



BAT YAM

News and Views

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Commentary: by *Rabbi Reena Spicehandler*

Telling and Retelling Our Passover Stories

My husband and I received a beautiful facsimile edition of the Sarajevo haggadah from a favorite aunt and uncle as a wedding gift many years ago. That gift inspired us to create a tradition of acquiring a new haggadah in time for each Passover we have spent together. By now we have gathered quite a collection! It is fun to compare the different commentaries, suggestions and illustrations. Now, as spring and Passover approach once again my fancy turns towards thoughts of—haggadahs! The word “haggadah” means “telling” in Hebrew. We all know of our obligation to retell the Exodus story at our seders, but why should we continue to do so? What do we get out of this process? I.B. Singer, the Yiddish Nobel prize laureate in literature, writes suggestively, “When a day passes, it is no longer there. What remains of it? Nothing more than a story.... Today we live, but by tomorrow today will be a story. The whole world, all human life, is one long story.... To the storyteller yesterday is still here.” I invite each of you to add your own memories of liberat-

ing moments, as well as stories of previous seder experiences to the traditional account of our people’s journey to freedom as we celebrate Passover this year—with seders at home on April 19 and together as the Bat Yam community at on Sunday, April 20. In this way, may we all re-experience those earlier moments as we simultaneously create new memories for the future, continuing and deepening the cycle of telling and retelling experienced at our Passover seders.

Please note the following special schedule for Passover:

Shabbat April 18-19, no services.

Sunday April 20, 5:30 pm, seder at The Embers.

Friday April 25, 8 pm Shabbat/ Holiday Service, followed by Yizkor.

Best Wishes for a Sweet and Joyous Passover!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 20—Community Passover Seder, 5:30 pm, Embers Restaurant. See Page 4 for details.

Sunday, April 27—Mitzvah Day, 9 am, social hall. See Page 3 for details.

Sunday, May 18—Bagels & Books, 10 am. See Page 7 for details.

Sunday, June 8—Annual Membership Meeting, 9 am for breakfast.

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President's Report

The drawing for the \$100 raffle was held at the Convention Center at the Home and Condo Show on Sunday, March 16, at 4 pm. Congratulations to **Fritz Hofman**, of Ocean City, MD, who was the winner this year. Since less than 500 tickets were sold, the prize amount this year was \$16,700. Thanks to all of you who bought and/or sold tickets this year. Thanks to **Veronica Kahn, Linda Manion, Leslie Segall, Ed Wirkman, George and Marsha Rosenstock, Joyce and Don Klein, Eve Waldman, and Jeff Thaler** for helping at our booth at the show.

Our Annual Meeting this year will be Sunday, June 8. By the time you receive this bulletin, a nominating committee for the June elections will have been chosen. Three trustee positions and four officer positions (President, Congregational Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary) are up for election this year. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the chairperson of the nominating committee (to be announced in our weekly bulletin) or me.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 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

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Ocean City Councilwoman Nancy Howard picks Fritz Hofman as the winner of the \$100 raffle, netting him the \$16,700 prize. Looking on are Temple President Mike Waldman (left) and Past President Jeff Thaler. The drawing was held March 16 at the Ocean City Convention Center.

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

Mike Waldman	President
Larry Michnick	Exec. VP
Stu Eisenman	Cong. VP
Joyce Klein	Treasurer
Larry Caplan	Exec. Sec'y
Jeannette Abrams	Cong. Sec'y
Jeff Thaler	Past President

Trustees

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

Board Members

Becky Brunet, Religious Education Director
Rina Thaler, Youth Director
Eve Waldman, Sisterhood President
Richard S. Sternberger, Founding Rabbi

Newsletter Staff:

Jeannette Abrams - Editor
Gerty Apple - Distribution
Ed Apple - Printing
Contributors - Leslie Segall, Rina Thaler, Eve Waldman, Joyce Klein, Pam & Stu Smolins, 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

Help the Community on Mitzvah Day—April 27

Plan to help our community on Sunday, April 27. TBY's Mitzvah Day is fast approaching, and we've outlined a few of the projects below. Breakfast is served at 9 am and we begin projects at 10 am. Additional information is available at the Temple's website, (templebatyam-oc.org), or through the Temple office. Information is also posted in the hallway outside of the library. Collection boxes for donated items are in the hallway as well.

Car Wash and Fundraising to benefit Diakonia: Diakonia provides emergency shelter, food services, clothing and access to support services to Worcester County residents in crisis.

Art project and collection of needed materials for Believe in Tomorrow's new House by the Bay: Since 1986, Believe in Tomorrow has provided hospital and retreat housing to thousands of United States military families whose children are receiving medical treatment for a critical illness. The new "House By The Bay" will provide such housing. We are collecting requested furnishings and needed household items. A complete list of needed items is available at the Temple or on the Temple's website.

Collection of needed items for Worcester County G.O.L.D.: Worcester County G.O.L.D. improves the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available. A non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, Worcester County G.O.L.D. provides financial aide to families in crisis, vulnerable children and adults, and children in Foster Care.

Temple Bat Yam continues its annual Teddy bear drive for Coastal Hospice: Members may donate NEW, huggable size Teddy bears for hospice. Cash is also gladly accepted toward

the purchase of new Teddy bears. If you elect to donate cash to the Teddy bear program, please make checks payable to Temple Bat Yam and write Hospice on the memo line. Many of the terminally ill patients in hospice care find a Teddy bear very comforting. The bears are also given to the children in the Children's Support Group. The Teddy bear brings comfort to both those in hospice care and those who are left behind. The Teddy bears must be brand new and of a huggable size. No Beanie Babies please. The Teddy bears can be dropped off at the Temple office.

TBY will assist in landscaping at the Zoo. Each spring TBY families provide a volunteer workforce to assist in the Zoo's Spring clean up. Get dirty and have some fun helping support our local zoo.

An ongoing Mitzvah performed by TBY, collecting food for the Shepherd's Crook at St. Paul's-by-the Sea. This is a year 'round Mitzvah .

Currently we still need a few volunteers to take charge of specific tasks:

Our art project will require the construction of a frame to support the assembled art panels. There is a budget for materials but we do need someone to build the frame.

We also could use assistance in putting together a gift basket(s), that will be raffled off, the proceeds will be donated to Diakonia. Somebody is needed to solicit donations, organize the selling of raffle tickets at the car wash event, etc.

If you'd like to help or need more information feel free to contact **Stu** or **Susanna Eisenman** at sre8212@gmail.com, or

Social Committee Planning Art Show

Are you an artist or know an artist who would be interested in planning an Art Show for the Temple? Executive Vice President **Larry Michnick**, who chairs the social committee, would like to hold an Art Show on Saturday, May 10. He needs volunteers to help put it together. The show held two years ago was very successful and he hopes to make this year's show equally successful. But, he needs help. Please email him, michnick@atlanticdental.com, to volunteer for the Art Show. If you are interested in helping him plan next year's social activities, please let him know as well.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN OR WOMEN

The house committee is looking for a few good people (men or women) to help with the lawn cutting. If you can drive a car you can cut the grass. It takes about three hours to do it all and is very relaxing. We have a nice 20 hp riding mower that is very easy to operate. So far, four people have signed up and we could use two or three more. If you want to sign on just call me at 410-629-1103.

I would also remind you that we have a Saturday morning service and study session at 9:30 am. If you are interested in learning about our heritage, join us. If the time is not good for you it is not fixed in stone. The Rabbi has a lot to offer.

—George Rosenstock

Sisterhood Happenings

Last month's Sisterhood meeting was so much fun. We reviewed excerpts from PBS's *The Jewish Americans* dealing with the Catskills and Jewish humor. Featured were scenes from Sid Cesar's *Show of Shows* and Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks doing bits from their *2000 Year-Old Man* album. We got to use our new projector and screen and it worked very well.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 20, Community Passover Seder, 5:30 pm at the Embers Restaurant. Please make your reservations for this special annual event. Always good food, a wonderful service and great fellowship. The cost is: \$37 for adults, \$18 for children (Temple members). For non-members the cost is: \$47 for adults and \$22 for children. Please fill out the form you received last month and mail it and a check (made out to Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam) to **Marsha Rosenstock**, 7833 Worcester Hwy., Berlin, MD 21811.

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. See Leslie's review on Page 7.

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.

—Eve Waldman, President

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.

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

PROUD PARENTS—**Patti & Jerry Selig** announce that their son, **Marcus** is graduating from the University of Indiana/Perdue law School on May 10, 2008. Marcus has been selected by the faculty and the graduating class to be the student speaker at graduation. Marcus will be working for a law firm in Washington, D.C after graduation. While a student at the law school he founded the Jewish Law Society at the school. They sponsor a community seder and several special sabbath dinners throughout the year. His graduation ceremony will be attended by his proud parents, grandparents and his sister and brother-in-law.

BRAGGING RIGHTS—From Joyce Klein: Not to brag too much but—**Becca Bright** daughter of **Ann**, and granddaughter of **Don & Joyce Klein** has been selected as the Entertainment Editor for next year for the Stephen Decatur High School paper. In addition she has been elected to both the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society. Great going Becca !!!!

SMART & SASSY—**Larry & Deanne Michnick** proudly report that son **Joshua** has won the Young Authors award in both the local region as well as in the State of Maryland. He will accept his award in Baltimore on April 16. Sister **Serena** is a gymnastics champion. A student at Twisters, she qualified for the MD State level four competition and came in first in all-around competition. The MD State competition will be held in May.

IN THE NEWS—The following TBY youngsters were recently featured in local newspapers: **Bonnie Eisenman** for participating in Stephan Decatur High School's Model United Nations debating and negotiations team. She was among 800 students participating in the event hosted by Johns Hopkins University....**Emily Scheiber** a fifth grader at Berlin Middle School was featured for collecting box tops to help fund projects and field trips for students. A PTA project, Emily and her dad collected 500 box-tops....**Serena Michnick** recently won the Americanism award from the Ocean City Elks Lodge for first place in the 4-5 year-old category at Worcester Prep. Her brother **Joshua** won for 8-9 year-olds.

HAPPY, HAPPY—Congratulations in advance to **Carole & Sidney Eagle**, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14.

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**

Childbirth Expert Phyllis Brodsky Publishes Book

For many years, **Phyllis Brodsky** has been a nurse, hospital clinical educator and university instructor.

This experience led her to write a book about how the medical profession took the women out of childbirth. Entitled, *The Control of Childbirth, Women Versus Medicine Through the Ages*, each chapter of the book focuses on a different period from the age of the female midwife (who oversaw the childbirth process for several centuries), through the origins of modern obstetrics and gynecology, and finally, to the increasing influence of technology in the practices that have prevailed for most of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The book is published by McFarland & Company and sells for \$35. It can be found on eBay as well as on amazon.com. Phyllis will also be happy sell you a signed copy at a discount for \$30.



Levy Library Has Books, Films

Our Bat Yam collection has been enhanced with several excellent books donated by **Marion Klein**. We also have DVDs available. *Paperclips*, donated by **Helene Caplan** and the recent PBS special *The Jewish Americans*, donated by **Jeannette Abrams**, as well as a VCR tape featuring the Ethiopians Jews in Israel. All are very interesting and educational. **Carol Schachter** has added several periodicals to our collection. We are grateful for the gifts and encourage you to browse and borrow.

—**Sandie Wodlinger** for the Levy Library Crew

APRIL 2008 YAHRZEITS

- 01 **Norman Abrams**
brother-in-law of Jeannette Abrams
- 02 **Lee Shilan**
mother of Marion Klein
- 03 **Bernard Burkom**
husband of Sylvia Burkom
Charles Gotheim
father of Elaine Rabinowitz
- 04 **Fannie Greenfield**
mother of Jeannette Abrams
Norman N. Herman
brother of Rena Walcoff
- 06 **Donald Brodsky**
father of Pamela Berger
Myron Kahn
brother of Stan Kahn
Jack Levinson
father of Marvin Levinson
- 08 **Margaret Crosten**
sister of Elaine Freedman
Martin Firestone
father of Phyllis Alpern
Benjamin Novick
father of Marvin Novick
- 10 **Ethel H. Goodman**
mother of William Goodman
Yetta Levinson
mother of Marvin Levinson
Goldie Walcoff
mother-in-law of Rena Walcoff
- 11 **Nettie Lampel**
mother of Joyce Klein
Samuel Taustin
uncle of Jay Taustin
- 12 **Samuel Axelrod**
grandfather of Mae Goldstein
Ruth Pollinger
sister of Helen Hammerman
Julius Poms
brother of Gerty Apple
- 13 **Gertrude D. Brodsky**
mother of Allen Brodsky
- 14 **Peter Allen Shaw**
son of Eve & Mike Waldman

- 15 **Hilda Wolpin**
mother of Edward Wolpin
- 16 **Selda Paul**
mother of Michael Paul
- 17 **Theodore Heit**
grandfather of Rebecca Brunet
- 18 **Louis Sachs**
father of Arthur Sachs
- 19 **Jeanette Gladden**
aunt of Marsha Sandler
Mollie Nuchowitz
grandmother-in-law of Gloria Stein
Mike Sarig
friend of Jeannette Abrams
friend of Arleen Kroll
- 20 **Jesse Caden**
husband of Sharon Lewis Caden
Rosalyn Goldstein
mother-in-law of Mae Goldstein
Nathan Kaufman
father-in-law of Dot Kaufman
Anne G. Weiner
grandmother of Jay Freid
- 21 **Alicia Green**
mother of Bette Ann Felber
William Miller
husband of Gladys Miller
- 25 **Evelyn Block**
sister-in-law of Sylvia Burkom
Sadie Forster
former mother-in-law of Louis Friedner
- 27 **Robert Caplan**
father of Hermione Caplan
Max Klein
father-in-law of Marion Klein
- 27 **Edward Spieler**
father of Alfred Spieler
- 29 **Sarah Cohen**
mother of Ellen Goldberg
- 30 **Bessie Poms**
mother of Gerty Apple

APRIL 2008 CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL Fund

From Jeannette Abrams

~to Bill & Sue Walman, Happy Birthday to each of you.

~to Brandon & Chelsea Thaler, Happy Birthday, twins.

~to Arie & Caryn Klapholz, Happy Anniversary

~to Barbara & Tom Southwell, Happy anniversary

~to Phyllis & Allen Brodsky, Happy Anniversary

~to Lauren & Chris Shanahan, Happy Anniversary

From Gloria and Bert Nestler:

~ to Grayce and Aaron Cohen, in memory of your brother, Ben.

~ to Hal Glick, wishing you a rapid recovery.

YAHARZEIT Fund

From Barry Gusst:

~ in memory of my mother, Ella Gusst

From Mildred Kennell-Weiner:

~ in memory of my husband, Alex Weiner, remembering his brilliance, eccentricity and love.

From Sy Longberg:

~ in memory of my companion, Helen Stefanadis.

From Jeannette Abrams:

~ in memory of my father-in-law, Harry M. Abrams.

From Al and Janice Spieler:

~ in memory of our mother, Sophie Spieler Feldman.

From Phyllis L. Brodsky:

~ in loving memory of my dear father, Sam.

From Susan Berkman:

In memory of my mother, Molly Rubin.

From Norman Katz:

~ in memory of my father-in-law and mother-in-law, Theodore and Jennie Schneider.

From Marilyn Furman:

~ in memory of my grandson, Malachi Alexander Nestor.

From Stanford and Phyllis Franklin:

~ in memory of our mother, Dorothy Franklin.

From Gloria Stein:

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

From Sylvia Schiff,

~ in memory of my brother, Isadore Grodnitsky.

From Eleanor and Alfred Isaacs:

~ in memory of Kenneth Robert Isaacs.

From Carol Schachter:

~ in memory of my mother-in-law, Sarah Schachter Solomon.

~ in memory of my father-in-law, Jacob Schachter.

From Elaine Freedman:

~ in memory of my mother, Catherine Crosten.

From Leslie Segall:

Plan to Attend Bagels & Books on May 18

The book we'll be reviewing is *The Slave* by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Singer, the 1978 winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature) is familiar to many for his novel *Enemies, A Love Story* which was made into a film as was his short story Yentl. Singer always wrote and published in Yiddish (almost all of it in newspapers) and then edited his novels and stories for the American version,

The Slave takes place in 17th century Poland. During the Chmielnicki massacres, Jacob's village is assaulted, and his wife and children are killed. He manages to escape only to be captured by peasants and sold into slavery. Four years later, Jacob, a cowherd in a Polish village high in the mountains, falls in love with Wanda, his master's daughter. Even after he is ransomed, he finds he can't live without her, and the two escape together to a distant Jewish community. Racked by his consciousness of sin in taking a Gentile wife and by the difficulties of concealing her identity, Jacob nonetheless stands firm as the violence of the era threatens to destroy the ill-fated couple.

Jacob, a learned son from a long line of rabbis, is both

sustained by his faith and tortured by the conflicts it creates for his circumstances (not unlike what every one of us deals with in real life).

There are two paperback copies of *The Slave* in the Temple library. Ocean Pines has to order it for you; the Sussex County libraries have copies on hand. New and used paperback copies are abundantly offered on amazon.com and www.e-bay.com. at very reasonable prices.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, May 18 for what should be a great discussion.

Honor Your Loved Ones
The Temple has a beautiful Memorial area for plaques honoring loved ones. Call the Temple office for more information.
It's another Mitzvah.

Religious School Report

The visit from St. John Neumann's seventh grade Sunday School class on February 24 was a true media event! WBOC TV publicized a brief story on television Sunday night and Monday morning and **Susan Canfora**, the Ocean City Today education reporter, attended the event to write an article which appeared in the paper that week. **Rabbi Spicehandler** enlightened our special visitors on Judaic beliefs, practices, and symbols while answering numerous challenging questions from the visiting students, teachers, and parents. The students walked up to the bima as the Rabbi invited them up to view the Torah while she explained its contents. The seventh grade students presented us with puzzle pieces with different religions on each piece to show that we are all unified as a part of the whole picture. They are on display in the Social Hall. Our TBY students made mezuzahs which they presented to the visiting church students and following the presentation, challah and juice was enjoyed by all.

The Purim Carnival was a huge success. Thank you's go out to so many people, including: baking gurus, **Michelle Schachter**, **Susanna Eisenman**, **Amy Eskridge** and Rabbi Spicehandler. I'd also like to give a special

thank you to **Amy Eskridge** for making sure everyone walked away with full bellies with the sale of lunch items. Finally, a special thanks to **Rina Thaler** and all the participating members of the TBY Youth Group, including **Brandon** and **Chelsea Thaler**, **Jessica Galuardi**, and **Meryl Cohen** for coordinating and running all the wonderful Purim activities for the children. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

Just a reminder of the upcoming schedule: **Shabbat Family Services will be held April 4, May 9, and June 6** (End of School Year Celebration). **Religious School will be held April 6, with our end-of-year picnic on May 4. April 27 is Mitzvah Day** and we are asking all families to be a part of the activities that day. I am looking for suggestions from parents and students concerning activities that the religious school families would like to participate in on Mitzvah Day. Please be on the lookout for an email asking for suggestions. If you have ideas prior to receiving my email, please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks!

Students from St. John Neumann Church Learn About Judaism



Rabbi Reena Spicehandler makes a Motzie and shares a challah with Religious School students and those who visited from St. John Neumann Catholic Church on February 24. Earlier, she showed them the Torah in the sanctuary and explained how it shapes Judaic thought. There was a lively discussion and everyone came away understanding more about each other's religion. WBOC TV covered the event on the evening news that day.

Photo by Michelle Schachter

Everyone Has Fun at Purim Celebrations



Clowning around while telling the story of Queen Esther and Haman, Rabbi Spicehandler plays all the parts. Left, she wears Esther's crown and holds a hand puppet of the much hated villain during family services on March 14. In photo on right, she poses with some of the children during the Purim celebration held after Religious School on March 16. Notice teacher Marsha Rosenstock standing in the back wearing her Mouseketeer costume as (of course) Marsha.

Photos by Meryl Cohen and Susanna Eisenman

Sign Up for Boardwalk Raffle

Please be sure to sign up for the boardwalk raffle booth. We staff the booth May through September.

Shifts are 10 am -2 pm, 2-6 pm, 6-10 pm.

Sunday - ALL SHIFTS COVERED.

Saturday, some 10 am-2 pm and all 2-6 pm -
NEEDED IN MAY.

Friday - 2-6 pm and 6-10 pm -- NEEDED FROM
MAY 23 TO SEPTEMBER 28.

Thursday -- 2-6 pm and 6-10 pm ---- NEEDED
FROM MAY 23 TO SEPTEMBER 28.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all shifts are
open. ---- NEEDED FROM MAY 23 TO
SEPTEMBER 28.

Please email or phone the Temple office (410-641-
4311) with your availability.

—Joyce Klein, Chair



Can you picture this hot, candy apple red Mustang convertible in your driveway? If you can, then buy as many raffle tickets as you can at our Boardwalk booth in Ocean City. Also, sign up to help sell tickets from Springfest through Sunfest. The schedule is listed above. Let Chairperson Joyce Klein know when you will be able to work your shift. It's fun and you'll get to see so many strange and interesting people. The proceeds go to pay the Temple's monthly mortgage.

President's Report

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

Shalom, Mike Waldman

Rabbi Susan Warshaw Accepts Offer

The Temple has offered Rabbi **Susan Warshaw** the post of permanent rabbi beginning July 1, 2008 and she has accepted. A letter has gone out to the entire membership for approval of this appointment. Please be sure to reply as soon as you receive it.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Warshaw will be conducting services on the following dates as a guest:

April 11

May 2

May 18

June 20

Also, mark your calendar to attend the Temple's annual meeting on June 8 at 9 am (for breakfast) and business at 10 am.

Shabbat Family Service Schedule

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

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

Change of Address

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

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Ivy & Larry Hecker

ivyhecker@earthlink.net

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.



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.

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, 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

It's Not Too Late to Donate a Teddy Bear

There is still time to send in donations toward the purchase of HUGGABLE, BRAND NEW, Teddy bears for Coastal Hospice. These Teddy bears are on a special mission - "mission comfort". Many of the terminally ill in Hospice care request a bear. These bears are also used to bring comfort to grieving children in their Children's Support Group. What a wonderful Mitzvah! You can participate by sending a check made out to TBVY and write Hospice in the memo.

Remember—no Beanie Babies or similar size bears please.

Heartfelt thanks to those who have already brought in bears or donations! We will announce the total number of bears collected after Mitzvah Day.

—Nanette and John Willmuth

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 _____

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Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

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

From: _____ Member of Temple? Yes__ No__

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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. Former 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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