



BAT YAM

News and Views

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Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

Shiva Minion is to Console the Bereaved

In the past few weeks several people have asked me about Shiva minyans and about the Jewish custom of “sitting Shiva.” The word *shiva* means seven, and is the week long period of mourning after the death of a parent, sibling, child, or spouse. In Reform Judaism, a three-day period of mourning is observed, and a Shiva Minyan is held, generally in the evening, in the home of the family member or a friend.

The Talmud says, “These are the obligations without measure, whose reward, too, is without measure.” One of these obligations is to “console the bereaved.” It doesn’t matter if the person who is bereaved is one of your close friends, merely an acquaintance, or a stranger, it is your obligation to attend a Shiva Minyan. If you have never attended a Shiva Minyan here are a few pointers which may help to make you more comfortable.

1. During shiva, a minyan (a quorum of ten or more men or women) gathers at the shiva home for services. The services held are identical with those at the synagogue, except that certain prayers or verses are either added or omit-

ted. At Temple Bat Yam we use the “Gates of Prayer for Weekdays and At a House of Mourning” for the service. During the service the opportunity is given for one or two family members to share a story or re-read their funeral remarks.



2. The service ends with the Mourner’s Kaddish and a blessing. Generally the service lasts about 30 minutes. It is a good idea to arrive at the house about ten minutes early. This allows you time to speak to the family and offer your condolences.

3. A Minyan is a religious ceremony for families in grief and attendees should dress accordingly. Business casual is appropriate for both men and women.

4. While not mandatory, attendees typically bring a dessert such as cake, cookies, pie, bread or fruit to serve

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Upcoming Events

- **Friday, October 2, 8 pm**—Sisterhood Shabbat/Sukkot Service.
- **Friday, October 9, (early service) 7 pm**—Simchat Torah. A fun family event.
- **Monday, November 2, 10:30 am**—Sisterhood Game Party. (See Page 4)
- **Sunday, November 8, 9:30 am**—Men’s Club meeting.
- **Tuesday, November 10, 10:30 am**—TBY Golf Tournament. (see enclosed flyer)

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President's rePort

Imagine a place where many join in as a community for religious worship. A community whose members help beautify its surroundings. A location where many get together for a picnic to enjoy each other's company. A place where teamwork occurs creating the necessary funds to support the community. A religious school where many put numerous hours in to educate our youngsters. People who love their community and are willing to share it with others as they seek out others to become a part of it. This is just a small part of Temple Bat Yam.

The High Holidays were filled with a community unified in their religious belief. The rabbi, Grayce Cohen, Cantorial Soloists Cheryl Taustin, Phyllis Alpern and Kyler Taustin are just a few of the members responsible for creating an outstanding service. So many members were involved and put in enormous hours and love into the service. Unfortunately, I can't put in all the names as I know I will go over my allotted writing space. I thank you and appreciate all those involved for your outstanding efforts in creating a wonderful experience.

The picnic brought our members together on a beautiful day. Ivy Hecker, Deanne Michnick, Delores Pack and many, many others worked hard and pulled together an outstanding social event. The day was full of wonderful food, games, and good company.

I'm not surprised, but amazed of how time and time again I see people stepping up to help the Temple. Hal and Chris Glick did an outstanding job with the golf tournament for many years in the past. I was a little concerned with taking over the task. I asked for help, and received support from many people. Jim Brunet, Jack Schachter, Stephanie Cohen, Jeff Thaler, George Rosenstock, Sidney Eagle and Paul Helfner have been working hard and I look forward to a successful tournament on November 10. See enclosed flyer for details.

The religious school has gained momentum with an increase in students, educators and a strong program. And the adult Jewish education classes have become quite popular as well.

There is much to be excited about with Temple Bat Yam. I hope to see all members enjoy our community. The chairs of all committees will be happy to find a place where you can help. Just call one or two numbers on Page 12. We always like to enrich our community, so if you meet other Jewish people in the community, please invite them. Thank you.

Board Briefs

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

The Board approved a motion to set a new member category: Friends of TBY. For those who visit us occasionally, the \$150 per year cost would include a newsletter subscription, member pricing when applicable, but no holiday tickets.

Officers

Larry Michnick	President
Stu Eisenman	Exec. VP
George Rosenstock	Cong. VP
Debbie Resnick	Treasurer
Ivy Hecker	Exec. Sec'y
Jeannette Abrams	Cong. Sec'y
Jeff Thaler	Past President

Trustees

Larry Caplan, Sidney Eagle, Hal Glick, Joyce Klein, Larry Pack, Jay Taustin, Sandie Wodlinger.

Board Members

Rabbi Susan Warshaw, Religious Education Director
Becky Brunet, Religious Education Chair
Rina Thaler, Youth Director
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Larry Hecker, Men's Club President

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Contributors - Rina Thaler, Candy Gusst, Joyce Klein, Grayce Cohen, Sandie Wodlinger, Becky Brunet

Shabbat Worship Services

Services begin at 8 pm every Friday. Services will be accompanied by organ music. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 am. Early services are held once a month and begin at 7 pm.

Everyone Said, ‘What a Wonderful Picnic’

On Sunday August 30, even the weather cooperated! The annual TBY picnic “under the tent” was a huge success. The food—expertly planned and prepared by Deanna Michnick and a host of volunteers—included all our picnic favs: sumptuous burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, along with barbequed chicken, fresh pasta and bean salads, corn on the cob, and a bevy of desserts. Thanks also to Jay Taustin for lending us the huge grill on which Larry Michnick and Larry Pack demonstrated their mastery of barbeque technique.

Many people participated in our “Getting To Know You Game” and enjoyed learning a bit more about old and new friends alike. Rumor has it that we never had a picnic where everyone talked to each other so much!

Thanks to the efforts of Larry Hecker of the Men’s Club, the Worcester County Sheriff’s Department brought their Canine Team to give a demonstration. The dog and its handler showed how the animal can be an effective partner in law enforcement by finding concealed drugs and capturing a fleeing fugitive.

Rina Thaler coordinated activities for the youngsters including making tie-dyed T-shirts, and several fun games. Myra Novick did a great job of face painting for the children, when she and Marv were not working on recruiting members for the Blood Bank.

Everyone should know we even met at least three potential new members, and we hope that they will be joining our congregation.

It was a wonderful afternoon, and it could not have happened without the efforts of so many volunteers. Special thanks to Candy and Barry Gusst, Carol Eagle, Marsha and George Rosenstock, Carol and Steve Rosen, Stephanie and Victor Cohen, Jack Schachter, Paul Helfner, and so many others who lent a hand.

Thank you all for coming and making this annual event so much fun!

—Co-Chairs: Dolores Pack and Ivy Hecker



Left: Chowing down on delicious food and enjoying each other’s company, TBY members and guests gather under the tent at the Temple’s annual picnic.

Right: The Michnick family, Larry, Serena and Deanne prepare food for the picnic. Deanne and volunteers made many of the goodies served that day.



Left: The cooks mug for the camera. From left: Larry Pack, Larry Michnick and Larry Hecker. The grill, which cooked the chicken, burgers and hot dogs, was lent by Jay Taustin.

Right: Myra Novick uses her artistic skills to paint the arm of Samantha Meyer, who also had her face painted. Many of the children attending the picnic wore beautiful designs by Myra.



Above: Many picnickers stopped to watch a demonstration by Worcester County Deputy Sheriff’ K. M Edgar, who put her police dog through its paces. The event was sponsored by the TBY Men’s Club.

Sisterhood Happenings

We are so busy this year planning events that are educational, entertaining and just plain fun. Below is a brief description of upcoming events for the next few months.

The Sisterhood Shabbat is being celebrated on erev Sukkot, on Friday, October 2 at 8 pm. We have developed a service that will use the talents of many of our Sisterhood members and is full of lively music.

On October 1 at 7 pm, our very own Kyler Taustin will be the guest speaker at our general membership meeting. Kyler will speak about his experiences educating people on HIV and AIDS. He is also a wonderful photographer and will be sharing photos that he took in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

Shortly after that, on October 10, we have an outing to Salisbury University to see Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. There are a few tickets left, not many. We will be car pooling there and dinner may be had with the group or on your own. Information will be forthcoming shortly.

Since the cabaret evening was postponed, we are working on a program for the November 12 meeting.

I'd like to thank all of the people who are putting in long hours planning all of these wonderful events and to thank all of you who are coming to me with your ideas. Be well.

—Candy Gusst, President

Sisterhood Game Party

Monday, November 2, 2009

The Woodlands in Ocean Pines

10:30 am

Cost: \$25

Includes a delicious lunch



Mah Jongg, Cards & games of any kind, 50/50 cash drawing,

Chinese Auction, Door Prizes
Reserve your tables now. Contact
Carol Rosen, 410-641-6915 or
carolrosen7@msn.com.



Judaica Shop is Open

The Judaica Shop will be open one-half hour before services on Friday nights. Please come in and browse our numerous catalogues for ideas of what you would like to see in the store. For your convenience, I have a variety of Yahrzeit candles in stock for purchase. A reminder: we will be have our last Sidewalk Sale 45 minutes before the Sisterhood Shabbat on October 2. There will be some great bargains!

—Bette Bohlmann, proprietor



Sisterhood had a good turn-out at the July meeting when Rabbi Susan Warshaw (standing) gave an enlightening talk about Women in the Bible: Heroes, Adversaries, Harlots, Judges and Prophets. Among others, she talked about Sarah, the woman who laughed at God and the relationship between Sarah and Hagar. Paying close attention are Barry Gusst (facing the rabbi). President Candy Gusst is seated beside

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.

So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

AS SEEN ON FACEBOOK—I never know what gem I'll find on Facebook. Here, Rachel White posted this picture of daughter Gracie (granddaughter of Joyce and Don Klein) as she participated at the Pocomoke Fair in late August. Gracie and her group won second place in the Hoe down dance. That's why she's dressed as a cowgirl. Later, Gracie got a chance to ride a pony. How cute is that? Another mom—Deanne Michnick posted that son Josh earned his yellow stripe in Tai Kwan Do. Keep working toward that black belt.



SCOUT'S EFFORT—Eight-year-old Joey Bernstein is trying to earn enough points to go to Scout camp. He is selling popcorn again this year and hopes to raise \$1,000. Joey has already earned all his Wolf badges and has participated in every event possible, reports mom Barbara. If you would like to help Joey meet his goal, log onto http://www.trails-end.com/estore/home_alt.jsp?requestid=163234 and enter Joey's ID number: 2734409 when placing the order so he can get credit. I sent my popcorn to the troops. Good luck Joey.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS—Muriel Seigel sent holiday greetings to all of us at Temple Bat Yam. She said she is loving her residence and is eating too much. We miss you Muriel.

KVELLING—I am proud to announce that my grandson Daniel Jordan is working on the software simulation models for the International Space Station. He just bought a new house near Houston with his fiancée Kate Berardi and will be getting married in December after she receives her Masters degree from Penn State.

ALWAYS GIVING—My granddaughter Jen Falcone participated in the ALS walk in Ocean Pines on October 3. She was walking for her friend's father, who was diagnosed with the disease last year. She and her group raised over \$2,000 for ALS research at a fundraiser in Annapolis as well. Our own Carol Rosen, who always participates in the ALS event, was on tap staffing a table and helping out in general.

Men's Club Report

On behalf of the TBY Men's Club, please accept our wishes for a very healthful, happy and successful year.

The first **Sisterhood /Men's Club Joint Brunch** will be held on Sunday October 4 beginning at noon and held at Bayside Skillet in Ocean City. Please let Victor and Stephanie Cohen (302-436-9616) know that you will be attending. There is no fee to participate; you just pay for what you order and the event is open to ALL TBY members.

Please participate in the TBY **Newseum trip** to Washington's new museum of news and journalism which traces American history through news stories through the centuries. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. Contact Don Klein at 410 250-0544 for information. He's engaged a bus/van to take us to the Newseum from TBY and back the same day – so not driving just a relaxing trip. Plus lunch at the cafeteria will be great!

The **Next Men's Club Meeting has been RESCHEDULED** and is now on **Sunday NOVEMBER 8** at 9:30 AM. (The old date conflicted with the Israel trip.) The program is being planned by Sidney Eagle, and will be an interesting one. Please plan to attend.

The trip to the **Dover Air Mobility Command Museum** is being planned by Victor Cohen. Although the date has not been set, several members have expressed interest. So please let Victor know of your interest so he can set the date. He's at: cohenvictor@howrey.com

Dues ALERT: I want to again personally thank those Men's Club members who have sent in their dues for 2009-10. If you have not, please send a check for \$25 payable to Men's Club of TBY and mail to Sidney Eagle, Men's Club Treasurer, Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Hwy, Berlin, MD 21811.

We want and need additional Men's Club members. When you speak with any TBY members or prospective members, please invite them to join us. Just have them send an e-mail to me at maplarry@yahoo.com. And thanks again for your continued support.

A Torah Fact

The first book of the Torah is known in Hebrew as *Bereshit*—in the beginning. The name is derived from the first word of the text. Originally, the book was called: *Sefer Maaseh Bereshit*—the book of creation—which was the basis of the Greek translation: Genesis.

OCTOBER 2009 YAHRZEITS

- 01 **Robert Lee Abrams**
brother of Sanford Abrams
- 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
- 09 **Louis Shilan**
father of Marion Klein
- 10 **Edna Katz**
mother of Susan Benke
- 11 **Edward Eisenman**
father of Stu Eisenman
- 12 **Marcus Selig**
father of Russell Selig
- 13 **Rose Leah Anzel**
mother of Judy Katsoyannos
grandmother of Karen Abram
- 14 **Howard Witt**
father of Arleen Kroll
- 15 **Gwen Gilman**
mother of Judith Galuardi
- David Komins**
father of Phyllis Wann
- 16 **Ann Goldberg**
mother of Marsha Sandler
- Everett Kassalow**
husband of Sylvia Kassalow
- Joanne Smith**
mother of Deanne Michnick
- 19 **Esther Glickman**
mother of Miriam Green
- Terrance Klugman**
nephew of Mark Venit
- 20 **Aliya Berger**
daughter of Richard and Pamela Berger
- Bruce Michnick**

- father of Larry Michnick
- 21 **Florence Feinman**
grandmother of Amy Eskridge
- Sidney Klepper**
father of Lee Klepper
- Elliot Mitnick**
brother of Herbert (Bud) Mitnick
- 23 **Rose Cohen**
mother-in-law of Sharon Lewis Caden
- Riva Zampilione**
mother of Nanette Willmuth
- 24 **Fannie Klein**
mother of Donald Klein
- Bernie Melitz**
brother of Sandie Wodlinger
- 26 **Bessie Novick**
mother of Marvin Novick
- 27 **Roger Hartzband**
nephew of Bert and Gloria Nestler
- 28 **Elizabeth Walman**
mother of William Walman
- 30 **Mollie Eagle**
mother of Sidney Eagle
- Max Rubin**
father of Susan Berkman
- 31 **Lewis Wolpin**
father of Edward Wolpin

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.



SEPTEMBER 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Leslie Segall, Happy Birthday.
- ~to Barry and Candy Gusst, happy anniversary.
- ~to Bud and Doris Mitnick, happy anniversary.
- ~to Jay and Cheryl Taustin, happy anniversary.

GENERAL FUND

From Irene Wolff:

~to Mr. Jack Abramowitz, condolences on the death of your father Eli H. Abramowitz

From Jake and Ellen Rothmel

~to Patti Leiner in honor of your speedy recovery

From Cynthia, Bruce, Josh and Jesse Leiner: toward prayer books

~in honor of Patti Leiner with love

~in honor of Richard Leiner with love

~in honor of Cheryl Taustin's meaningful, creative and beautiful cantorial services

~ in memory of Cynthia's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hankin and Mr. and Mrs. George Blickstein

From Ron and Gail Schimel:

~in honor of Rabbi Susan Warshaw and the congregation of Bat Yam who have made us feel so welcome when we come each year

From Marvin and Marilyn Levinson:

~to Patti Leiner, wishing you a speedy recovery. We love you. From Harold and Elaine Rabinowitz:

to Leslie Segall, our sincere sympathies on the loss of your brother

From Jim and Becky Brunet:

~to Rina Thaler, Happy Birthday

From Norman Oblon

~to Temple Bat Yam

From Harry and Deborah Adler:

~to Rina Thaler, wishing you a fabulously wonderful birthday

From Bert and Gloria Nestler:

~to George and Marsha Rosenstock with sincere appreciation for all that you do

~to Jeannette Abrams with sincere appreciation for all that you do

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

~to Marsha Rosenstock, happy birthday.

YAHREZEITS

From Bruce and Cynthia Leiner:

~in loving memory of Cindy's grandfather, George Blickstein

From Jeannette Abrams:

~in loving memory of my former son-in-law, Johnny Hitaffer

From Harold Rabinowitz:

~in loving memory of my father, Charles Rabinowitz

From Leonard and Joyce Bowers:

~in loving memory of Leonard's parents, Jacob and Gertrude Bowers

From Jeri Lipov:

~in loving memory of Richard's father, Hy Lipov

From Deborah Lewis-Idema:

~in loving memory of my father, Irving James Lewis

From Leslie Segall:

~in loving memory of my daughter, Joyce Claire Schneider

From Gloria Furman:

~in loving memory of my daughter, Stephanie Edelstein

~in loving memory of my mother and father, Irving and Esther Brickner

Memo of Appreciation

To: Bert & Gloria Nestler

From: The Board of Directors

Subject: Your very generous donation to remodel the Temple's kitchen.

Thank you so much for honoring Marsha & George Rosenstock and Jeannette Abrams by giving a generous \$25,000 to the Temple in their honor. We will gladly have the kitchen remodeled as you requested and appreciate your generosity very much. It will always be the Bert & Gloria Nestler kitchen.

*Religious School Schedules
for the Coming Year*

2009-2010 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Religious School, Sunday's 9:45 am -12 noon

October 4, 11, 25
November 8, 15, 22
December 6, 13, 20
January 10, 31
February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 11, 18, 25
May 2

**Mid-Week Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Students
Thursdays, 5:15-6 pm**

October 1, 8, 15
November 5, 12, 19
December 3, 10, 17
January 7, 14, 21
February 4, 11, 18, 25
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13

**Mid-Week Hebrew/Sixth Graders
Thursdays, 4:30-5:15 pm**

October 1, 15
November 5, 19
December 3, 17
January 7, 21
February 4, 18
March 4, 18
April 15
May 6

Early Shabbat Services—Fridays at 7 pm

October 9
November 13
December 11
January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11

Religious School Report

What a great start to the Religious School year! First, thank you again to Laurie Heller for organizing our "Bagel Bar" this year. The students and parents enjoyed spending time together catching up and eating bagels and donuts. Our morning "Boker Tov" brought a warm welcome to the students and parents from the Rabbi as we welcomed the start of the New Year. Chelsea Thaler and Cheryl Taustin lead us in song and we can't wait to learn more!

We'd like to welcome all of our returning teachers: Rabbi Warshaw, Marsha Rosenstock, Jodi Sabo, Michelle Schachter, Terri Goldman, Amy Eskridge, and a special welcome to Sandy Friedman who will be teaching our first and second grade class.

Under Susanna Eisenman's planning and leadership, the children and parents participated in arts & crafts activities to ring in Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, including making Rosh Hashanah cards and painting Challah covers and tablecloths.

The Rabbi is working very hard with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and families in preparation for those celebrations which will begin soon. Many of the members of the Youth Group met with the B'nai Mitzvah students to discuss their past Bar/Bat Mitzvah experiences and we are thrilled that they will be serving as mentors to the students as their preparations continue. Mid-week Hebrew classes for the B'nai Mitzvah students started again in September and the Rabbi has started an additional mid-week Hebrew class for the sixth grade students.

There are a lot of exciting events planned this year! Please call me at 410-208-9296 if you would like to become involved with the Religious School program.

Becky Brunet
Religious Education Chair

Welcome New Members

**Bette Bohlmann
Cassidy Degennaro
Stefanie Miller
Ed & Joanne Wolpin**

Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

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at the Minyan. Some bring a meal for the family to store in the freezer for another day. It is considered an obligation to join the family in eating the refreshments immediately after the service. During this time it is appropriate to offer condolences to the family. Most guests depart 10-20 minutes after consuming refreshments and speaking with the family. Relatives or very close friends often stay later. It is important, however, not to become a burden to the mourners by over-staying.

5. It is considered inappropriate to take food from the home of the bereaved following a Minyan. However, it is appropriate to offer your help in cleaning up. Trash may need to be put in the appropriate containers, prayer books may need to be collected, or folding chairs may need to be stacked. Please remember this is not a social gathering, but rather a religious service and a time to comfort the bereaved.

6. Knowing what to say to a mourner can be difficult. The purpose of visiting a mourner is to *comfort* the mourner. Visitors have an obligation to remain silent unless the mourner initiates conversation. The mourner is allowed to remain silent, and if so, this shall be respected by visitors. Any conversation that does take place shall typically be about the deceased. Offering a hug, a kiss, a handshake, or an arm around the shoulder speaks volumes about caring. Mentioning the deceased by name is also appropriate. Some mourners use the Shiva Minyan as a distraction from their loss; other mourners prefer to openly experience their grief together with family and friends; the visitor just has to be sensitive and let the mourner choose the topic of conversation.

7. It is best to avoid clichés such as:

“I know how you feel.”

“We are never given more than we can handle.”

“It is God’s will.”

“I’m sorry.”

“Call me if there is anything I can do.”

“She lived a good, long life and it was her time to die.”

“You must be strong for your children.”

“He is in a better place now.”

Remember that your presence means a great deal to the grieving family, even if they do not know you. Being a part of a Shiva Minyan is a privilege and a great *mitzvah*.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES SUKKOT SERVICE/SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Celebrate nature and its abundance.

Friday, October 2, 8 pm.

SIMCHAT TORAH (Rejoicing in the law.)

Celebrate the completion of our annual Torah reading cycle.

Help hold up the Torah scroll as it is unrolled and rerolled.

A wonderful celebration for all the family.

Friday, October 9, (early service) 7 pm.

Adult Education 2009-2010 Schedule

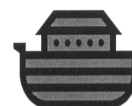
The Adult Education Committee, with the assistance of Rabbi Susan Warshaw, has designed the following adult education curriculum for the coming year:

A Season of Mussar

Mussar is a Jewish spiritual and ethical practice that focuses on living a more conscientious life with a heightened awareness of the world and one’s responsibilities in it: in short becoming more of a mensch. Temple Bat Yam uses the 14 week curriculum developed by the Mussar Institute. Classes meet on Wednesdays, 10 am - 11:30 am. Cost for materials is \$100 (financial aid is available, if necessary). Class dates are: November 11, December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 10-24, April 7, 21, May 5, 26, June 9.

Introduction to Judaism

For people born Jewish and for those who were not, this course will provide an overview of the history of Judaism and the key beliefs and values that guide the religion. Rabbi Warshaw will point out the areas that Judaism is similar to and different from Christianity and other religions. The course will meet for 8 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Class dates are: March 17, 24, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12. Students are expected to study the assigned readings and participate in discussions. This class is required for those considering converting to Judaism at Temple Bat Yam. Class is free to Temple members; non-members, \$50.



A Taste of Talmud

Have you ever wondered what the Talmud is, how it was put together, and what it can teach us today? Then this class is for you. We will learn about the Talmud as a whole and then study one *sugya* (passage) in depth. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary. Class meets four Thursdays in April from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Dates are: April 8, 15, 22, 29. Class is free to Temple Bat Yam members. Cost for non-members is \$25. Email Rabbi Warshaw to register. rabiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org

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.

We look forward to placing your name in one of the boxes below for this fiscal year. Thank you.

Patrons 2009-2010

Howard & Helen Hammerman
Larry & Ivy Hecker
Larry & Deanne Michnick
Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz
Aaron & Grayce Cohen

Benefactors 2009-2010

Jonathan & Terry Bell
Christopher & Judith Galuardi
Lee & Jennifer Klepper
Bruce & Cynthia Leiner
Bert & Gloria Nestler
Jack & Michelle Schachter
Melvin & Janis Schwartz
Jay & Cheryl Taustin
Jeff & Rina Thaler
Peter & Rebecca Zweigbaum

Change of Address

Please make the following changes in your address book.

NEW ADDRESS

William & Sue Walman
1090 Oak Tree Blvd.
Christiansburg, VA 24073
540-382-6264

Edward & Joane Wolpin

11306 River Run Lane
Berlin, MD 21911
410-641-6179

Cassidy DeGennaro

28057 Nine Foot Rd.
Dagsboro, DE 19939
302-732-3434
cell: 410-598-9089

Stefanie Miller

PO Box 574
Fruitland, MD 21826
410-251-0425

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 **Debbie Resnick** 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

Library Corner

Summer has disappeared and the fall "busies" are upon all of us. Here in the Levy Library, we've done some rearranging, reprocessing, and housekeeping, just to make our "mileu" more inviting. Stop by and give us the eye, you'll see why everyone wants to have his meeting in the Library. It is our joy to have you visit.

Janice Spieler has joined the "Crew," and we're so happy to have her aboard. She has brought us fresh and refreshing ideas, as well as extra hands. Welcome, Gal!!

BIG NEWS: Bagels and Books will be happening again, hopefully very soon. So, as you put away your swim gear, start looking for a book entitled *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*, written by Lucette Lagnado. Joyce Klein read this book about a year ago, loved it, recommended it to us, and has graciously agreed to be the facilitator for this session. This fascinating tale of a Jewish family's exodus from Old Cairo to the new world, has garnered high praise, and is a lovely reading experience. Note your calendar for Sunday, November 1, but do it in pencil, please. The date looks to be clear, on the Temple Master Calendar, but it has not yet gotten official approval. We'll update you, as soon as possible. The Public Library has a copy or two of our next "read" and we're expecting at least three copies to arrive in our Library, momentarily.

Good Yom Tov from the Library Crew: Carol Schachter, Sandie Wodlinger, Hilda Plisko, Janice Spieler, Grayce Cohen

Service Chants & Melodies

Cantor Phyllis Alpern is teaching a class on the chants and melodies used during the Friday night service. If you are interested, please email her at p.alpern@verison.net. The classes are being held on Thursday afternoons from 3 pm-4 pm at her home in The Parke in Ocean Pines.

Yiddish Classes Resume

Yiddish classes will be conducted every Thursday at 7 pm in the Levy Library beginning September 24. Please contact instructor Larry Caplan directly if you want to attend: 410-208-4041 or larrysac@mchsi.com.

Protocol for Scheduling Events

The Board is asking all members who want to schedule a social or fundraising event to first submit their ideas to the Executive Board for consideration. In this way, the proper procedures can be met without infringing on another event scheduled for the same day and time.

Executive Secretary Ivy Hecker is developing a protocol paper that will include the correct way to run each standing committee and all upcoming events. This will be distributed when it is complete.

Join in 1...2...3 Lottery Game

The 1...2...3 raffle is starting another year. Office Assistant Jamie Linebaugh is handling the numbers and will announce the winners. 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.) After a series of having no winners, **Phyllis Alpern** won two weeks in a row. The latest winner ere **Jay Taustin, Bud & Doris Mitnick, Marv & Myra Novick**. Congratulations. There are plenty of numbers available, contact Jamie and purchase yours for this year. Remember: win once and play the lottery at no further cost for the rest of the year.

Did You Know That:

Sandie Wodlinger has bridge master points?
 Leslie Segall, Jeri Lipov and Marv Novick are avid photographers?
 Buddy Siegel enjoys fishing?
 Carole & Sidney Eagle traveled to Australia?
 Doris Mitnick has a pet bird?
 Rina Thaler is an artist?
 Cheryl Taustin lifts weights?
 Ray Resnick was a ballroom dancer?
 Bert Nestler is a Mets fan, Steve Rosen is an Eagles fan and Larry Caplan is a Red Sox fan?
 Bert Nestler met a movie star?
 Phyllis Alpern lived in the mid-west?
 These are a few facts gleaned from the "Getting to Know You" game played at the annual picnic.

Contribution Form

Please designate one: **Arts & Furnishings Fund, Yahrzeit, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Mortgage Fund, Prayer Book 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 _____

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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, 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/ Social — Helen Hammerman, helenh13@comcast.net or Ivy Hecker, ivyhecker@earthlink.net, Delores Pack, pack@cdsystems.com.

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

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

Sunshine—Linda Manion—manionoc@aol.com. Sends out “get well” cards.

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Use Temple Website Calendar for Latest Events

Temple Bat Yam's website has a calendar that shows all Temple activities in one convenient format. The 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

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.