



BAT YAM

News and Views

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Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

Leaving the Best for Last

Last month I wrote about the non-Jewish spouse of a congregant who called and asked me about the High Holy Days, what they were and what they meant to us as Jews. After I had told her about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur she was ready to hang up. “Wait,” I said, “that’s not all. The fall holidays are more than Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Have you heard about Sukkot and Simchat Torah?”

I’m going to be a little bit controversial here and say that for me, if you have a choice of attending Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, or the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, come and celebrate the later two holidays. We know that Judaism is a balance of Oy and Joy. Oy, I have hurt someone that I love. Oy, there are people in this world without food. Oy, there are many illnesses with no cure. But then there is also Joy. Joy: Shabbat food and wine. Joy: rejoice in food, song and dance. Joy: time with family. Joy: we celebrate life and everything we believe in as a community.

Of course we need Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We need to come together to heal our souls, commit to be-

ing better, inspire each other, forgive each other and ourselves. But as Rabbi Karen Bender says, “if you never get to taste the Joy, then Judaism becomes a burden that is disproportionately serious and heavy.” Sukkot and Simchat Torah are our joyous holidays.



The holiday of Sukkot falls five days after Yom Kippur. In fact, we are commanded to begin building our Sukkah (which literally means booth or temporary shelter) on the day after Yom Kippur. Sukkot marks the time of the autumn harvest. It is an eight-day festival devoted to the abundance and the joy of life. Historically, Sukkot commemorates the forty-year period during which the Children of Israel were wandering in the desert and living in temporary shelters.

In honor of the holiday’s historical significance we

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Upcoming Events

Friday, October 3—A special Oneg will be held to honor boardwalk workers (see Page 5).

Friday, October 10—Sisterhood Shabbat. Rabbi Warshaw will conduct with participation by Sisterhood members (see Page 4).

Friday, October 17—Simchat Torah, 8 pm.

Sunday, October 19—Sisterhood Farewell to Snowbirds luncheon (see Page 4).

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President's Report

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Jewish New Year of 5769 will be under way. We have a lot for which to be thankful as we begin this new year. We have an outstanding rabbi, who is extremely energetic and adding life to our congregation. We have dedicated members, who are the lifeblood of our Temple. They have stepped up to fulfill our needs time and time again. We are also thankful for our outstanding building. Sometimes we are so used to having or seeing something all the time that we often forget to appreciate them.

My daughter is a competitive gymnast. Her team does quite well and the gym puts out many state champions. As her parent, I spend many hours in her gym. I have sometimes criticized the size and lack of equipment in our little gym in Berlin, despite their success in turning out such great gymnasts. Last year, while on vacation in the Bahamas, we took our daughter to a local gym in Nassau so she could practice for an upcoming meet. The gym reminded me of a scene in *Rocky* when he was pounding meat in a freezer. The gym, complete with broken windows, was small and ill equipped. Yet the little gymnastics team using it struggled with these inadequacies night after night seven days a week. When we returned to our gym in Berlin, I began to appreciate what we *did* have.

At Friday night services, I looked with appreciation at the stained glass windows, the window above the bimah and the beautiful carvings on the Ark. It's easy to take this beautiful building for granted. Therefore, the next time you step into the sanctuary, really look around. You will see one incredibly beautiful Temple. It is hard to believe that we moved into our new sanctuary 11 years ago.

We have come a long way, but there is still much to be done. It is imperative that we pay down the mortgage. Without a mortgage, fundraising could be used to build up needed reserves and to improve programs. Please consider making a donation to pay down the mortgage and support our upcoming fundraisers—the \$100 cash raffle and the golf tournament. We need your help if we are to succeed.

In order to keep us moving in the proper direction, we need to build up our membership. The members of Temple Bat Yam are the best ambassadors we have. By telling people about Temple Bat Yam and inviting them to services and special events, you are directly strengthening our Jewish community and Jewish identity on the Eastern Shore.

Lastly, I wish everyone a healthy and happy new year and thank you all for the help and support you have given me so far.

—Larry Michnick

Board Briefs

Make plans to attend the Temple's next General Board meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 6 pm. This is one of two evening meetings, which will give more members an opportunity to find out what issues are being considered and how the board works. Dinner will be provided. We need a head count, so please contact Ed at the Temple office to say if you plan to attend. The next dinner meeting will be held on February 11, 2009 at 6 pm.

Officers

Larry Michnick	President
Stu Eisenman	Exec. VP
George Rosenstock	Cong. VP
Sidney Eagle	Treasurer
Ivy Hecker	Exec. Sec'y
Jeannette Abrams	Cong. Sec'y
Jeff Thaler	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:

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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.

Temple Honors June Todd for 10 Years of Service

Family and friends surprised Organist June Todd on September 5, when they showed up at services to help Temple Bat Yam honor her for ten years of service. The sanctuary was almost filled to capacity as many members of the congregation joined in the celebration.

At right, Congregational Vice President George Rosenstock smiles as June accepts the certificate of gratitude from the Temple. The congregation also purchased a leaf in June's honor on their Tree of Life.



After services nearly 100 well wishers gathered in the social hall to enjoy a special Oneg Shabbat.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 2008

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Wednesday, October 8, Kol Nidre 8 pm.

Thursday, October 9, Shacharit 10 am.

Youth Service 2 pm.

Afternoon Service 3 pm.

Yizkor – Memorial Service 4 pm.

Neilah Service 5 pm.

Break the Fast at the Embers, Ocean City, 6:30 pm, immediately following the conclusion of services.

Tickets required for services and Break the Fast.

Membership Committee Looking for 'Shabbat Squad' Volunteers

Starting in October, look for a Host/Hostess in the Lobby prior to Friday services. We want to thank those who have already volunteered, and hope to add many more to our Shabbat Squad.

Please let us know which Friday night(s) you'd like to serve as a greeter, welcoming all who come to Bat Yam, but paying special attention to those who may be joining us for the first time. All you have to do is offer a friendly greeting and a smile. At the end of the service, you may introduce our new guests to the congregation. Hopefully, that will break the ice and start some conversations at the Oneg. We all know how uncomfortable it can feel to walk into a room full of strangers, and we hope that this will help us show what a warm and inclusive group we truly are!

In order to make this work, we need your help. Please volunteer to be a host or hostess. Contact Helen Hammerman at 410-213-0336, helenh33@comcast.net, or Ivy Hecker at 302-436-7287 or ivyhecker@earthlink.net. Do you know of any potential members? Send us their contact information, so we can give them a personal call.

In addition, the membership committee would like to present every new member with a welcome package to include a gift from businesses owned by Temple members. If you own a business, please consider adding a little welcome gift. Suggested items are samples products, gift certificates, discount cards, etc. The package will include a cover letter urging the recipient to patronize our member-owned businesses along with any business card or promo sheet you would like to include. Please call or e-mail Ivy or Helen if you want to participate in this program.

—Helen and Ivy

L'Shanah Tovah

Sisterhood Happenings

Over 30 members and guests were present at our September 11 meeting to hear Nurse Psychotherapist Pam Marcus deliver a very meaningful talk on how to handle stress. Since our meeting was held on the seventh anniversary of the attack on our country, it was most appropriate. Pam, who is a long time member of Temple Bat Yam, is in private practice and a tenured professor at Prince Georges Community College.



Attend Sisterhood Shabbat

The Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on October 10 at 8 pm. Rabbi Warsaw will lead the service, and many Sisterhood members will participate. Our cantors will add their musical joy. We will be celebrating Sukkot during the service. The *kiddush* and *motzi* will be said outside in the Bat Yam *sukkah*. A special Oneg will follow in the social hall featuring symbolic foods from the Fall harvest. Plan to join us for this special Shabbat Service.

Sisterhood Gives New Microphone to Temple

I am happy to announce that Sisterhood purchased the new microphone that was used during the High Holy Days. This is a gift that will enhance our services for years to come.

Farewell to Snowbirds Luncheon

On Sunday, October 19, we will hold our Farewell to Snowbirds luncheon at 12 noon at the Solstice Restaurant, Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, MD. The cost is \$22. Chef Paul Suplee will speak. Call Helene Caplan, 410-208-4041 for reservations.

—Marion Klein, President

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 20: Musical evening.

Thursday, December 11: 7 pm: Chanukah gift exchange.

Friday, December 19, 5:30 pm: Chanukah Pot Luck dinner.

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. She will see that the Rabbi and Sisterhood President are notified so that they can take the appropriate action.

Judaica Shop Needs Manager

Do you have a secret desire to run your own boutique? Does it sound like fun to look through catalogues and order what appeals to you?

Why not volunteer to manage the Temple Bat Yam Gift Shop? It's time to stock up on items for Chanukah! We need to order new merchandise for the busiest time of the year. We depleted our inventory last year, and many new ideas await your choices. Perhaps you want to share the responsibility with a friend. If you are interested in running the TBYS Gift Shop, call Ed in the office and leave your phone number with the best time to reach you; or email TBYS with your contact information. You can also call President Marion Klein.

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat

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

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.

So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

LIFE SAVER & FAMILY—Sharon Lewis Caden wants to introduce us to the bone marrow donor who helped save her life. His name is Dan Roman and he is pictured at right with his wife Joan, daughter Lori, twin sons Michael and Patrick and two beautiful grandchildren. Sharon notes they are from Encino, CA and that she has been in touch through e-mails and phone calls. “I am so lucky to have found such a wonderful family,” Sharon said.



POPCORN, ANYONE?—Joey Bernstein, son of Barbara and Joe, is trying to earn his badges as a Wolf Scout by selling popcorn. Besides attending school in Salisbury and our religious school, Joey is active in community projects by participating in food drives and serving meals at homeless shelters. If you would like to order popcorn, Google the following link <http://www.orderpopcorn.com/Store/Catalog/Default.aspx> and enter Joey's code RWF98RF in the ENTER ORDER KEY. Joey will also be taking orders on family service night and after religious school on Sundays. I hope you win your badges, Joey.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Carole Eagle asked me to put this notice in the newsletter for a “nice Jewish house” for sale. Okay, but just this once. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, well maintained, nice lot. Call Carole & Sidney Eagle 410-208-4320 or ceagle27@aol.com. Carole also noted that granddaughter Stephanie, 18, is still “following her dream” as a senior with the San Francisco Ballet Company.

Attention Boardwalk Workers

You are invited to attend Friday night services on October 3. At that service the names of all the boardwalk workers will be read, the final raffle earnings will be announced and a special Oneg will be held after services. In this way everyone can be thanked and recognized for making this fund raiser a success.

—Joyce Klein

Operation Paperback Has New Coordinator

For two and a half years, I have had the satisfaction and the joy of being Temple Bat Yam's coordinator for this wonderful program that ensures our brave, hardworking troops have the books they so crave during their precious recreational time. With your generosity and cooperation, Operation Paperback has been a great success. Happily, Barbara Bernstein has volunteered to take over this project.

From the first shipment of books in February 2006 to the last one in August 2008, we have provided 1,599 books to 98 servicemen and women. Most of these troops were stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, but shipments have gone to other bases around the world as well.

Barbara will continue to pick up your good condition paperbacks at the Temple and process them for shipment. The guidelines continue to include paperback books only. They must be in good condition and have a front cover. The most popular genres remain mysteries and thrillers, science fiction, fantasy, action and adventure. Non-fiction is requested much less frequently, but most requested are “how-to” books involving current skills and trades.

The Bernsteins live and work in Salisbury, and you can reach Barbara at 410-749-2520 or at bpb@hmcparfirm.com.

Thanks to all you readers and donators for making this program one of our most successful outreach programs.

—Leslie Segall

Note: To help defray shipping costs, please send your check to Stu Eisenman, C/O Kites, Tails & Toys, 9 Mason Dr., Selbyville, DE 19975

Plan to Host a Havdalah

The Membership Committee is looking for people to host a Havdalah. They are usually held on the second Saturday of each month. These are fun events, where we enjoy good food and lively discussions.

If you would like to host a Havdalah and pot luck dinner at your home, please contact **Helen Hammerman** at 410-213-0336 or helenh33@comcast.net.

Children aged 10 or over are welcome to attend the Havdalahs.

OCTOBER 2008 YAHRZEITS

- 01 **Blanche Kahn**
grandmother of Fred Kahn
Jean Levy
mother-in-law of Elaine Levy
Marian Oletsky
mother of Phyllis Franklin
Myer Seigel
father of Allen Seigel
- 02 **Henry Segal**
father of Candy Gusst
Jean Sternberger
wife of Rabbi Richard Sternberger
- 03 **Emanuel Wirkman**
father of Edward Wirkman
- 04 **Kalman Gerson Saltzberg**
father of Lionel Saltzberg
- 05 **Vicki Jacobson**
grandmother of Mark Caden,
observed by Sharon Lewis Caden
- 08 **Bertha S. Minovitz**
mother of Myra Wells
- 09 **Louis Shilan**
father of Marion Klein
- 10 **Fannie Nathan**
mother of Eleanor Isaacs
- 11 **Edward Eisenman**
father of Stuart Eisenman
Howard Furman
husband of Marilyn Furman
- 12 **Robert Lee Abrams**
brother of Sanford Abrams
Marcus Selig
father of Russell Selig
- 13 **Rose Leah Anzell**
grandmother of Karen Abrams
mother of Judy Katsoyannos
Morris Berg
father of Nicholas Berg
- 14 **Thelma Hughes**
mother of Eleanor Goldsmith
Howard Witt
father of Arlene Kroll
- 15 **Gwen Gilman**
mother of Judith Galuardi
- 16 **Joanne Smith**
mother of Deanne Michnick
- 17 **Anne Goldberg**

- mother of Marsha Sandler
- 17 **Rose Isaacs**
mother of Alfred Isaacs
- 19 **Esther Glickman**
mother of Miriam Green
Terrance Klugman
nephew of Mark Venit
- 20 **Aliya Berger**
daughter of Richard & Pamela Berger
Bruce Michnick
father of Lawrence Michnick
- 21 **Florence Feinman**
grandmother of Amy Eskridge
Edna Katz
mother of Susan Benke
Sidney Klepper
father of Lee Klepper
- 23 **Rose Cohen**
mother-in-law of Sharon Lewis Caden
Reva Zampilione
mother of Nanette Willmuth
- 24 **Fannie Klein**
mother of Donald Klein
Bernie Melitz
brother of Sandra Wodlinger
- 26 **Bessie Novick**
mother of Marvin Novick
- 27 **Roger Hartzband**
nephew of Bert & Gloria Nestler
- 28 **Elizabeth Walman**
mother of William Walman
- 29 **Nathan Walcoff**
father-in-law of Rena Walcoff
- 30 **Mollie Eagle**
mother of Sidney Eagle
Max Rubin
father of Susan Berkman
- 31 **Jenny Schwartz**
aunt of Caryn Klapholtz

The Temple has a beautiful
Memorial area for plaques
honoring loved ones. Call the
Temple office for more infor-
mation.

It's another Mitzvah.



OCTOBER 2008 CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

From: Rabbi Richard Sternberger
~ to Dr. Lou Friedner, mazel tov on your 80th birthday.
From: Jean & C. Rankin
~ wishing Lou Friedner a happy 80th birthday.
From: Corrine F. Schwartz
~ in honor of Lou Friedner's 80th birthday.
From: Elaine Freedman
~ happy 80th birthday Lou Friedner.
From: Rina & Jeff Thaler
~ to Lou Friedner, Happy 80th. We were so glad we could celebrate with you.
From: Mr & Mrs. R Eisenberg
~ to Lou Friedner, happy 80th birthday.
From: Corrine F. Schwartz
~ in honor of Lou Friedner's 80th birthday.
From: Jean & Cly Rankin
~ in celebration of Dr. Louis Friedner's 80th birthday.
From: Cynthia & Bruce Leiner
~ in honor of the special birthday of Lou Friedner
~ in honor of the birthday of Rabbi Richard Sternberger

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From: Jeannette Abrams
~ to Doris & Bud Mitnick, Happy Anniversary.
From: The Thalers
~ to Rabbi Warshaw, a warm welcome and thank you for bringing new energy to our congregation.
From: Nanette & John Willmuth
~ to Toni Jaffi, thinking of you often and that you will be feeling better and better.
~ Dearest Hal, you are in our thoughts so often. Just wanted you to know. Feel better soon. Love and Shalom
~ to Rabbi Susan Warshaw, thank you.

ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From: Jeannette Abrams
~ to Rina & Jeff Thaler, Happy Anniversary.

YAHREZEITS

From: Russell Selig
~ in loving memory of my brother, Robert Selig
From: Leslie Segall
~ in memory of my beloved daughter, Joyce Claire Schneider.
From: Pamela Smolins
~ in loving memory of my mother, Dorothy Fiore
From: Harriet Paul
~ in loving memory of my mother, Rebecca Greenburg
From: Deborah Lewis-Idema
~ in loving memory of my father, Irving James Lewis.
From: Harold Rabinowitz
~ in loving memory of my father, Charles Rabinowitz.
From: Jeannette Abrams
~ in loving memory of my former son-in-law, Johnny Hitaffer.
From: Phyllis Brodsky
~ in loving memory of my sister, Marcia Myers
From: Rich & Jeri Lipov
~ in loving memory of Rich's father, Hy Lipov.
From: Philip Glazer
~ in loving memory of my father, Milton Glazer.
From: Jack Goldstein
~ in loving memory of my sister, Ida Swetlitz
From: Leonard Bowers
~ in loving memory of my mother, Gertrude Bowers
~ in loving memory of my father, Jacob Samuel Bowers
From: Fred Blumenthal
~ in loving memory of my beloved father, Paul J. Blumenthal

Wishing everyone a
Happy & Healthy
New Year

Family Services Begin Anew

Everyone attending Family Services last month enjoyed a fun evening. There was joyous music and lots of participation. Marv Novick clicked his camera and

caught this shot of Barbara, Joey and Joe Bernstein preparing to walk the Torah, as Cantor Cheryl Taustin sings. Below, Jodi Sabo reads the blessing as sons Stephen and Julian, Rabbi Susan Warshaw and Alex and Samantha Schachter listen.



Youth Group Report

The Bat Yam youth group met for the first time this year on Sunday, September 14. The group had lunch with Rabbi Warshaw and got to know her a little better. It was great to see each other after the summer, and everyone commiserated about the school year beginning. Jackson Berger, Brandon Thaler, James Pack, Grant Manion, Jessica Galuardi, Sarah Bell, Chelsea Thaler and Gabe Bell were all there. After brainstorming on some possible approaches to youth group this year, everyone decided to combine community service projects with team building and social activities. Some possible activities included: ropes course, volunteering at a soup kitchen, planting trees, movie night, go carts and bowling.

Our next meeting is on Sunday October 5 at 12 noon at the Temple. Bring money for lunch as we will be going out.

The group is open to all Temple youth, ages 13-17. If you would like more information, call Rina at 410-726-7768 or e-mail her at fox386@aol.com

TEMPLE BAT YAM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

2008-2009 (5769)

Religious School Hours: 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

OCTOBER 2008

- October 5
- October 12 Sukkot Celebration
- October 26 Simchat Torah Celebration

NOVEMBER 2008

- November 9
- November 16

DECEMBER 2008

- December 7
- December 14 Hanukkah Party

TEMPLE BAT YAM SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE CALENDAR 2008-2009 (5769)

Family Services will be held the second Friday of the month.

Please see schedule below:

October: Family Service will not be held on Friday night. It will be held at Yom Kippur Services on October 9, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

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

December 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

January 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

February 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

March 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

April 2009: No Family Service due to Spring Break

May 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

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

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are commanded to dwell in temporary shelters, as did the Israelites in the wilderness. And so we go out into our yards and construct a “temporary shelter” or booth. There are many rabbinic rules for constructing our sukkot (sukkahs) but what is most important is the roof. It needs to be made of something that has grown in the ground and then cut off: corn stalks or bamboo shoots, for example. The roof does not entirely protect us from the rain, but it also allows us to see the stars. In order to make our sukkot as beautiful as possible we may decorate them with dried squash and fruits of the harvest season, or have our children make chains of colorful construction paper or popcorn chains.

In order to fulfill the holiday we eat meals in the sukkah, and invite neighbors and guests to share our joy at this festive time. There is a tradition of ushpizin—inviting unseen guests—like our loved ones who are no longer with us, or our ancestors, into our sukkah. (If you have not seen the movie Ushpizin I highly recommend it). While many of us on the Eastern Shore may not build our own sukkot, I invite you to the Temple to sit in our congregational sukkah and enjoy this wonderful holiday.

And then there is Simchat Torah. This is my favorite day in the Jewish year. This year it will be celebrated in our Temple on Friday, October 17. We literally dance with the Torah in Joy. It is an ancient custom: we finish the reading of the Torah cycle by reading the last few verses of the Book of Deuteronomy, and then read the first few verses of Genesis. We actually unroll the Torah scroll entirely while the whole congregation stands in a circle holding it. It is so exciting; we are literally surrounded by Torah.

We celebrate Simchat Torah because we love the values and the ethics that Judaism teaches. We celebrate Sukkot because it is fun and meaningful. Come and celebrate these two joyous holidays with us. See you there

Religious Service Committee

Religious Service Committee Chair Marsha Rosenstock and committee members, Cantor Cheryl Taustin, Sandy Wodlinger, Jeri Lipov and the rabbi are working to enhance services and give honors to all who want to participate. If you want to carry the Torah, say the blessing or light the candles, just let Marsha know and she will arrange a time for you.

Levy Library Report

Speaking of books—and those of us who “feed and clothe” the Bat Yam Levy Library do a lot of that—we urge you to stop by and scan our shelves. During the summer, good folks have gifted us with some great reading material. We hesitate to name the donors, since many a good deed is done when we're not here: ergo, we don't know every donor. You know who you are, even if we don't, to know that we send you our very special thanks.

Also, speaking of those magical words bound between covers, we wish to send our gratitude to every person who attended the August edition of Bagels & Books. You all were just incredible! Fun and fulfilling book discussions are created by active and opinionated readers, and that is exactly how we would describe you who spent an exciting Sunday morning with Geraldine Brooks' *People of the Book*.

The Library Crew and Sisterhood are hoping to present the next Bagel & Books session in February. Information on the subject book, date, etc. will be forthcoming, as soon as it is available. Until then, keep reading, Bat Yam.

—Grayce Cohen for the Levy Library crew



Grayce Cohen (standing) makes a point about *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks, which was reviewed during a Bagels & Books breakfast on August 24. Many members of the congregation were present for the lively discussion. This was a joint program sponsored by the Levy Library and Sisterhood, which provided the food.

Photo by Jeannette Abrams

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 2008-2009

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

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

Change of Address

Please make the following changes in your Temple Directory.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rochelle Elman
 17 Sea Grave Lane
 Berlin, MD 21811
 410-641-7495

William & Michy Woods
 1414 Ballinadee Drive
 Salisbury, MD 21804
 410-202-8279

NEW ADDRESS
 Dot Kaufman
 5260 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Apt. 109
 Boca Raton, FL 33487
 561-988-1297

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Bill Goodman
 billgoodman32@gmail.com

Pledge to 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 **Sidney Eagle** for further information.



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.

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

Temple Bat Yam has renewed its 1..2..3 Lottery game for 2008-2009. 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).

Be sure you buy a number between 00 and 99.

You could win \$50 a week.

Arts & Furnishings Report

Our current goal is to beautify the social hall with art exhibits. As the number of people attending Shabbat Services and holiday celebrations increase, our onegs have become quite a social get-together. New members, long standing members, and visitors gather to chat with each other. The social hall is an extension of the sanctuary, and, as such, deserves our attention. Also, as committees plan their activities, the room is being used more frequently. Of course, our Religious school uses the social hall and having Judaica themes displayed, not only adds to our children's familiarity with our rich heritage, but also instills pride in their house of worship.

Immediate improvements to our social hall include storing the towers of extra chairs elsewhere, thus freeing additional wall space. The floor will be professionally cleaned. The walls will be painted. We are hoping our artists will be more apt to share their treasures if the room were more attractive. Thank you to the members who have already allowed us to display their artwork. The placement of those pieces is temporary, while the improvements are in progress. If you have art that you would like to donate or loan, the Arts & Furnishing Committee plans to follow the guidelines below:

1. As new artwork is submitted, artwork on the walls may be rotated.
2. We will consider size, shape, colors and uniqueness when deciding on placements.
3. All work should be freshly matted, framed and in excellent condition.
4. The subject of the artwork should be appropriate for a Reform Jewish congregation.
5. Our intention is to treat your pieces with care. However, since they will be displayed in a public place, we cannot assume total responsibility.

Red, Hot Mustang Finds New Home

The winner of the 2008 Mustang convertible was Nancy Rubin of Pikesville, MD. She purchased ticket #42242 the week after July 4th, while vacationing with her daughter and grandchildren from New Jersey. The winning ticket was drawn by Mayor Rick Meehan of Ocean City.

Talk about coincidence, the winner Nancy and her husband Bill live around the corner from where Joyce and Don Klein used to live before moving to Ocean City.

Use Temple Website to Promote Projects

Website traffic in August was fairly typical with 644 total visits, (462 of those were unique visits so the average visitor viewed the site 1.39 times over the course of the month). The average user viewed 2.46 pages of content.

Don't forget contributions to the Temple can be made by visiting the contribute page (<http://templebatyam-oc.org/fundraising.html>). All payments are processed securely through PayPal but you do not need a PayPal account to use this feature. All major credit cards are accepted.

If you're running or chairing a Temple event and would like it promoted via the website please e-mail the event details to sre8212@gmail.com and I'll incorporate it into the site's homepage or other visible location.

—Stu Eisenman

Beer Truck Bonanza

Beer Truck Chairman Steve Rosen reports that sales during Sunfest weekend grossed almost \$20,000. He will give a full report in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile, Steve would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard and helped make the fundraiser such a huge success.

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 _____

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 _____

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Join a Committee, Help 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 or Ivy Hecker, ivyhecker@earthlink.net.

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Volunteer to Chair One of These Vital Committees

The following committees need chairpersons:

- **Fund raising.** This committee oversees all of the Temple's fund raising activities.
- **Social Outreach.** If you love Mitzvah Day, this is the committee for you. This committee also connects with community churches and charities.

Contact President **Larry Michnick**, michnick@atlanticdental.com to sign up.