our mother, Ruth Steinberg.

From Howard and Helen Hammerman:

~ in memory of my son, David Hammerman.

From David Batlan:

~ in memory of my mother, Marjorie Batlan.

From Jeannette Abrams.

~ in memory of my dear Father, Arthur Greenfield.

From Gloria Stein.

~ in memory my mother-in-law, Tillie Edelstein.

From Hilda Plisko:

~ in memory of my mother, Pearl Brill.

~ in memory of my father, Samuel Pelmont.

From Jack Goldstein.

~ in memory of my mother Rachel Goldstein.

From Louis and Carolyn Friedner.

~ in memory of Louis' father, Arthur Friedner.

From Rina and Jeff Thaler.

~ in memory of Arthur Thaler.

From Elaine Levy.

~ in memory of my husband, Howard.

~ in memory of Louis' late wife, Sondra Friedner.

Honor Your Loved Ones

The Temple has a beautiful Memorial area for plaques honoring loved ones. Call Linda at the Temple office for more information. It's another Mitzvah.

Religious School Report

The kids are truly enjoying our station rotation schedule each week. They seem to like the ability to move around to different classrooms and locations while participating in the various lessons. Feedback from the teachers and parents confirm that the station rotation concept has helped maintain the children's interest in learning throughout the morning.

Although this event will have already occurred by the time you read this, TBY students and teachers prepared for a visit from the Sunday School students, teachers, and parents of St. John Neumann's Church in Ocean Pines on February 24. This was the first time our Religious School has invited a church group to visit Temple Bat Yam to enlighten our special visitors about Judaic beliefs and practices. We hope to be able to share with other groups in the future.

For those of you who missed the Shabbat Family Service on February 8, the children had a wonderful time participating in the service with Rabbi **Susan-Warshaw!** It was wonderful to see the children, the rabbi and **Stu Eisenman** marching around in the Torah procession prior to the Torah reading. **Bonnie Eisenman** chanted the Torah blessings beautifully.

Youth Group Plans Spring Trip to Busch Gardens

The youth group met on Sunday, February 10 and planned a field trip to Busch gardens for this spring. More information will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Get ready for Purim. The youth group will be coordinating this year's Purim Carnival. The date is set for Sunday, March 9 at 11 am. Everyone is invited to this fun event—adults and kids alike. Plan on attending and having a great time.

Our next lunch meeting will be on Sunday, March 16 at 12 noon. We will meet at the Temple, and go out for lunch. Bring money for your lunch. See you at Temple.

—**Rina Thaler**, Director

Again, all the kids had a great time helping the rabbi undress and dress the Torah, and after the Torah service, the rabbi sat on the bima and told a wonderful story about how God chose the order of the letters in the Alef-Bet. It was very exciting to hear the children identify the letters as she displayed them. It was a wonderful experience for all of us!

I know that we all have very busy schedules, but I am asking that all parents make an effort to attend our monthly Shabbat Family Service with your children. Attendance at services is a vital part of their religious education, and we want the children to appreciate how much we value their contributions at Shabbat services.

All Family Shabbat Services begin at 7 pm. The schedule is featured on Page 9. We hope to see all families there!

—**Becky Brunet**, Education Director

Saturday Morning Services

In January, George and Marsha Rosenstock hosted a brunch and Saturday morning services at 10:30 am. It was such a success, that the rabbi would like to do it again, perhaps on a monthly basis.

If you would like to host a Saturday morning service and brunch, please let Rabbi Spicehandler know. These services would begin at 10:30 am. All other Saturday morning services will be held at the Temple and start at 930 am

CORRECTION

In the February edition, we failed to mention that **Marv** and **Myra Novick** were among those Temple Bat Yam members who helped the needy at St. Paul's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on Christmas Day. They were on the lower level handing out toys.



Marsha Rosenstock (left) and Myra Novick display some of the Teddy Bears the Temple is collecting for Coastal Hospice.

Teddy Bears in Search of Hugs

First I want to thank those members who have brought in Teddy bears and/or have given cash toward the purchase of new ones. Now I would like to invite those members who have not brought in a Teddy bear or a donation to do so. Checks should be made out to Temple Bat Yam with Hospice written on the memo line.

Every year I update my information right before we begin the drive and, contrary to what some of you have heard, TBY is still the primary source of Teddy bears for Coastal Hospice. They do not receive bears from any other group or organization. So, keep those bears and donations coming! Our bear count is a bit low and we really need your participation in this Mitzvah. Remember they must be brand NEW and be a huggable size (no beanie babies).

Lets all pull together and do our best for Coastal Hospice.

—Nanette & John Willmuth

Mitzvah Day is on its Way

Mark your calendars for Mitzvah Day, Sunday, April 27, 2008, in the social hall at 9 am.

More news on specific projects are coming soon. We need people to help.

—Stu & Susanna Eisenman, co-chairs

The Levy Library Corner

The Torah—A Woman’s Commentary

Donated by the Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam, this long awaited book is now in our Levy Library.

Theologians, anthropologists, historians, rabbis, poets and others took a fresh look at the Torah. They focused on the women of the Book and brought their voices to the forefront.

The result? An enhanced experience of Torah study for everyone.

This book is in the reference section of our library.

— Carol Schachter, for the Levy Library Crew: Sandie Wodlinger, Hilda Plisko, Aaron and Grayce Cohen

Religious School Schedule

Religious School is held on Sundays at the Temple from 9:45 am - 12 noon.

MARCH 2008

March 2

March 9

March 16

Purim Carnival

Purim Celebration — Magillah Reading

APRIL 2008

April 6

April 27

MAY 2008

May 4

Last day of Religious School
Family picnic

Shabbat Family Service Schedule

2007-2008 (5768)

All Family Services will be held the first or second Friday of each month

March 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

April 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

May 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

June 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m., End of School Year Celebration

**ALL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

—Becky Brunet, Religious Education Director

Patrons, Benefactors Help Temple

As 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 2007-2008

Gloria Stein
Deborah Lewis-Idema
Jeannette Abrams
Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz
Allen & Phyllis Brodsky
Linda & Christopher Manion

Benefactors 2007-2008

Hal & Chris Glick
Melvin & Janis Schwartz
Jeff & Rina Thaler
Jonathan & Terry Bell
Michelle & Jack Schachter
Stuart & Pamela Smolins
Sidney & Carole Eagle
Mark & Donna Leiner
Rebecca & Peter Zweigbaum
Bruce & Cynthia Leiner
Jerry & Patti Selig
Bert & Gloria Nestler
Jay & Cheryl Taustin
Mike & Eve Waldman
Lee & Jennifer Klepper

Help Pay Off Temple's Mortgage

Paying 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 **Joyce Klein** for further information.

Change of Address

Please make the following changes in your Temple Bat Yam Directory.

NEW ADDRESSES

Ivy & Larry Hecker
11668 Resort Drive
Selbyville, DE 19975
302-436-7287

Elaine & Harry Freedman
30913 Dogwood Drive
Laurel, DE 19956

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.



Chai Club

Please join our Chai Club. Just \$2,000 gets you a membership and you can pay it out over two years. As a Chai member, you will be named on a plaque in the social hall and get to wear a pin with the chai symbol. Please contact Treasurer Joyce Klein for further information.

1...2...3 Lottery Game = Cash

Temple Bat Yam has renewed its 1...2...3 Lottery game for 2007-2008. Your lucky number may still be available. If you are interested, please contact the Temple office to check and see if you can keep your old number. Or you may want to add new numbers to hedge your bet. You may respond via e-mail, fax or a phone call to 410-641-4311 to reserve your lucky number. Remember, each Wednesday night, the Pick 3 MD Lottery number results in a winning number for 1...2...3 Lottery players (or the Temple, if no one purchased the winning number). The latest winners are **Jerry Selig, Jack Schachter, Bob Backman, Janet & David Batlan, Russell Selig, Ted Sitkoff, Laurie & Steve Heller, Jeanette Abrams, Lee & Jenifer Klepper, George & Marsha Rosenstock, Elaine & Harry Freedman, Hal & Chris Glick.** Congratulations. Your number could be the next winner.

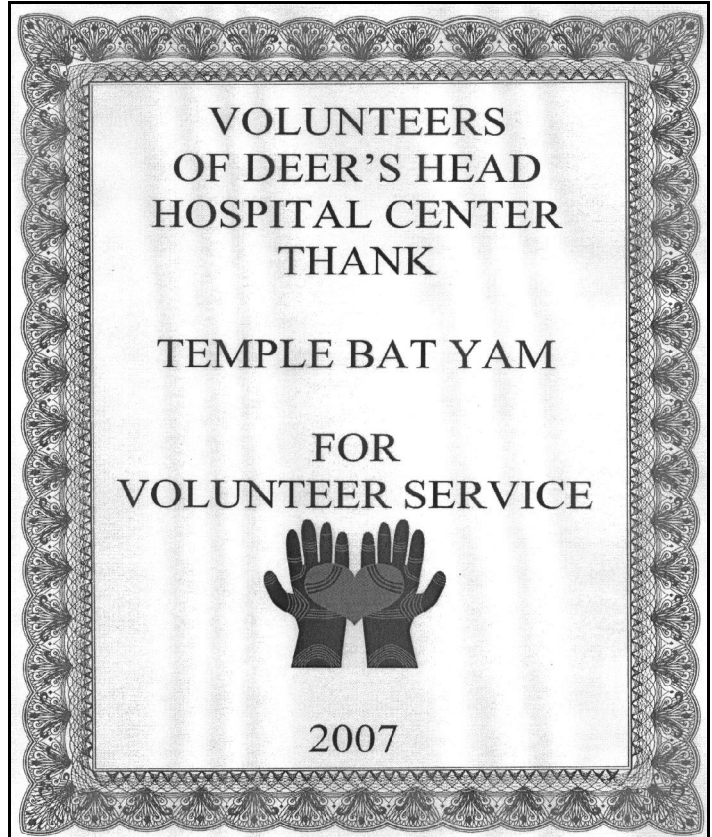
**Be sure you buy a number between 00 and 99.
You could win \$50 a week.**

Cans for Cash

George Rosenstock is chairing an **aluminum cans for cash** project at the Temple. Please bring only **clean** aluminum cans and deposit them in the container in the front of the Temple.

Help Feed the Hungry: It's a Mitzvah

The Sisterhood is collecting food at the Temple as a year 'round project. Since there are many hungry families in the Ocean City and Berlin area, our food will fill the pantry of The Shepherd's Crook at St. Paul's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Ocean City, and other nearby food pantries. A table has been set up in the Temple hall to receive the donated food. Please bring non-perishable vegetables, fruits, meats and beans as well as rice and pasta, sauces, peanut butter and jelly, etc., any day between 10 am and 1 pm and on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Noel Community, with whom we served on Christmas Day, will pick up the food and



This and another certificate were presented to the congregation on February 15 by Marv and Myra Novick on behalf of Deer's Head Hospital.

Deer's Head Seeks Volunteers

Deer's Head Hospital Center is a state run facility in Salisbury that provides complex medical care, rehabilitation, long-term care, dialysis and other services. Its Volunteers are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the patients by supplying many of their physical needs (clothing, magazines, books, spending allowance for the canteen, TVs, VCRs, DVDs, etc.) For their morale, the Volunteers hold monthly birthday parties and also a Christmas party that includes gifts for each patient. To provide these services is the prime responsibility of the Volunteers of Deer's Head Board Members who meet at 10:30 am on the third Tuesday of the month to plan fund raisers, discuss expenditures on behalf of patients, and address other Board activities. For the past four years Temple Bat Yam has been the most consistent supporter of the Volunteers of Deer's Head. If you want to serve on the board as a volunteer, Myra and I would be happy to welcome you aboard. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 410-912-0155 or e-mail at marvinn@comcast.net.

—Marv Novick

Contribution Form

Please designate one: **Arts & Furnishings Fund, Yahrzeit, 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 _____

TO: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Message: (Sympathy, In Memory of, In honor of, etc.)

From: _____ Member of Temple? Yes__ No__

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

**Check out Channel 78 in Ocean Pines.
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the houses of worship in the area.**

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Scrapbook Holds 'Thank You' Letters, Notes

For the past several months, Temple members have signed letters of condolences to the families of troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Office Administrator Linda Manion has made a scrapbook of the 'thank you' letters received from the families of these fallen soldiers. It is on the table in the lobby. Basically, the families are moved by the caring expressions of sympathy we—total strangers—convey in the letters. So, be sure to sign additional letters when Sy Longberg brings them to Temple on Friday nights.

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